

# STAR OF THE VALLEY Catholic Church

**495 White Oak Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

We members of Star of the Valley Parish  
gather around the central act of Catholic worship,  
the celebration of active participation in the Mass.  
As a Eucharistic centered people, we reach out to heal,  
console and listen in the spirit of truth and justice,  
with a preferential option for the poor,  
thus advancing as individuals and  
as a community into the image of Christ.

## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. James Pulskamp, Pastor

## **Contact Numbers**

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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5939\*

\*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

Sharon A. Charlton, Office Manager

Anna Jean, Administrative Assistant

## **Welcome New Parishioners**

Please sign the Newcomers Register  
next to the side door in the back of the Church.

## **Mass Times**

Weekday Masses: Tuesday-Friday **8:00 a.m.**

Oakmont Gardens: Wednesday **10:30 a.m.**

Sunday Masses:

Saturday **4:00 p.m. Vigil**, Sunday **10:00 a.m.**

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday from **3:00-3:30 p.m.** and by appointment

## **Anointing of the Sick**

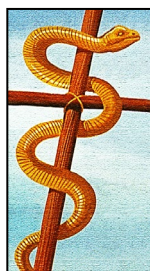
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office  
for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest  
when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

## **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Call the office to arrange visits by a  
Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion  
when someone is homebound.



## **September 13/14, 2025— The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**



### **Believe...**

The people of God, “their patience worn out by the journey” in the desert, complained against God and against Moses. They lost their faith and trust in the God who had saved them from the Egyptians, who brought them through the desert and who sustained them on their journey. They had been in the desert just long enough to forget gratitude.

The saraph serpent that brought healing to the Israelites is a sign and symbol that Jesus recalled when speaking of his own “lifting up” on the cross. Just as those who looked at the uplifted serpent were saved from bodily death, so we who look to Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection are saved from eternal death. God loves us so much that even when we deserve death because of our sins, God continually reaches out to us, offering us a way out of our misery.

### **...And Have Life**

Christ's love for us is so deep that he was willing to put up with the discomforts and the pain of being human, even to the point of death. We do get weary of our striving and our own efforts to live a good life. Sometimes we get to feeling sorry for ourselves, and feel we are entitled to better. God thinks so, too. That's why God gave us Jesus.

Like the people in the desert, we also forget gratitude. We sink into a pit of self-pity and a sense of entitlement that is not completely consistent with reality. Jesus' humility and love in sharing our human limits had a profound purpose: to save us from our selfishness and our hubris. When we look to the cross, we begin to understand the real cost of our salvation.



**Sunday, September 13/14, 2025**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Reading I:** *Numbers 21:4b-9*—Moses fashions a bronze serpent and mounts it on a pole.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 78*—Do not forget

the works of the Lord!

**Reading II:** *Philippians 2:6-11, 12-17*—Jesus emptied himself for our salvation.

**Gospel:** *John 3:13-17*—God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.

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### Weekly Collection Report

Aug 24	Aug 31	Sept 7	Weekly Goal
\$4,393	\$7,218*	\$4,640	\$5,365

**Note:** The amounts consist of First collections, and Parish Repair & Maintenance gifts received during the weekend and preceding week. \*Includes a special \$4,000 donation from a parishioner for Parish Repairs & Maintenance which paid for the recent tree removal in the circle drive island at the church.

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### Second Collections

This weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**. See next page for details of parish buildings repairs and maintenance needs.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the **Archdiocese for Military Services**.

### Triennial National Collection—

**For the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**

The mission of this Archdiocese (AMS) is to ensure that service members in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

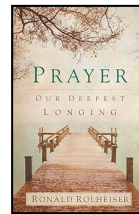
The AMS does not receive financial assistance from the government or the U.S. Armed Forces, and without parishes, it cannot receive funds from weekly collections. Its mission is solely supported by the generosity of donors such as you.

Next weekend, the second collection will be for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services**, who are "Serving those who serve."

### MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 13-21

Sat	13	4:00	††Mildred Waska & Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	14	10:00	††Apicella & ††Dengler Family Members (Mike Apicella)
Mon	15		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	16	8:00	†All Souls (P. Vu)
Wed	17	8:00	†Fritzie Amantite
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	18	8:00	†Jim Ezekiel
Fri	19	8:00	†Mary Jo Henrikson
Sat	20	4:00	†Pat Hart
Sun	21	10:00	†Don Peters (Liza Peters)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Dr. Mike Apicella, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Elizabeth Dmitriew, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Ted Gold, Randy Hakala, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Tina Howard, Lee Kern, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died.



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### Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser. Our first discussion will be on Wednesday, **September 17**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

Please read the introduction and Chapter 1 beforehand.

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### Woman of the Year Celebration

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to the Annual Women of the Year Celebration starting with a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on **October 11** at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4595 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park, where Barbara Gasparini, our parish's 2025 Woman of the Year, will be honored! The cost is \$35 per person, and includes a Rosary at 10:30, Mass at 11:00, awards presentations, luncheon, 50/50 cash drawing, and auction. All payments (nonrefundable) and reservations need to be received in advance. Make checks payable to SRDCCW and deliver to the Star of the Valley Parish Office by **Friday, September 19**.

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### This Weekend — September 13–14

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

<b>EMs:</b>	Linda Luceti	Cristina Wadsworth
<b>Lector:</b>	Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Diane D'Ambrogia Livie Brant	Ceal Geurts Judy Monroe
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ed Montague Bev Shelhart	Tim Burkhard Steve Hipson

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### Next Weekend — September 20–21

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Eva McGinn	Kar Hofmann
Gail Passalacqua	Karen Schraga
Judy Rodgers	Drew Hofmann
Maria Crimaldi	Sue Cummings
Kathy McKeon	Tim Cummings
Kathleen Beirne	John McCarthy
Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger





## PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 14–20

**Wednesday, September 17, 10:00**—Spiritual Book Club—Church Quiet Room

**Wednesday, September 17, 2:00**—Small Is Beautiful Presentation—Parish Center

### Star of the Valley's 2025 Woman of the Year



#### Awarded to Barbara Gasparini

We are proud to announce that Barbara Gasparini has been chosen as Star of the Valley's Woman of the Year.

Barbara has been an active parishioner and wonderful example of volunteering for Star of the Valley Parish for ten years. She is giving of

her time, talent and her love of the church.

Barbara is a Eucharistic Minister for the homebound. She is a member of the Finance Council and the secretary of the Pastoral Council and Women's Circle. She is the head Counter for weekend and holiday donations, recording and depositing them in the bank weekly. She held a leadership position in the successful parish seminar on Catholic Social teachings, and supports parish fundraisers by sharing her creativity in making and donating her beautiful crafts.

Perhaps Barbara's greatest contribution to our parish comes from her outstanding communication and organizational skills. Her announcements in our parish bulletin, minutes from all the meetings she attends, newspaper articles, etc. reflect a clear writing style and professionalism.

Barbara often works behind the scenes in a quiet unassuming manner. She is a kind and caring woman, who beautifully exemplifies our parish mission, to reflect and communicate the image of Christ.

Congratulations, Barbara, and thank you!

**Honor Barbara**—See celebration info on previous page.

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

These are some projects on our "to do" list that you can help complete with your contributions.

- ▶ Repair men's bathroom urinal leak.
- ▶ Replace janitor's sink faucet at church.
- ▶ Repair Nick's Pantry food storage shelving.
- ▶ Repair circle-drive door lock at church.
- ▶ Replace roof fascia over church doors.
- ▶ Repair landscape irrigation and sprinklers at church and Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

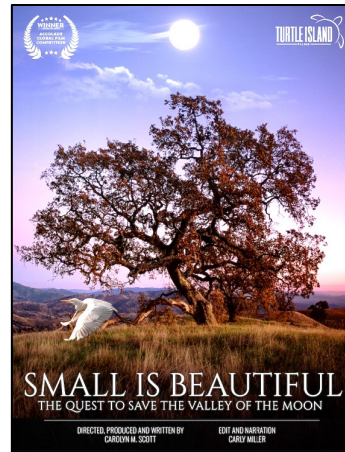
We will have a second collection this weekend, **September 13-14**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Thank you for your generosity.



## SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Local film, *Small is Beautiful: The Quest to Save the Valley of the Moon*, to be shown at Star of the Valley



How many of you have been concerned about fleeing another wildfire through the narrow corridor of Highway 12? This is a real nightmare for many of us who live in Oakmont or along the Highway 12 corridor from Sonoma to Santa Rosa. We are well aware of various residential and commercial development projects that are making our nightmare a reality.

The Star of the Valley Men's Club and Women's Circle is sponsoring a multi-award-winning short documentary film titled, "Small is Beautiful" that explores the challenges facing a small rural community waging a fierce battle against a massive development project threatening to engulf a wildlife sanctuary and a community's way of life.

As climate change intensifies fire seasons, this rural community finds itself not only fighting to protect its natural heritage but also grappling with the potential catastrophic consequences of introducing large-scale development into a fire-prone landscape. The film talks about what is happening with the residential development of the Sonoma Developmental Center and the effect that will have on the Highway 12 corridor.

### Film Introduction



We are honored to have the film's award-winning author, director and producer, **Carolyn Scott**, at the event to introduce and discuss her film. Ms. Scott has 25 years of experience in education, environmental and film endeavors.

### Post-Screening PowerPoint Presentation

Also present at the event will be **Dr. Bean Anderson**, a retired Silicon Valley Engineer and longtime advocate for the preservation of the Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) lands. Dr. Anderson is on the boards of two of the nonprofits fighting the development. Dr. Anderson will share a PowerPoint presentation following the film.

### When & Where

Come to the Star of the Valley's Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive on Wednesday, **September 17**. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The event is free of charge and there is no need for reservations. This is an important event, so please encourage friends and neighbors to attend.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

All adults are invited to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress Saturday, **September 20, 2025!** See details on the bulletin board in church.

### St. Rose Parish Festival

Join us for a joyful day of music, food, and fun at the St. Rose Parish Festival on Sunday, **September 21** from 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, delicious BBQ chicken, tacos, Eritrean and Filipino dishes, a Beer & Soda Booth, and a Kids' Zone!

### Marian Theological Conference

You are invited to a powerful weekend of faith, formation and fellowship hosted by the Newman Center Catholic Club of Sonoma State University, **September 26-27, 2025**, at Sonoma State University.

This conference will explore the Church's teachings on the Blessed Virgin Mary, provide meals, and opportunities for prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass with Bishop Vasa. Register early for \$60, as capacity is limited. If you can't attend but want to support the students, please sponsor!

Mail your check to SSU Newman Center, 1798 E Cotati Avenue, Pettingrove, CA 94951. Contact us at [NewmanCenterMarianChapel@gmail.com](mailto:NewmanCenterMarianChapel@gmail.com). See the flyer on the bulletin board.

## Small Change

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

## Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- ☐ I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.
- ☐ I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- ☐ I have a question. Please contact me.

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