

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

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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.



October 18/19, 2025— Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Instant Gratification

Ours is a culture of instant gratification. If our efforts don't lead to immediate success we give up. If our needs aren't quickly satisfied, we blow up. From fast food to news bites our culture teaches us to get what we want when we want it. We can't stand to wait or work for anything. Why should we read a six-hundred-page novel when we can watch the movie version instead? Why should we grate cheese, chop vegetables, cook sausage, and wait for dough to rise when we can buy carry-out pizza on our way home from work? Why should we undertake difficult, long-range solutions to our problems when quick fixes are so readily available? Yet instant gratification, however easy and popular, is not the way to find self-fulfillment or to build the kingdom.

Perseverance in Prayer & Work

Today's scriptures encourage us to persevere patiently and believe that, in time, God will fulfill our needs and make our efforts fruitful. Like the widow in the Gospel, we must patiently persevere in prayer and work until justice is done. Like Moses, Joshua, Aaron, and Hur, we must work together and support one another, believing that God will prevail. Like the apostle Paul, we must "proclaim the word" and "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." And in all things Jesus tells us "to pray always without becoming weary."

Today the Letter to Timothy reminds us of the awaited appearance of "Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead." We then hear Jesus ask, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" We must ask ourselves whether we tend to give up the struggle to build the kingdom or whether we have enough faith to persevere in prayer and work until God's victory is complete.



Sunday, October 18/19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: *Exodus 17:8-13*—As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.

Responsorial: *Psalm 121*—Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Reading II: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:2*—The scriptures train you to stay with the task.

Gospel: *Luke 18:1-8*—Be persistent in prayer, especially in the pursuit of justice.

Calamari or Chicken Dinner



Thursday, **October 30**

5:00 pm Happy Hour

Appetizers & Cash Bar

6:00 pm Dinner

\$25 per person

At Star of the Valley's Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Dinner Includes:

Caesar Salad, Roll & Butter
Calamari (or Baked ½ Chicken),
Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert

By reservation only. No walk-ins.
All persons will pay at the door in cash,
or by *check payable to **SOV Men's Club***
at the time of check-in for the dinner.

Reservations: call Pete Hardy at
707-480-5094. Leave a message if needed,
with 1) your name & phone number,
2) names of each person in your group, and
3) specify Calamari or Chicken for each person.

Reservations close 5:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27

Hosted by Star of the Valley Men's Club

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 18–26

Sat	18	4:00	† Daniel J. Erlach (Lynette Erlach)
Sun	19	10:00	† Apicella & †Dengler Family Members (Mike Apicella)
Mon	20		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	21	8:00	Intention of Jose Rodriguez (Yoannah Rodriguez)
Wed	22	8:00	† Rebecca Curto (Kathy McKeon)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	23	8:00	† Joe Martin
Fri	24	8:00	Intention of Elvera Seghesio (Seghesio Family)
Sat	25	4:00	† Mike Moran (Pat Moran)
Sun	26	10:00	† Bill McCormack

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Dr. Mike Apicella, Gail Barrett, Jim Bricker, Lori Cappa, David Charlton II, Robert Curtis, Lola Danielli, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Millie McKay, Richard Muzio, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Ben Rodgers, Sr., Magda Shelton, Susan Smith, Bob Spaulding, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died: Rebecca Curto and Jim Pascoe.



SOV Woman of the Year

Star of the Valley parishioner, **Barbara Gasparini**, being honored at the 2025 Women of the Year celebration at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Rohnert Park, October 11, 2025. Nineteen women from parishes around the Santa Rosa Diocese were honored.

Living Rosary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Your entire family is invited to pray with us on Tuesday, **October 28th** at 6:30 p.m. for our Live Rosary and be a full participant in this wonderful devotion. Sign-up to be a "bead," announce a mystery or lead prayers of the Rosary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park by visiting or clicking on <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4AA5AF2AA0F9C52-59473509-living>. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. to prepare an angel ornament in the name of a departed loved one.

This Weekend — October 18–19

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Linda Luceti	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Connie Pearson	Len Marabella
Server:	Judy Rodgers	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Livie Brant Marie Crimaldi	Mardie Hart Ron Manning
Ushers:	Ed Montague Michael Sotak	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — October 25–26

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Jan Rosshirt	Marge Lamb
Ted Rosshirt	Mike Hanlon
Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Cathy Hardy	Sue Cummings
Pete Hardy	Tim Cummings
Ed Montague	John McCarthy
Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 18–25

Thursday, October 23, 4:00 Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

Weekly Collection Report

Sept 28	Oct 5	Oct 12	Weekly Goal
\$4,102	\$4,685	\$4,883	\$5,365

Note: The amounts consist of First collections, and Parish Repair & Maintenance gifts received during the weekend and preceding week.

Second Collection—World Mission Sunday

The second collection this weekend will be for **Missionaries of Hope**, The Pontifical Mission Societies. Your gift helps support: 82,498 seminarians, 8,749 shelters and orphanages, 11,992 health centers, 843,785 catechists, and 258,540 religious sisters. Visit www.pontificalmissions.org/wms for more information.



Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through online giving, please scan this QR code or go to our website's **Donate Here** page: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch. If you

have questions or need help, please call Anna in the parish office M, T, Th, F at 707-539-6262.

Depending On God

“Getting by with a little help from our friends” is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly, the idea of “getting by with a little help from God” goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend’s scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still, she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

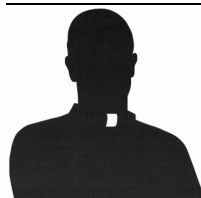
We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won’t be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

Religious Vocations

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated **November 2-8**, 2025, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is in January. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of vocation.

Plan to honor our pastor, Monsignor Pulskamp, during Vocation Awareness week, **November 2-8**.



Priest Appreciation

Plan to honor our parish’s one and only priest, our pastor Monsignor Pulskamp, during Vocation Awareness week, **November 2-8**.

Do you remember to say thank you to Monsignor? The parish priest is one of the hardest-working members of the Church, balancing numerous responsibilities with limited time off. They put in so much work to make sure we get to heaven, so it’s appropriate to thank them for what they do. Here are some suggestions of how to show your appreciation:

- Pray for Monsignor. Send cards with assurances of prayer for his intentions.
- Cook him a meal.
- Offer to help. Volunteer in a parish ministry as a sign of support and service. Consider increasing your weekly donation.
- Schedule an intention for a weekday Mass.
- Go to Mass during the week. Get a bunch of people to sit in the front pews. When Monsignor asks you after Mass why, tell him you were offering your participation at Mass in thanksgiving for his priesthood.
- Write him a note expressing your gratitude. Let him know how his priesthood has impacted your life. Tell him that he has made a difference in your life.
- Say “thank you” to him after each Mass you attend.
- Give him a compliment.
- Look out for his wellbeing. Encourage him to take more time off.
- Let him know you have his back. When you witness a situation when someone is being rude to him, let him know that you noticed and express compassion.
- Establish a friendship by saying hello to him.
- Have realistic expectations and be helpful. Offering feedback is helpful, but criticism and complaint given without humility and sincere love is draining after a while.
- Don’t be a priest hog. You don’t have to have Monsignor over every Sunday. Don’t expect to be his best friend—he is your pastor and he needs to keep things professional.
- Be supportive. During stressful times in the parish, diocese, community, country and world, send a note of encouragement.
- Invite him over to share in family gatherings, celebrations or holidays.

No matter what you do, let’s make sure we let our pastor know just how much we care for him.

Quail Quip

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

5-Day Guided Retreat

Wednesday through Sunday, **October 29**, 3:00 p.m. – November 2, 2:00 p.m. at the Jesuit El Retiro Retreat Center of Los Altos. This five-day silent retreat for women and men offers a deeper experience of prayer and reflection, with more time for silence than weekend retreats. Participants will have access to guided prayer, spiritual direction, reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration. Register at <https://jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=25FDY04209>.

Memorial Pilgrimage

Annual Diocesan Santa Rosa Cemetery Tour “Memento Mori” on Friday, **October 31**, 8:30 a.m. Walk for a loved one, and take this historic cemetery pilgrimage through Santa Rosa and conclude at Calvary Catholic Cemetery on the hill where Mass will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. Contact Stephen Morris to RSVP and get more information by emailing dsr youth@sr diocese.org or call 310-849-2342.

Rosary for Vocations

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 2-8, 2025. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of vocation.

Join us on Monday, **November 3**, 2025, 7:00 p.m. in person at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, Citrus Heights, or online via Zoom. [Click Here to Access Zoom](#) or visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88127313263?pwd=k0G3NYllwwKxb4pd5SpUoHhwFx1apM.1#success>.

Master Gardener Presentation

November for Natives will be Saturday, **November 1**, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Harvest for the Hungry Habitat Garden, 1717 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa. This is a free event. No registration required.

Come to learn about integrating California native plants into your gardening. See bulletin board flyer. For more information, visit harvestgarden.org.

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