

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

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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

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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 25/26, 2025— Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blind Justice

A statue of Blind Justice stands atop many courts of law in the United States. She wears a blindfold and holds the scales of justice. She represents the ideal expressed in today's reading from Sirach—that each person will be treated equally in the eyes of the law and that judges will “judge justly and affirm the right” based solely on the justness of each plaintiff's case.

Yet we know that the wealthy can buy very good lawyers, giving them an edge in the courtroom. We know that dark-skinned people far outnumber white-skinned people on death row. We also know that high-profile defendants are often tried and convicted by the media before the judge and jury ever enter the court. However careful, no human judge or human justice system can be completely blind to factors such as race, wealth, religion, gender, age, or background.

The Mercy of the Court

In comparison, today's scriptures depict God as “the just judge” who offers every person an equal measure of justice. Like the Pharisee in today's Gospel, we must be careful not to overestimate our own worthiness or to judge the unworthiness of others. Like the apostle Paul, we must realize that, if we are judged to be righteous in the courts of God, it will be based not on our status as Christians, or on our good deeds, or on any other factor by which we might exalt ourselves. Instead, it will be solely because we asked for and relied on God's mercy.

Sirach reminds us that God is swift to hear and respond to every person who cries out for mercy, even those whom the world despises as unworthy.



Sunday, October 25/26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*—
The God of justice knows no favorites.

Responsorial: *Psalm 34*—The Lord
hears the cry of the poor.

Reading II: 2 *Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*—I have competed
well, I have finished the race.

Gospel: *Luke 18:9-14*—“O, God, be merciful to me a
sinner.”

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 25—NOVEMBER 2

Sat	25	4:00	†Mike Moran (Pat Moran)
Sun	26	10:00	†Bill McCormack (Anonymous)
Mon	27		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	28	8:00	†Charles Dublino (Len Marabella)
Wed	29	8:00	†Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	30	8:00	Intention of Msgr. Pulskamp (SOV Community)
Fri	31	8:00	†Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sat	1	4:00	†Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sun	2	10:00	†Dominic Franchetti (Judy Monroe)

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., Elvera Seghesio, Magda Shelton, Susan Smith, Bob Spaulding, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Rebecca Curto, Jim Pascoe, and Mary Przydlyski.



Donut Sunday Next Weekend

Congratulations to Bob and Dolores Zeni who will be celebrating their **71st Wedding Anniversary** at Donut Sunday next weekend! Come to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after

the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on **November 2nd** to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit with fellow parishioners. Be sure to check out the parish's first-class, fire-side library (a hidden treasure) while you are there.

Being A Christian Is Like Being a Pumpkin!

- 🍷 God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)
- 🍷 Then washes all the dirt off of you. (1 Cor. 6:11)
- 🍷 He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. (Romans 6:6)
- 🍷 Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Job 8:21)
- 🍷 And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16) Happy Halloween!

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

RAFFLE TICKETS

PRESALE

Once again, on **November 2nd**, at **Donut Sunday** we will be selling raffle tickets for our Holiday Craft Fair Raffle, so bring your wallet. \$10 per ticket or 3/\$25. All proceeds go to our parish.

You will be able to preview the various prize items and buy raffle tickets for your favorites. Some of the prizes available include:

- **Victorian Doll House with Furnishings**
- **\$100 Gift Cards to High-End Restaurants**
- **Wine Baskets**
- **Prickett's Garden Center Gift Card & Plant**
- **Quilted Holiday Table Runner with 8 Napkins**
- **Holiday Centerpieces**
- **Cookie Jar & 3 Months of Homemade Cookies**
- **Bridge Game Luncheon for 4**
- **Holiday Collectable Figurines**

The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the end of our Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 22nd. Winners need not be present.

	This Weekend — October 25–26		Next Weekend — November 1–2	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Marge Lamb	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Ted Rosshirt	Mike Hanlon	Blanche Kaiser	Connie Pearson
Server:	Connie Montague	Jim Warman	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ushers:	Ed Montague Judy Rodgers	John McCarthy Clarence Younger	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Steve Hipson Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 25—NOVEMBER 2

Thursday, October 30, 5:00 Calamari/Chicken Dinner—
Msgr. Fahey Parish Center (By reservation only. No
walk-ins. Reservation deadline: Monday, October 27.
See ad on this page.)

Saturday, November 1, Bedtime—Turn clocks back one
Hour

Sunday, November 2, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey
Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Weekly Goal
\$4,685	\$4,883	\$3,596	\$5,365

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



November is All Souls' Month

The Commemoration of all the
faithful departed (aka All Souls' Day)
is November 2, but at Star of the

Valley, we celebrate it the whole month of November.

To have your loved ones remembered in our Masses
during November, write their names on the special
envelope provided in this bulletin, and put it in the
collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish Office.



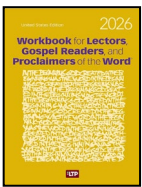
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have questions or need help, please call Anna in the
parish office M, T, Th, F at 707-539-6262.

Solemnity of All Saints—November 1, 2025

Since All Saints' Day falls on a Saturday, the obligation to
attend Mass is abrogated and is not a Holy Day of
Obligation this year.



Attention Lectors

The 2026 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel
Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* is
now available for you to pick up in the
Parish office. Thank you, to all our Lectors,
for serving in the Lector ministry.

Hallowed be the Eve

Given its association with witches, goblins, and the like,
it might seem strange that Halloween is actually a
Catholic holiday. Halloween, or Hallowe'en, is an
abbreviation for "All Hallows Eve," a celebration the night
before All Saints' and All Souls' Days (November 1 and
2). Just like on the night before Christmas or before Ash
Wednesday, people make merry on October 31—with
costumes and parties for kids and adults alike—before
the more solemn days to come. Take a cue this week
from Mexican culture's festive Día de los Muertos (Day
of the Dead) to pay respects with a joyful heart to those
who have gone before us.



Priest Appreciation Week

To honor those *in persona Christi* for
us, Vocation Awareness Week is
November 2-8. You are encouraged to
take a moment to recognize your
parish priest.

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](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88127313263?pwd=k0G3NYllwWkxb4pd5SpUoHhwFx1apM.1#success) or visit [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88127313
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Turn Clocks Back

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend, on
November 2. Turn your clocks back one hour
before going to bed on Saturday, **November 1**.

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

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

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/10C0D4AA5AF2AA0F9C52-59473509-living>. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. to prepare an angel ornament in the name of a departed loved one.

Young Men's Institute #40 Polenta Dinner

Saturday, **November 1**, 2025 at the Becker Center at St. Eugene's. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. \$30.00 per person. For information and tickets call: Richard Schoenstein at 707-892-3374.

Surviving the Holidays

The holidays can be challenging to navigate when your heart is hurting from the loss of a loved one. *Surviving the Holidays* workshop can provide a safe and

compassionate place to share your thoughts, feelings and experiences as you approach the holidays. A video will include stories of how others found comfort and counsel in others, along with group sharing and Christian fellowship. Holiday refreshments will also be available.

Holy Spirit Grief Group invites you to join us for this helpful and timely workshop on Saturday, **November 8**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the parish hall at Holy Spirit Church. For further information call Deanna at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.



Jesuit Retreat Center

God's Extravagant Love, a silent retreat for women and men presented by Sr. Ingrid Clemmensen, OP, will take place **November 14-16** at El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. For more

information and to register go to or click on

<https://jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=25SON04213>.

Pun Fun—Can February March? No, but April May.



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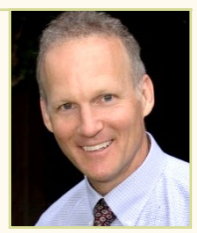
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