

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.

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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.



November 22/23, 2025—

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Save Yourself

The attitude of “looking out for number one” reigns supreme in many parts of our society, even in parts of our Church. That attitude informs the Gospel passage today, as we hear three times the challenge made to Jesus to “save himself” from his awful, humiliating death on the cross. The rulers of his own people sneer at him, the soldiers jeer at him, one of the criminals crucified with him reviles him; all treat him with scorn at his refusal or inability to “look out for number one,” to save himself. But if there is any doubt about the ability of Jesus to save, it is erased in his words to the other criminal: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” If there is disbelief about the cross being the source of all salvation, reconciliation, and peace, it is eradicated in the Letter to the Colossians. Christ, in whom the fullness of all things dwells, the firstborn of all creation, is also the firstborn from the dead, and it is the blood of his cross that flows with the eternal life of heaven.

Save Us

In Roman crucifixion, crosses had little plank seats upon which the bodies of the crucified were propped. Their bodies, growing heavy with weakening and dying, would likely fall off without this seat. This seat, propping up the body of Jesus as it gasped for its final breaths, is the royal seat of our Savior and King. For us, he sat upon that most horrid throne. Like us, Jesus would agree that you have to look out for “number one.” The difference is that at the words “number one” he wouldn’t jab a jaunty thumb at his own chest. He’d extend a loving embrace between earth and heaven for each of us, the children of earth, the little ones in whom his own face shines. The rulers, the soldiers, (see **Save Us**, back page)



Sunday, November 22/23, 2025
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3—The shepherd David is anointed king.
Responsorial: Psalm 122—Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20—God has made us worthy to share the lot of the saints in light.
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43—Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Prayer of Thanksgiving by Monsignor Fahey

For Creating us, we thank you Lord
 For Redeeming us, we thank you Lord
 For Loving us, we thank you Lord
 For Calling us by name, we thank you Lord
 For our Baptism, we thank you Lord
 For our Faith, we thank you Lord
 For our Holy Communion, we thank you Lord
 For the Gift we are to each other, we thank you Lord
 For our Families, we thank you Lord
 For the Children in our lives, we thank you Lord
 For the sound of Laughter, we thank you Lord
 For the beauty of Song, we thank you Lord
 For the magnificence of our Surroundings,
 we thank you Lord
 For the Air we breathe, we thank you Lord
 For the Water we drink, we thank you Lord
 For the Health we enjoy, we thank you Lord
 For Sunshine and Rain, we thank you Lord
 For changing Seasons, we thank you Lord
 For our own Resurrection, we thank you Lord
 For all our Benefactors, we thank you Lord
 For our Parents, living and dead, we thank you Lord
 For all your Gifts, we thank you Lord

Thanksgiving

Did you know that what is often called a “secular feast”—such as the American Holiday Thanksgiving—proceeds from a Jewish and Christian memory, present in our ancestors? In fact, the American settlers intentionally stopped to thank the Lord. That is the origin of the Thanksgiving Holiday. It is vital that we stop and give God thanks, especially for His Greatest Gift, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. He knew we needed a Savior, to save us from sin and death. And, He sent His only Son.

MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 22–30

Sat	22	4:00	†Dolores Morales (Julio Juarez)
Sun	23	10:00	††Norma & Frank Fitzpatrick (Mary Stone)
Mon	24		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	25	8:00	†Diane Drew
Wed	26	8:00	†Magda Shelton
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thur	27	9:00	†Fr. Jose Gonzalez
Fri	28	8:00	†Don McQuaid
Sat	29	4:00	†Phil Marvier
Sun	30	10:00	†Al Maggini (Judy Monroe)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Dr. Mike Apicella, Jeremy Aytes, Gail Barrett, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Patty Corgan, Robert Curtis, Lola Danielli, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Richard Muzio, Karen O’Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Ben Rodgers, Sr., Susan Smith, Bob Spaulding, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Lori Cappa, Fr. José R. González, and Magda Shelton. November is All Souls month—please continue to pray for all who have died.



Thanksgiving Drive to Help the Unsheltered
Sleeping Bags, Coats, Blankets, Rolling Suitcases Are Needed

In his first Apostolic Exhortation, Pope Leo XIV places the poor at the heart of the Catholic Church’s teachings, asking all believers to care for the poorest in society. To respond to the Pope’s Exhortation, the Star of the Valley Pastoral Council is sponsoring a drive to help Catholic Charities reach out to the poor, many of whom are living on our streets.

We are asking for new or gently used blankets, sleeping bags (not cotton, but nylon and polyester), warm coats, and especially roller bags or rolling suitcases. Please drop off your items on, and no sooner than Saturday, **December 6** in front of the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Volunteers will be here to help with the drop off, and a Catholic Charities truck will remove the items that afternoon.

Due to a lack of storage space, we can’t accept any other items at this time, nor on any other day at the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.

	This Weekend — Nov. 22–23		Thanksgiving — Nov. 27	Next Weekend — Nov. 29–30	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia	Dennis Sabouri	Blanche Kaiser	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Mike Hanlon	Judy Rodgers	Bob Zeni	Len Marabella
Server:	Dennis Sabourin	Jim Warman	Micki Sabourin	Mary Kay Riccioni	John Dolan
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Mardie Hart Kathy McKeon		Livie Brant Marie Crimaldi	Tim Burkhard Marietta Mancusco
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John McCarthy Clarence Younger	Tom & Kathleen Beirne Clarence Younger	Bev Shelhart Michael Sotak	John McCarthy Clarence Younger

*In
Everything
Give
Thanks*

PARISH EVENTS—NOVEMBER 23-30

Thursday, November 27, Parish Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

Weekly Collection Report

Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Weekly Goal
\$8,062	\$5,274	\$3,616	\$5,365

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

Thanksgiving Collection

The collection at the Thanksgiving Mass will be for our **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** program.



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.

A Message from the Men's Club

Unfortunately, the Pancake Breakfast we hosted on the 16th will be the last major event sponsored by the Star of the Valley Men's Club.

Our monthly Bingo, Donut Sunday, and Neighbor-to-Neighbor activities will continue. However, we will not be sponsoring dinners or other large fundraising events in the future.

The pool of resources needed to plan, manage and execute these larger events has diminished significantly over the years to the point where we can simply no longer justify continuing to do so with our limited and aging membership.

We have enjoyed providing social and fundraising activities for the parish and want to thank all parishioners for your support and understanding.

Nick's Pantry Needs



Thank you to everyone who donated cereal to Nick's Pantry. We still need more. Please put donations of cereals: Toasted O's/Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios, Special K, Corn Flakes, Shredded Wheat, or Raisin Bran in the wooden box inside the Parish Center. Thank you!



SOV 2026 Catholic Calendar

You are welcome to pick up your 2026 calendar now. They will be at both entrances of the church, and also on the literature table in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

Choose Light



Sr. Joann Heinritz



Marcy Fox

All are invited to start the Christmas season with an inspiring Advent prayer service in our church. Our speakers will be Sister Joann Heinritz, a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and our own parishioner, Marcy Fox.

Sister Joann has been a spiritual director, retreat director and instructor at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkely for over 20 years. She also conducts parish missions throughout the United States and has been a retreat director in Ireland every summer for over 15 years.

Star of the Valley parishioner Marcy Fox has presented a series of lectures on the world's religions and led meditations and discussions for the Oakmont community. She has authored several educational workbooks and journals and led professional workshops throughout the United States and Ireland. Just recently, Marcy was a principal organizer and speaker for our parish's workshops on Catholic Social Teachings.

We are so fortunate to have Sister Joann and Marcy Fox lead our Advent Prayer service focused on the theme of "Choose Light", after which we will continue at our Msgr. Fahey Parish Center to celebrate the season with a musical program, a trivia game and an old-fashioned Christmas Carol sing-along. Christmas cookies and apple cider will be served.

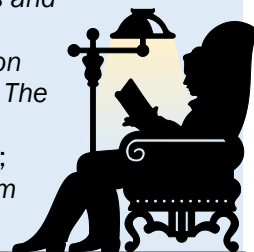


Please bring family, friends and neighbors on Wednesday, **December 11**. The Advent prayer service will be in the church from 2:00- 3:00 p.m., followed by a holiday celebration in the Parish Center from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Sponsored by Star of the Valley Women's Circle.

Rainy Day Reading

Thanks to Deacon John Storm we have dozens of new books in our library. Special thanks goes to our librarian John Dolan and his wife Ester for going through 100's of books and saving the best for our library! Here's a small sample:

A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle (New York Times Bestselling Author); *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness* by Simon Wiesenthal; *7 Secrets of Confession* by Vinny Flynn; *A New Translation: The Dead Sea Scrolls* by Michael Wise; *Catholicism* by Richard P. McBrien; and *500 Questions & Answers from the Bible* by Mark Fackler.



(Save Us continued)

one of the criminals, all were skeptical about the saving power of our King, because he would not—and they presumed could not—save himself. What this King shows all of us is that God's power is to save us, to remember us in his kingdom, to take us with him to the light of Paradise.



Become a Peer Support Counselor!

Are you 55 or older and looking for meaningful ways to give back to your community? Do you find joy in deep conversation, holding space, and supporting others through life's ups and downs? You may be a wonderful fit for our **Senior Peer Counseling Program**.

West County Community Services is now recruiting new volunteers for their next training cycle beginning January 2026. Applications opened in September, and interviews will take place in November 2025.

As a Senior Peer Counselor, you'll offer compassionate, confidential support to other older

adults (55+) who may be facing:

- Isolation or loneliness
- Grief and loss
- Health challenges
- Life transitions and emotional distress

Our 35-hour training program includes:

- Communication & listening skills
- Grief and loss
- Boundaries and ethics
- Aging and mental health
- Supportive tools and resources

Training is held in **Santa Rosa** and via **Zoom**. Reach out to us today to express interest or ask questions by calling us at **707-387-4094** or sending an email to Chrissie.obrien@westcountyservices.org.

Thoughts to Ponder

- Courage is doing the right thing even when you're scared.
- It is not the strength of the body that counts, but the strength of the spirit.



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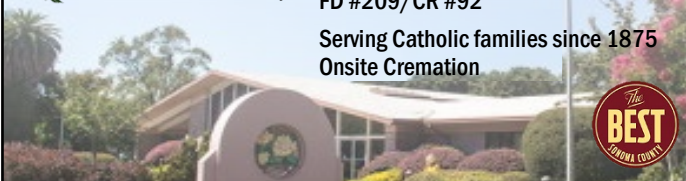
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