

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.



**January 24/25, 2026—
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The Call

Jesus chose as his home base the city of Capernaum, a fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus encounters the brothers Simon and Andrew,

casting a net into the sea. Because Capernaum was a bustling fishing village, the brothers were probably among a large number of fishermen. From that crowd, Jesus sees and calls the two he wants to be his disciples. Not saying whether Jesus had met Simon and Andrew previously, nor whether they had heard his preaching, Matthew draws our attention to the power of Jesus' word and the ideal immediacy of response. Simon and Andrew will continue to be fishermen, Jesus tells them, only their catch from now on will be people. Jesus' words to them are both an invitation and a promise of a new life's work. The next two brothers, James and John, similarly leave everything, even their father Zebedee, again showing the ideal response to Jesus. The four fishermen are leaving all security to follow the uncertain travels of an itinerant rabbi.

The brief summary of Jesus' ministry in the concluding verse tells how he brought light to those dwelling in darkness. His teaching and ministry transformed the darkness of ignorance, the darkness of despair, and the darkness of broken bodies.



Sunday, January 24/25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3—The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial: Psalm 27—The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17—Let there be no divisions among you.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23—Andrew and Peter abandon their nets to follow the Lord.



Share Your Smile—Be a Greeter!

We are in need of additional volunteers to be Greeters at our Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Masses. It's easy and appreciated by our parishioners. Please volunteer your time by contacting Kathy McKeon at 707-228-8311, phone or text.

Valentine Bingo

Tuesday, February 10
4:00 p.m.

Dinner: \$10
Bingo Cards: \$2 each
Valentine Prizes
to the winners of each game.

Please be here between 3:30 and 3:45 so we can start promptly at 4:00.
If you don't play bingo, come for dinner at 5:20 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner:
Italian Wedding Soup, French Bread, & Brownies

MASS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 24–FEBRUARY 1

Sat	24	4:00	Intention of Robert Waska & †Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	25	10:00	†Maria Marotto (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	26		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	27	8:00	†Audrey Engen
Wed	28	8:00	Intention of Elvera Seghesio & †Frank Seghesio (Seghesio Family)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	29	8:00	†Kevin Barry (Bonnie & Mike Dines)
Fri	30	8:00	†Michael Hendricus (Christina The)
Sat	31	4:00	†Jane O'Toole (Marie Crimaldi)
Sun	1	10:00	Intention of Joan McCormack (Bill & Terry Cutler)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Dr. Mike Apicella, Jeremy Aytes, Gail Barrett, Irene Beagle, Fran Benton, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Bambi Clark, Shirley Collins, Lola Danielli, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Dr. Leonard Klay, Marietta Mancuso, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Richard Muzio, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Bob Spaulding, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Audrey Engen, Jane O'Toole, and Eileen Poggi.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **January 31**, 11:00 a.m.: Gayle Brinker



Find Hidden Treasures at SOV

Just discovered! Star of the Valley's library has Audio CD's. Don't have time to read? Just pop a CD in your CD player in your car and you can enjoy inspirational messages while you drive around town. Here's just a sampling: The Ignatius Holy Bible, Meditative Scriptural Rosary, and lots of spiritual music.

The Star of the Valley library is in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, and is generally open on weekdays during office hours, and has a collection of books and other media. Come on in to check it out!

This Weekend — January 24-25

4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

EM: Blanche Kaiser

Liz Garcia

Lector: Len Marabella

Mike Hanlon

Server: Judy Rodgers

John Dolan

Greeters: Kathy McKeon
Michele Osmon

Tim Burkhard
Ron Manning

Ushers: Kathleen Beirne
Tom Beirne

Rick Ragan
Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — Jan. 31-Feb. 1

4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

Micki Sabourin Barbara Spotleson

Connie Pearson Bob Zeni

Dennis Sabourin Fritz Spotleson

Cathy Hardy Ceal Geurts
Pete Hardy Paula Scull

Ed Montague Tim Burkhard
TBD Clarence Younger

new life in a new year



PARISH EVENTS—JANUARY 25–FEBRUARY 1

Stay warm! Donut Sunday will wait a week and be on the second Sunday of February, the 8th, instead of the first.

Weekly Collection Report

Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Weekly Goal
\$6,899	\$5,950*	\$3,767*	\$5,365

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

Second Collection

Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity to this weekend's second collection benefitting the **Church in Latin America** enables our brothers and sisters in these areas to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous.



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.

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2025 Contribution Statements

If you would like a Contribution Statement of your 2025 donations to Star of the Valley Church, please contact the office by phone at 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net.



Planned Giving

Regardless of your current income, with foresight and planning, you can continue to give to Star of the Valley Parish far into the future. Gifts may

be in the form of cash, property, investments, or a portion of an estate. In many cases there can be significant tax advantages.

For more information, pick up a Heritage Friends pamphlet and a Planned Giving Statement of Intent, or go to our parish website. Talk with your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor to help you determine the type of gift that is right for you and how you might include Star of the Valley Parish in your estate planning.



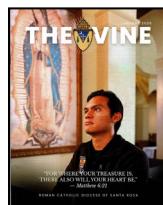
Need a Little Sunshine?

We have a Sunshine Committee that would like to send a card to anyone who needs prayer or a little sunshine in their life due to illness or loss of a loved one. Please call any of our Sunshine Ladies: Terry Cutler at 707-280-9995; Paula Scull at 760-809-2760; Carole Kilgariff at 415-370-2083; or Janet Rosshirt at 707-293-4256.

AMA

Annual Ministry Appeal 2026

The Annual Ministry Appeal, *One Family in Mission*, will be conducted **February 14 and 15**. Our parish target this year is \$22,500—\$500 less than last year. Our parish receives 100% of what we raise over this goal. (We received \$12,491 back from last year's AMA.)



The Vine January 2026

The January 2026 booklet, *The Vine*, was mailed out from the Diocese of Santa Rosa. You may have received it in the mail. Inside *The Vine*, you will find a donation envelope for the 2026 Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA).

 ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL One Family in Mission P.O. Box 4077 SANTA ROSA, CA 95404	Telephone Teléfono _____
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parish Parroquia _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preferiría recibir correos

If you use this envelope, or donate online, be sure to fill in the **Parish as Star of the Valley**, so we may continue getting credit for your donations in 2026.



Day of Prayer, Worship, & Advocacy—March 25

On the Feast Day of the Annunciation, Catholics from across California will gather at the State Capitol to ignite a faith that serves—a faith rooted in prayer, alive in community, and expressed through action for the common good.

Catholics at the Capitol is a day to unite clergy and laity, families and individuals, in worship and public witness. As Mary said yes to God's call at the Annunciation, we come together to renew our own yes: to serve our neighbors, to uplift human dignity, and to bring faith into the public square with humility and hope.

Throughout the day, participants will take part in:

- A public rally calling us to faithful service
- A prayerful Rosary procession around the Capitol, lifting up our state and its leaders
- The celebration of Holy Mass, grounding our advocacy in worship
- Drop-in visits with legislative offices, offering a respectful, faith-filled presence on issues that affect our communities.

On this sacred feast day, we remember that Mary appears to the world in many forms—Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of La Vang, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima—yet her call is always the same: to trust God and to serve with love. As a mother to all, she blesses all, and all are welcome to participate in this day of prayer and unity.

Whether you come to pray, to walk, to worship, or to advocate, your presence helps ignite a faith that serves—one that transforms hearts and shapes a more just and compassionate society.

Come as you are. Bring your faith. Serve with hope. Join us on **March 25**, 2026, and help light the way forward together!

Visit www.cacatholic.org/capitol for details.

The Redwood Caregiver Resource Center (RCRC)

is dedicated to helping families and communities navigate the challenges of caring for adults with brain disorders. Our programs and services are designed to address the emotional, physical, and financial needs of family caregivers.

RCRC provides a variety of support options, including support groups, educational classes, engaging activities, and respite care. These resources aim to equip caregivers with the tools and support they need to manage their responsibilities effectively.

Explore the links below to see what's happening at RCRC this month.

For the family members or caregivers of patients with the diagnosis of dementia. Discussion: Strategies for dealing with dementia associated symptoms and the importance of advanced planning. It is recommended that patients with dementia should not attend this class.

Please choose only one meeting to attend. Register online at <https://ncoinc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMocOGoqzooEtywj3q8qAgJ7yT6cTAE8Pcn#/registration>, or call 707-542-0282.

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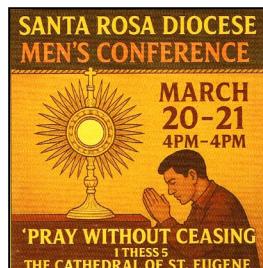
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The Spirituality of Aging

You are invited to explore the questions of aging in light of the Ignatian vision of indifference and "letting go" in a retreat led by Anne Grycz and Mary Romo. *The Spirituality of Aging*, a non-silent retreat for women and men at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, will be on Friday, **February 6**, 4:00 p.m. through Sunday, **February 8**, 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$320 per person (single or double occupancy.)

How does an elder navigate the prevalent "culture of youth?" Anne and Mary will delve into how diminishment might be an invitation to new, unimagined chapters in one's spiritual journey. Scan the QR Code, above, to register, or click on [The Spirituality of Aging](#).



Catholic Men's Conference

Join men from across the diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal at the Cathedral of St. Eugene, **March 20-21**, 2026. Be encouraged through inspiring reflections, deepen your faith, and strengthen bonds of brotherhood as we seek to follow Christ more fully together. Register today: www.srccatholicmen.org



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