

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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Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

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*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.



**January 31/February 1, 2026 –
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Chosen Remnant

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

Remnant

Remnant: Noun 1. A fragment or scrap. 2. Something remaining leftover, used or not.

These definitions suggest that a remnant is not anything significant, or is not anything of much value. Some may even consider remnants as easily disposable, and put them in the trash. I'm glad that Jesus didn't think this.

How do you view your "remnant" self?

Can remnants be put to good use?

Just imagine how impactful it is when remnants of cloth are joined together to produce a patchwork quilt that keeps someone warm. In unity there is power.

Be an active remnant, joining others for good results.



Sunday, Jan. 31/Feb. 1, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13—Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth.
Responsorial: Psalm 146—Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31—God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a—Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis—1/10/2026–1/10/2027

The Pope has given us a joyful and unexpected gift: the proclamation of a Jubilee Year dedicated to the beloved Saint Francis of Assisi.

This gift of grace comes on the heels of the Jubilee Year of Hope, which concluded on January 6. That jubilee invited the faithful worldwide into renewal, reconciliation, and pilgrimage—and this new jubilee invites us to embrace the poverty and charity that defined St. Francis.

This latest jubilee—which began on January 10, 2026 and concludes on the same day next year—marks 800 years since the death of Saint Francis.

He was born around 1181, and in a remarkably short life of just 44 years, he transformed the Church through radical fidelity to the Gospel and deep love for the poor. Canonized only two years after his death, his witness of faith and charity has endured for eight centuries.

"This Jubilee is not nostalgia, but a living testimony that the Gospel simplicity of Francis still speaks powerfully to the Church and to the modern world."

—Pope Leo XIV

Saint Francis was the people's saint. But it's striking that it took nearly 800 years for a pope to choose his name, which Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio did when he became Pope Francis in 2013. That decision reflected a profound identification with the saint's embrace of poverty, humility, and dependence on God.

While many saints have lived lives of simplicity, few expressed it as visibly and poetically as Saint Francis. His voluntary poverty and trust in divine providence remain a powerful challenge in a world often defined by excess.

Pope Leo XIV has emphasized that this Jubilee is meant to show how Francis's way of life—though 800 years old—is just as achievable in modern society. It reminds us (**St. Francis** continued next column.)

MASS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 31–FEBRUARY 8

Sat	31	4:00	†Jane O'Toole (Marie Crimaldi)
Sun	1	10:00	Intention of Joan McCormack (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	2		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	3	8:00	† Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	4	8:00	† Mary Lumpkins
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	5	8:00	† Gayle Brinker (Diane D'Ambrogia)
Fri	6	8:00	† Karen Shalvey (Maryellen Birkland)
Sat	7	4:00	† Louise Paolinetti (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	8	10:00	† Rebecca Curto (Kathy McKeon)

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: Marilee Cortez, Michael Cusack, Audrey Engen, Jane O'Toole, and Eileen Poggi.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **February 7**, 11:00 a.m.: John Brosnan

(**St. Francis** cont.) that simplicity, surrender to God's providence, and authentic Christian witness are timeless. May all of us embody the best of that Saint—so that we, like him, may do good works on earth and walk the road to heaven.



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.

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.

This Weekend — Jan. 31-Feb. 1

	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EM:	Micki Sabourin	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Connie Pearson	Bob Zeni
Server:	Dennis Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Ceal Geurts Paula Scull
Ushers:	Ed Montague TBD	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — February 7-8

	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Jan Rosshirt	Cristina Wadsworth
	Ted Rosshirt	Mike Hanlon
	Judy Rodgers	John Dolan
	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mardie Hart Judy Monroe
	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John McCarthy Clarence Younger

new life in a new year



PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 1–8



Thanks to Kathy McKeon for sponsoring **Donut Sunday** on **February 8** in memory of Rebecca Curto. Plan on coming to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center next week, before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for some juice, coffee, donuts, muffins, and fellowship.

Weekly Collection Report

Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Weekly Goal
\$5,950*	\$3,767*	\$3,328	\$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 February 7/8

Next weekend, the second collection will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. See below.



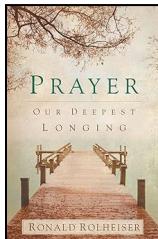
Electronic Giving

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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STATEMENTS
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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.



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 discussion will be on Chapter 5, Wednesday, **February 18**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Your donations help maintain our buildings and make repairs, which include:

- ▶ Repair wood rot at Parish Center
- ▶ Trim privets on the edge of church lawn
- ▶ New siding for the church
- ▶ Fix church roof leak

We will have a second collection next weekend, **Feb. 7-8**, for

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity.



AMA

Annual Ministry Appeal 2026
The solicitation weekend at Star of the Valley for the Annual Ministry Appeal, *One Family in Mission*, will be **February 14 and 15**. Our parish target this year is \$22,500, and SOV will receive back 100% of what we contribute over this goal. These funds are very beneficial to our parish.

We use the funds from the rebate to help cover the ever increasing, and ongoing, Parish expenses.

With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese each year; the Catholic education of our children and Seminarians, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law, and are restricted funds for the ministries only.

	Telephone Teléfono _____
	Parish Parroquia _____
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If you have already received an AMA contribution envelope in the mail, you don't need to wait. Just be sure to fill in the **Parish as Star of the Valley**, so we may continue getting credit for your donations in 2026. Completed AMA pledge/contribution envelopes may be mailed directly to the diocesan office with the appropriate postage affixed.

For more information, please visit the diocesan website: www.srdiocese.org.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Marriage Support Organizations

Couples for Christ

<https://couplesforchristusa.org/>

A Private International Association of the Faithful of Pontifical Right, Couples for Christ (CFC) is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life.

CFC members are committed to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising families grounded in Christian values, in the service and love of God.

Marriage Encounter

<https://wwme.org/>

For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

Focus On the Family

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/help-for-abusive-relationships/>

Help for Abusive Relationships

No One Should Feel Unsafe

If you or someone you love is in an abusive relationship, here are some resources to help you take steps towards safety and freedom.



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The Third Option

<https://usrelationships.org/the-third-option/>

The Third Option is a skills-based program that helps participants build stronger, more fulfilling relationships. Each 14-session cycle covers a comprehensive set of topics (one topic each week) that people can use to develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust while also learning more effective speaking and listening skills.

The Third Option is based on Self Change—how can you make both your current and future relationships better? Come to the Third Option Class!

Parents & Grandparents: Your Mission Isn't Over

Our Lady of Loretto Parish, 1806 Novato Blvd., Novato, CA 94947, is hosting a special morning with guest speaker Astrid Bennett, Catholic speaker, pregnancy center leader, and EWTN host on Saturday, **February 28**, 2026, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Please register at <https://sfarch.org/event/howgodcalls/> or call 415-897-2171.

† St. Vincent de Paul



Downsizing or Moving?

The local St. Vincent De Paul (SVdP) Thrift Store welcomes your donation of gently used clothing or furniture. SVdP volunteer Alan can come to your home for pick up. Kindly email Valueralan@aol.com or call 707-889-1766. Thank you.

Thought to Ponder

Take people from your enemy list and put them on your prayer list.



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