

# 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

## **Contact Numbers**

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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center—**Closed**  
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.



## **June 13/14, 2026— Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Laborers Needed**

Today's scriptures employ mixed metaphors—images of sheep and shepherds, priests and people, harvest and laborers—all of which intermingle to create a web of meaning on which we have based our

understanding of Christian vocations. Above all, these images help us see Christian vocations as an extension and expression of Jesus' own ministry in the world. They lend themselves especially well to a reflection on the vocation to ordained priesthood. The scriptures for today help us understand the role of the ordained in the life of the Church. They also encourage us to pray for an increase in the number of candidates for priestly ordination for "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."

### **Labor Supply**

Just as the people of Israel were a nation of priests and a holy people, so are we all who bear the name of Christ. Jesus died for all of us.

Our Lord was moved at the sight of the crowds aching for God's touch. Well, the crowds are still forming, so let us all join together, priests, religious, and all the baptized, in the work that must be done, for we are all called to bring Christ to the world. The nineteenth-century American orator and agnostic Robert Green Ingersoll said that love is the only priest. If this is true, then let us bring all the love we have to our neighbors, giving without cost. As a nation of priests and holy people, a bountiful harvest is our highest calling.

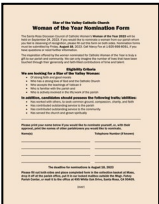


**Sunday, June 13/14, 2026**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Scripture Readings**

**Reading I:** *Exodus 19:2-6a*—God makes the Israelites a holy nation.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalms 100*—We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

**Reading II:** *Romans 5:6-11*—Through Christ we have received reconciliation.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 9:36-10:8*—Jesus summoned the Twelve and sent them out.



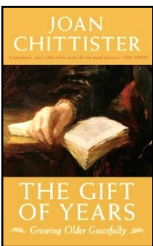
**Woman of the Year**

Inserted in this bulletin you will find a nomination form to fill out for this year's Star of the Valley Woman of the Year. Candidates must be practicing Catholic women who, as unpaid volunteers, contributed outstanding service to Star of the Valley and the community.

Please submit the completed nomination form by Friday, July 31. Nomination forms may be placed in the WOY Nominations box in the back of the church or mailed to the parish office at 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women hosts the annual Women of the Year event, honoring women of parishes in the diocese. This year's event will be held at St. Francis Solano Church in Sonoma on Saturday, October 17. It will include the Rosary, Mass, and the award luncheon. Reservation forms will be available for anyone who wants to attend.

Star of the Valley's past Women of the Year: 2025 Barbara Gasparini; 2024 Micki Sabourin; 2023 Judy Rodgers; 2019 Jackie Kenilvort; 2018 Cristina Wadsworth; 2017 Blanche Kaiser; 2015 Ruth Fulger & Roberta McElroy.



**Spiritual Book Club**

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. Our discussion will be on Chapters 2 and 3, Wednesday, **June 17**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. All are welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS—JUNE 13–21**

Sat	13	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun	14	10:00	† <b>Alan Gould</b> (Barbara Gasparini)
Mon	15		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	16	8:00	†† <b>Brendan &amp; Vera Flanagan</b> (Mike Flanagan)
Wed	17	8:00	† <b>Thomas Eamon Flanagan</b> (Mike Flanagan)
		10:30	<b>O.G.—For the People of the Parish</b>
Thur	18	8:00	† <b>Joseph Chiappalone</b> (Mike Flanagan)
Fri	19	8:00	<b>Intention of Dolores &amp; Bob Zeni</b> on their 72nd Wedding Anniversary (The Zeni Couple)
Sat	20	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun	21	10:00	† <b>Jack McKeon</b> (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, Bob & Wendy Curtis, Michael Curtis, Diane D'Ambrogia, Lola Danielli, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Mike Hanlon, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Richard Muzio, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died.

**Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley**

Thursday, **June 18**, 11:00 a.m.: Diane Price

**AMA Annual Ministry Appeal 2026 Parish Target Reached!**

The Church walks with families at every stage of life—in marriage preparation, in raising children, in faith formation, and in moments of joy and challenge. The Annual Ministry Appeal supports the ministries that strengthen marriage and family life throughout our Diocese. Your participation helps ensure continued support for our families across the Diocese. Together, we move forward as One Family in Mission.

Although there are a few pledges that still need to be paid, we have reached our assigned target of \$22,500! For donations to the AMA which exceed our goal, we will receive a rebate which will benefit the parish and enable us to continue our ministries and maintain our buildings.

Thanks for continuing to pay off your pledges!

**This Weekend — June 13-14**  
**4:00 p.m.**      **10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia
<b>Lector:</b>	Bob Zeni	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	Mike Flanagan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Judy Monroe Josie Peluso
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ed Montague Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger Steve Hipson Rick Ragan

**Next Weekend — June 20-21**  
**4:00 p.m.**      **10:00 a.m.**

Tim McCammon	Liz Garcia
Sr. Joanne Abrams	John Knight
Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Sherry Doran Mary Mickelsen	Mary Bell Kathy McKeon
Tim McCammon Bev Shelhart Tom Basile	Michael Montez John McCarthy Clarence Younger



## PARISH EVENTS—JUNE 14-21

Wednesday, **June 17**, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—Church Quiet Room

Friday, **June 19**—Parish Office Closed—Juneteenth Holiday

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### Weekly Collection Report

May 24	May 31	June 7	Weekly Goal
\$3,971	\$4,231	\$9,527	\$5,365

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

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### Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through online giving, please scan this QR code or go to our website's online giving page by clicking on [Donate Here](#) on our website home page:

[www.starofthevalley.org](http://www.starofthevalley.org). If you have questions or need help, please email Anna in the parish office M, T, Th, F at [sov@sonic.net](mailto:sov@sonic.net).

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### A Prayer for Juneteenth

Almighty God, we praise your name, for you alone are God. There is none like you—gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, full of love, truth, and justice.

You care for the orphans and widows and look upon the immigrant with affection. Your love is not threatened by the ways we diminish, marginalize, and destroy each other. There is no one like you.

You have made your faithfulness known from generation to generation. And you declare it is better to do justice than to make sacrifice. Throughout the biblical story, we hear again and again how you have continued to rescue your people, releasing us from bondage so that we might live fully and freely as your children. We remember Moses and the Exodus. We remember the cycles of deliverance and repentance under the Judges. We remember the prophets and the returns from exile. And we remember where you declared in Isaiah 10:1-2. "Woe unto those who legislate evil, robbing the poor and making women and children their prey."

We remember how you have in all of these things made known your generous love for the least of these. We recall most of all how you entered this story in the flesh, releasing us from our sins through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection. You reconciled us with yourself and in doing so you call us to be reconciled with one another.

Through the Holy Spirit, you continue to tear down the dividing walls of hostility and inequality that separate us from each other and distort your gospel.

We add our voices to the generations that have gone before us in giving thanks for the freedom you brought in the United States when legal slavery ended.

Over two hundred years of European-Americans shipping and trading African peoples as if they were disposable goods distorted our experience of your

image, both in those enslaved and in those who enslaved others.

Yet you have a history of overcoming our most dehumanizing abuses of each other, even when we normalize our abuses through words of law and government-sanctioned violence. Thank you for raising up faithful servants who declare and fight for abolition of injustice. Thank you for not abandoning our forebears. Thank you for releasing us from the legalized injustices we have suffered.

Thank you for your mercy and compassion, Lord. Remind us that we must remember and can never retreat. While we have made slavery illegal, too much of society continues to participate in systems, structures, and cultural patterns that diminish, distort, and destroy the lives of persons of color. Too many are still too enslaved to racism; to the goals of voter separation; to efforts to block living wages and health care.

By your Spirit set us free.

Use our remembrance to cause us to never retreat from working to see this nation and world released from the deceptive corruption that is in the hearts and patterns and practices that continue to be passed along from generation to generation.

In remembering the day in which the slaves in Texas finally heard of their emancipation, we still cry out to you and are open to be used by you to end all slavery, racism, voter suppression, greed, hate, violence, poverty, denial of health care, environmental injustice, war and the false religion of white supremacy and white nationalism.

Lord, when we get tired, free us from apathy and inaction. Open our eyes. Search us, O Lord, and call us into action to bring an end to the injustices that are contrary to your way. Help us to never leave undone the weightier matters of your law—justice, faithfulness, and love.

May you make us into one people. Grant us the strength in your name to spend ourselves on behalf of those who are still entangled in slavery so that together we might experience the full reconciliation and new life that you desire for all peoples.

We offer this prayer that your glory and honor might be made known through the freedom of all people. Amen.

—By Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

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### St. Juliana Falconieri—June 19

To avoid the sins of vanity, lust, and gossip, St. Juliana Falconieri never looked into a mirror, never looked at a man's face, and would faint if she heard gossip. While these might seem extreme measures, consider how often what you look at and what you say or listen to lead you into sin. Today, begin a habit of praying for your guardian angel to help you have custody of your eyes, ears, and tongue.



## 72 Years!?!

Wow, Bob and Dolores Zeni! You must have been just babies when you got married in 1954. Congratulations!

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Weekend retreats coming up at 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA:

A Silent Directed Retreat, **July 6-10, 2026**

A Married Couples Retreat, **July 17-19, 2026**

For more information on these and other retreats visit <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>.

#### Marian Shrines Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Raul Lemus this coming October on a Marian Shrines Pilgrimage to France. Visit sacred sites, celebrate daily Mass, and grow in prayer and devotion. To learn more and register, go to <https://siccotati.org/> or contact 707-795-4807 ext. 113 or email Fr. Lemus at pastor@sjccotati.org. See the flyer on the bulletin board.


#### Free Lyft Transportation in Sonoma County

United Way of the Wine Country, in partnership with United Way Worldwide, is offering free LYFT rides to

Sonoma County residents.

#### Ride Qualifications:

- ❖ Medical/Healthcare. Ex: Medical appointments, Urgent Care (non-emergency)
  - ❖ Financial Assistance (including public benefits, CalWORKs, SNAP, WIC, General Relief, and housing vouchers)
  - ❖ Disaster (transportation to shelter, hotel, relocation site, or to return home, and more)
  - ❖ Legal: Eviction Court, Court-Ordered Community Service, Probation/Parole Check-in, Court-Ordered Education, Commute to/from Court Proceedings/Counsel, Record Expungement
  - ❖ Education: Enrollment, Commute to/from School, Class, Daycare, Guardian School Engagement, Library or Internet Access
  - ❖ Employment: Job Interview, Commute to/from Work, Pre-Employment Needs, Technology Acquisition
  - ❖ Food Pantries
- Economic Stability: Essential Supplies (non-food), Tax Preparation Services, Transportation Services (DMV, Car Repair, etc.), Record Obtainment (SSN, Birth/Death certificate, etc.)
- ❖ Rides are available to all Sonoma County residents. Please call 211 to schedule your rides between Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. As of now, there is no set amount limit per ride.




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