

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—**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 27/28, 2026— Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Life

Most parents will say that the arrival of their first child was the beginning of a new life for them. They will say that the life of parenting involves lots of sacrifices, but the rewards are worth far more than the cost. And there is no one they would rather sacrifice for than their darling “little one.”

This week all three scripture readings illustrate the rewards that God offers to those who are born into the new life of Christ in baptism. Paul tells us that all who die to sin in baptism shall live with Christ “in newness of life.” In this new life, sacrifices are freely and joyfully chosen, and they bring eternal rewards. The story of Elisha and the soon-to-be-widowed woman exemplifies the rewards of freely given sacrifice. She meets Elisha’s needs not out of self-interest, but because she recognizes that Elisha is holy. Her sacrifice is rewarded with new life in her womb, a son to care for her in her old age.

Jesus’ words to us reinforce this message: “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it... and whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones” will be rewarded. Willing sacrifice for others is at the heart of living out our baptism, but then, so is newness of life.

The Little Ones

This week and next Matthew refers to “little ones.” Who are the little ones in these scriptures today? The woman cares for Elisha in his time of need. Elisha cares for the woman in her time of need. The “little ones” are anyone in need, in whom we are to see the face of Christ himself. Who are the little ones in your community? How are you called to reach out to them and care for their needs?

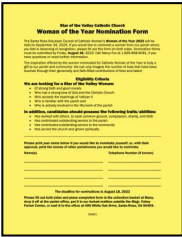


Sunday, June 27/28, 2026
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture Readings

Reading I: *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a*—
 Genuine hospitality is highly praised.
Responsorial: *Psalms 89*—For ever I
 will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II: *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*—We must consider
 ourselves dead to sin.

Gospel: *Matthew 10:37-42*—Whoever does not take up
 the cross is not worthy of Christ.



Woman of the Year

Please submit your completed nomination form by Friday, **July 31, 2026**, by placing it in the WOV Nominations box in the back of the church or mailing to the parish office at 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Nomination forms may be found at the back of church.

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.

Star of the Valley's August Social

Are you missing your fellow parishioners? Because of the lightning damage in April, we haven't been able to gather to visit and enjoy each other.

Mark your calendars for *Star of the Valley's August Social*. The Women's Circle and Men's Club are sponsoring a wine and cheese social on Saturday, **August 1st** from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the East Recreation Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive in Oakmont. There is no cost to attend, no reservations required, and we aren't selling anything. It is just a get together so we can reconnect, chat, enjoy and support each other. Wine and beverages with simple appetizers will be served.



Be sure to put the early evening of **August 1st** on your calendars.

MASS INTENTIONS—JUNE 27–JULY 5

Sat	27	4:00	Intention of Mike Apicella (SOV Men's Club)
Sun	28	10:00	Intention of Misty Moore & †Frank Byron White (Misty Moore)
Mon	29		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	30	8:00	† Eva McGinn
Wed	1	8:00	† Liz Brosnan
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	2	8:00	† Claire Vincent
Fri	3	8:00	† Jim O'Malley
Sat	4	4:00	† James Arroyo (Luis & Phyllis Arroyo)
Sun	5	10:00	† Evert Person

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: Eva McGinn.

Scheduling Mass Intentions at Star of the Valley

Contact the parish office at sov@sonic.net and let us know the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended, whether they are deceased or not, and date preference, if any. Suggested donation for the priest's stipend is \$10 per Mass and may be dropped off or mailed to the office.

Catholic Mass

The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.

—Pope Paul VI

For each Mass we hear with devotion, Our Lord sends a saint to comfort us at death.

—Revelation from Christ to St. Gertrude

Locked Mailbox at Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

When depositing envelopes into the locked mailbox outside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, **please push** the louvred drop slot at the top. Do not pull on the lower portion to open as this weakens the locking mechanism. Thank you.



This Weekend — June 27-28
4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

EMs:	Connie Pearson	Kar Hofmann
Lector:	Gail Passalacqua	Mary Mickelsen
Server:	Len Marabella	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Tom Basile Josie Peluso	Sue Cummings Ron Manning
Ushers:	TBD Josie Peluso Michael Sotak	Clarence Younger John Knight Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — July 4-5
4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

Jan Rosshirt	Liz Garcia
Ted Rosshirt	Karen Schraga
Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman
Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Ron Manning Paula Scull
Tim McCammon Tom Basile Bev Shelhart	Tim Cummings Steve Hipson Michael Montez

PARISH EVENTS—JUNE 27-JULY 5

Friday, July 3—Office Closed

Saturday, July 4—Happy Independence Day!

Weekly Collection Report

June 7	June 14	June 21	Weekly Goal
\$9,527	\$3,562	\$3,391	\$5,365

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

Second Collection—Peter's Pence

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html



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. If you have questions or need help, please email Anna in the parish office M, T, Th, F at sov@sonic.net.

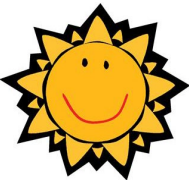


Planned Giving

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/The Women's Circle has) 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.

On Dieting

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

The First Martyrs of Rome—June 30

In the year 64, the Roman Emperor Nero had developed a reputation for being violent, impulsive, and extravagant. Many thought he was crazy. A fire broke out in Rome that burned for nine days and destroyed most of the city. Some say that Nero was responsible for the fire, but according to Nero it was the Christians who were to blame. He systematically rounded up everyone who was a Christian—men and women who learned directly from the Apostles Peter and Paul—then martyred them brutally. Some were crucified, some were fed to wild dogs, and some were covered in tar or wax and burned alive as human torches to light the streets. Rather than stopping Christianity, the martyrdoms helped it spread throughout Rome... like a fire.

All too often, we know the mechanics of our Catholic faith and the words we use, but we really don't take their meaning and own them. The First Martyrs of Rome were martyrs specifically because they embraced the meaning of the faith... and were willing to die for what had become part of them. Today, make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic adoration, and fervently pray: "I do believe, Lord: help my unbelief."

Hang In There

Each of us will be put to the test when it comes to our faith. How we react to tragedy, scorn, injustice, boredom, betrayal, illness, and loss will present moments of truth for us. Will our faith endure? Saint Paul tells the Romans that "tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope." Paul knew a thing or two about perseverance. His lengthy missionizing sea journeys covered something on the magnitude of 10,000 miles and many months on often rough seas. When you feel tested, turn to Paul for inspiration. Stay the course!



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Caminata: "Peace Town" Sebastopol, Saturday, **August 15**, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sebastopol Central Park. Start and finish at the "Sebastopol Living Peace Wall" at the corner of McKinley Street and Laguna Park Way, adjacent to the Rialto Cinemas.

A beautiful 9-mile/338 ft elevation gain, park trail and urban walk. We'll experience both of Sebastopol's Peace Gardens, the Japanese American WWII Internment Camp Mural, Laguna Wetlands Preserve, enjoy the shaded West County and Joe Rodota Trail, Ragle Ranch Park trails and vistas, Florence Avenue Art Walk with its whimsical recycled junk sculptures, Historic Main Street, Laguna Uplands Preserve (approximate site of an ancient Southern Pomo village), visit the locations of Sebastopol's two China Towns, and stroll The Barlow to end our walk.

Come early for coffee and pastries at Taylor Lane Organic Coffee and stay after the walk for lunch at the Barlow and/or ice cream at Screamin' Mimie's.

Visit <https://www.caminodesonoma.com/caminata> to register and for more details.

Points to Ponder

Hurry kills Presence.

Worry kills Peace.
Doubt kills Faith.
Ego kills Love.

Now, read that right to left.
You get to decide which side of the sentence you live on.
—Fearless Soul, Seen on Facebook

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

We're glad you're here and celebrating with us.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- New Parishioner
- New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.


Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

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