

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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Answering service is taking all calls until further notice.

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Website: www.starofthevalley.org

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

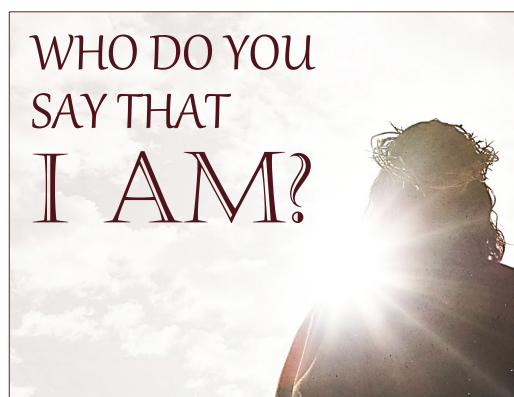
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office
for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest
when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Call the office to arrange visits by a
Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion
when someone is homebound.



August 22/23, 2026— Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rumor Has It...

During Jesus' time, there were many beliefs circulating about the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God.

Matthew,

Mark, and Luke all recount the story of Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi; only Matthew inserts the portion we hear today in which this inbreaking manifestation of faith for Peter makes him the rock on which Jesus can found a Church. Jesus knows, as he illustrated earlier in Matthew's Gospel with the parable of the houses built on sand and rock, that nothing can endure that doesn't have a sure foundation. We also hear Jesus today immediately follow up Peter's profession with a strict command not to go around right away and tell this to others. The faith that breaks in is the foundation, but it takes time and teaching and discernment to comprehend it adequately in order to tell others about it. Indeed, in all three Gospels, the very first thing Jesus does after he is revealed as Christ through Peter's faith is to begin teaching his followers that to be "Messiah" or "Christ" means to suffer much and to die, neither of which was commonly believed about God's Anointed One.



Sunday, August 22/23, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 22:19-23*—God places the key of David's house on the shoulders of Eliakim.

Responsorial: *Psalms 138*—Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reading II: *Romans 11:33-36*—To God be glory forever.

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*—Peter is promised the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

St. Mary's Arcata Marks 30 Years

All are welcome to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and enjoy a free concert by Catholic musician Chris Brunelle, on Friday, **August 28**, 7:00 p.m., 1690 Janes Road in Arcata. See flyer on the bulletin board.

Grief Group at Holy Spirit Church

The Holy Spirit Grief Group will be resuming monthly meetings beginning Wednesday **September 2** from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish Hall. If you are experiencing a loss and would like the support and comfort of a group of parishioners who share fellowship and center their focus on the Word of God, join us. For further information, call Deanna at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.



Introduction to Ignatian Discernment

Non-Silent Workshop for Women and Men. Discernment, as a gift to all Christians, begins with a sensitivity to God's activity and communication in our daily lives. This workshop will explore

these gifts through the experiences, vocabulary, and insights of St. Ignatius of Loyola. **Sept. 11**, 4:00 p.m.—

Sept. 13, 2:00 p.m. with Fr. Kevin Leidich, S.J.

Reading with an Ignatian Heart

One day workshop on the book: *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr. Eight Friday mornings, starts Friday, **September 25**, 9:30–11:00 a.m. These workshops are offered by the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. For more information call 650-917-4024 or go to:

<https://www.jrclosaltos.org/overnight-weekend-retreats>

MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 22–30

Sat	22	4:00	†Gerard Emmett Mansell (Teresa Mansell Ely)
Sun	23	10:00	†Martin Kilgariff (Carole Kilgariff)
Mon	24		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	25	8:00	†John Flanagan (Mike Flanagan)
Wed	26	8:00	†Maurice Flanagan (Mike Flanagan)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	27	8:00	††Vic & Maureen Fryling (Mike Flanagan)
Fri	28	8:00	Intention of Elvera Seghesio (Her Family)
Sat	29	4:00	†Mike Apicella (Len Marabella)
Sun	30	10:00	††Drs. Michael & Agnes Apicella (Dr. Philip & Marietta LaVerde)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Jeremy Aytes, Gail Barrett, Irene Beagle, Fran Benton, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Bambi Clark, Shirley Collins, Bob & Wendy Curtis, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, John Glaser, Mike Hanlon, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Margot Olds, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Sarah Petrini, David Reuser, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.

Scheduling Mass Intentions at Star of the Valley

Contact the parish office and leave a message with the answering service or email 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 into the locked mailbox near the main entry doors of the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, or mailed to the office at 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Please write "Stipend" plus the date(s) of the Mass(es) on the check or envelope.

Prayer for Patience

We all want our Msgr. Fahey Parish Center open again and don't have control over when that might happen. "Heavenly Father, grant me the strength to embrace patience in moments of waiting and uncertainty. Calm my frustrated heart, quiet my rushing thoughts, and help me to trust your perfect timing when life feels difficult or slow. Fill me with your peace today. Amen."



This Weekend — August 22-23
4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Kar Hofmann
Lector:	Ted Rosshirt	John Knight
Server:	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Tom Basile Josie Peluso	Cathy Hardy Peter Hardy
Ushers:	Tim McCammon Tom Basile Michael Sotak	Tim Cummings John McCarthy Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — August 29-30
4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia
Gail Passalacqua	Judy Passaglia
Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Sherry Doran	Sue Cummings
Mary Mickelsen	Tim Cummings
Ed Montague	Clarence Younger
Josie Peluso	Steve Hipson
Bev Shelhart	Michael Montez

PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 22-30

Time to relax and enjoy cooler temperatures.

Weekly Collection Report

August 2	August 9	August 16	Weekly Goal
\$5,431	\$5,578	\$3,068	\$5,365

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



SOV Woman of the Year Marcy Fox

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to the Annual Women of the Year Celebration on **October 17, 2026** at St. Francis Solano Church, 469 Third Street West, Sonoma, CA 95478. Marcy Fox, our parish's 2026 Woman of the Year, will be honored at this event. The cost is

\$35 per person. The schedule is: registration and continental breakfast at 9:00, Rosary at 10:30, Mass at 11:00, and an awards presentations and luncheon following the Mass.

If you want to go, please text or email Barbara Gasparini at 707-479-8642 or Bgasparini@prodigy.net and let her know you are interested in attending. Our reservations are due September 1st. Please let Barbara know as soon as possible. All payments (nonrefundable) and reservations need to be received in advance. Make checks (\$35.00) payable to SRDCCW and mail to Barbara Gasparini, 306 Valley Oaks Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. We look forward to a lovely day honoring our Woman of the Year, Marcy Fox.

How Old Is Your Church?

If you are a Lutheran, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Catholic Church, in the year 1517.

If you belong to the Church of England, your religion was founded by King Henry VIII, in the year 1534, because the Pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry.

If you are a Presbyterian, your religion was founded by John Knox in Scotland in the year 1560.

If you are a member of the Congregationalist, your religion was originated by Robert Brown of Holland in the year 1582.

If you are Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to your founder, John Smyth, who launched this denomination in the city of Amsterdam in the year 1605.

If you are of the Dutch Reformed Church, you recognize Michaelis Jones as your founder, because he originated your religion in New York in the year 1628.

If you are a Protestant Episcopalian, your religion was an offshoot of the Church of England, and your offshoot was founded by Samuel Seabury in the American Colonies in the 17th Century.

If you are a Methodist, your religion was launched by John and Charles Wesley in England in the year 1744.

If you are a Unitarian, then Theophilus Lindley is the founder of your church, in London in the year 1774.

If you are a Mormon (Latter Day Saints) your modern religion was started by Joseph Smith in Palmyra, New York, in the year 1829.

If you worship with The Salvation Army, your sect began with William Booth in the city of London in the year 1865.

If you are a Christian Scientist, you recognize that your religion was begun by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy in the year 1879.

If you belong to one of the religious organizations known as Church of the Nazarene, or Pentecostal Gospel, or Holiness Church, or Pilgrim Holiness Church, or Jehovah's Witnesses, or any of the multiple thousands of storefront churches, then your religion is one of the thousands of new sects founded by men within the past 150 years!

If you are a Roman Catholic, then you know that your Church was founded in the year 33 by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and it is still the same church!

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Resurrection Parish Fall Fiesta

Food, fun, music and a raffle are available at Resurrection Parish's Fall Fiesta, 303 Stony Point Road, at the corner of West 3rd in Santa Rosa, on Saturday, **September 12**, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

St. Rose Parish Festival—September 20

Join us at St. Rose Parish, 398 10th Street in Santa Rosa, on Sunday, **September 20** from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for family fun, food, and fellowship. For more information, please call 707-540-2168. See flyer on bulletin board.



Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

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.
- ☐ I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- ☐ I have a question. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

A free event for ages 60 and better, plus their caregivers. Hosted by the Council on Aging, Sonoma County

The day will feature inspiring speakers, breakout sessions, resource vendors, and interactive activities, all designed to connect older adults, caregivers, and professionals with tools and support for mental well-being. Includes a free continental breakfast and lunch.

Must Register by August 27, 2026. For more information call Denise Johnson at 707-525-0143 x119.

This 16-week workshop meets Wednesday from 10:00–11:00 a.m., **September 9**–December 23. Classes will be at the Linda Tunis Senior Apartments, 615 Acacia Lane in Santa Rosa. Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention is an evidence-based fall prevention program recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information and to register, contact Dana Jacoby, Tai Chi instructor at 707-536-5632 or email at danamjacoby@gmail.com.

Join us as we celebrate Fall Prevention Week with free educational events designed to help older adults improve balance, build strength, and stay independent. Learn practical strategies to reduce your risk of falls, improve confidence, and age safely at home.

Monday, **September 21**, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, **September 23**, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, **September 23**, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

For more information call Denise Johnson
at 707-525-0143 x119.



See posters for **Connection is Prevention, Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention**, and **Fall Prevention Week** on the bulletin board behind the organ.



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