

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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Answering service is taking all calls until further notice.

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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

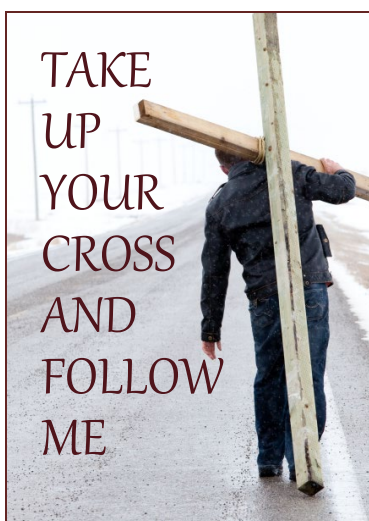
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office
for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest
when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

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



August 29/30, 2026— Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Following Christ

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God, "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to

explain that being the Messiah means suffering and dying, and being the follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same.

Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you.

Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.



Sunday, August 29/30, 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*—God's word has brought me derision.

Responsorial: *Psalms 63*—My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading II: *Romans 12:1-2*—Discern what is the will of God.

Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-27*—Take up the cross and follow the Lord.

A New Chapter

After 15+ years working as Office Manager for Star of the Valley Church, Sharon Charlton is getting ready for a new chapter in her life—retirement.

The full-time position of Office Manager at Star of the Valley will be posted on the diocesan website soon.

Anyone interested in this job opportunity will be asked to apply through the diocesan Human Resources department. Any questions regarding the position may be asked of Lori Norcia, Director of HR, Diocese of Santa Rosa at lnorcia@srdiocese.org.

It's Parish Festival Time...

...except for Star of the Valley Church.



Unfortunately, since we still don't have a usable parish center, our annual summer Parish BBQ Raffle fundraiser and Welcome Dinner had to be forfeited. As long as there will be no more unforeseen repair delays, we plan on resuming our annual fundraising gathering next summer, 2027.

Meanwhile, check out other parish's festivals for fun!

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 the flyer on bulletin board.

MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 6

Sat	29	4:00	†Mike Apicella (Len Marabella)
Sun	30	10:00	††Drs. Michael & Agnes Apicella (Dr. Philip & Marietta LaVerde)
Mon	31		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	1	8:00	†Frank Seghesio (Dianne Seghesio)
Wed	2	8:00	†Michael Walsh (Mike Flanagan)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	3	8:00	†Dr. Michael Kirby (Mike Flanagan)
Fri	4	8:00	†Eva McGinn (Carole Kilgariff)
Sat	5	4:00	†Paul Valente (Virginia Randall)
Sun	6	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, Cathy Hardy, 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.



The First Daughter of Charity

It's not every day that a Catholic saint is honored with a United Nations resolution. But then, Mother Teresa is hardly an everyday saint. The U.N. honored the famous nun from Kolkata, known the world over for her hands-on

care of the poor, with a resolution in 2013. It declared that on the **September 5th** anniversary of Mother Teresa's death each year, the world would now observe an International Day of Charity. Let's take her at her word: "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity; it is about love. Charity and love are the same—with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead."

Check Your Pockets!

Sometimes, you spend all your time looking for a thing you thought was lost when really, you had it in your pocket all along. It's that way with courage, and hope, and determination. Don't forget to check your pockets.

—Nanea Hoffman



This Weekend — August 29-30

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

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

Next Weekend — September 5-6

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Linda Luceti	Liz Garcia
Karen Schraga	John Knight
Len Marabella	Mike Flanagan
Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mary Bell Paula Scull
Tim McCammon Tom Basile Michael Sotak	Tim Cummings Steve Hipson Michael Montez

PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 6

Donut Sundays, Bingo Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, and other events will resume after the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center is repaired and approved for reopening. Please keep this huge reconstruction process in your prayers!

Weekly Collection Report

August 9	August 16	August 23	Weekly Goal
\$5,578	\$3,068	\$3,895	\$5,365

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

Are You Registered Here at Star of the Valley Church?

Some people attending mass here are surprised to find out that they are not registered as parishioners. After all, they have been attending for years and contributing.

Although not necessary, please note, that if you have never filled out a Registration Form in the office or online, then you may not be registered as a parishioner. It is alright to be registered at more than one parish. Receiving offertory envelopes is not required.

Did you know that there are benefits to being registered? One of the best is that it makes it easier to obtain any of the Sacraments!

If you are unsure or would like to update your details, please contact the Star of the Valley parish office at 707-539-6262 or email sov@sonic.net. There are registration forms at the back of church which may be dropped off in our locked mailbox at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.



Season of Peace

The Season of Creation begins on September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The observance concludes on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. For good reason, St. Francis of Assisi is

recognized internationally as the “patron Saint” of Creation. If the traditional spirituality heard the Word of God in the pages of Creation, Francis experienced the beauty of God in the splendor of Creation.

This lover of the poor and advocate for peace speaks to us today as we struggle to respect the Natural World as the common home of humankind. St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist Community, put it this way: When you are walking alone, listen to the wisdom proclaimed to you by the flowers, the trees, the shrubs, the sky, the sun, and the whole World. A new and vital consciousness is emerging in our time. We are beginning to realize our interconnectedness with the Natural World, without which we would cease to exist. The time has come to live peaceably with the World around us.

Crucial to this effort is living peaceably with the world within us. Each and every one of us can be a person of peace. This peace is resting in our hearts. We can tap into its beauty and energy whenever we choose. The World around us often tempts us to be reactive,

retaliatory, greedy, and self-centered. The flowers we see and the birds we hear invite us to the peace living in our hearts. The Creation around us invites us to discover the beauty within us for the sake and well-being of all.

Over the years, September 11 to the 21st has become a Season unto itself. The tragic events of September 11, 2001, shocked the World, and we have never been the same. As we prepare for the observance of the International Day of Peace on September 21st, we pledge anew to be people of peace and understanding. Deep in the heart of the Season of Creation is the Season of Peace. We hope and pray these observances will remind us to respect Nature and one another each and every day.

Benazir Bhutto, Former Pakistani Prime Minister and the first woman to head a Muslim state, powerfully proclaimed, “I have found that those who do achieve peace never acquiesce to obstacles, especially those constructed of bigotry, intolerance, and inflexible tradition.”

Blessings to you, Holy Community, for striving to be people of understanding, reconciliation, and courage in your pursuit of peace. As you honor the World around you, cherish the World within you. Discover anew the peace of your heart. Never miss an opportunity to share the peace in your heart.

—Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

Moved By Movies

As the weekend emerged in the last century as a two-day break in the workweek for leisure and spiritual pursuits, filmgoing became a major form of recreation. At its height in the 1930s, 65 percent of the U.S. population went to the movies weekly. “Going to the movies” may now simply mean clicking on a streaming app, but watching films remains a popular weekend pastime. Over the years the Vatican has recognized film as a valuable art form deserving of “praise and support.” With that in mind, in 1995, in honor of the 100th anniversary of cinema, the Vatican named 45 important films worthy of watching. Make your way through this fascinating list on a given weekend, and enjoy a guilty pleasure, without the guilt. Click on [45 important films](https://vocationnetwork.org/en/articles/show/477-vatican-list-of-45-important-films%202023) or visit <https://vocationnetwork.org/en/articles/show/477-vatican-list-of-45-important-films%202023>.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

“Come & See”

Is God calling you to be a Sister? Join the Daughters of Charity “Come & See” Fall Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for single catholic women ages 18-40, **September 25-27**, 2026 in the SF Bay Area. Stay with us! Pray with us, and explore God’s dream for you. For more information: Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

“The Rescue” Patricia Sandoval’s Testimony

Hear Patricia Sandoval’s powerful story of rescue from drugs, homelessness, and Planned Parenthood on Saturday, **October 3**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church Hall in Napa. A free-will donation will be accepted. Coffee and pastries provided. Please register in advance at 707-255-2949.

Grief Group at Holy Spirit Church

● Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

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

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



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Dr. Robert M. Gendron is a professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also a senior research advisor at the Center for the Study of Social Policy. Dr. Gendron has published numerous articles on the psychology of violence and the effects of trauma. He is currently working on a book about the psychology of violence.



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