

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.



September 26/27, 2026— Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On Changing a Tire

Years ago, a television commercial showed a man driving his car on a rainy night. The man, who looks as though he's had a rough day and just wants to get home, comes across an elderly couple with a flat tire on the side of the road. The man drives past the disabled car, then stops. He can do the right thing—change the flat tire for the couple—and get drenched in the process, or he can keep on going. The expression on his face sums up his torn feelings. He looks as though he wishes he hadn't seen the couple at all. But he has seen them, and in the end, he climbs out of his car to help.

On Changing the World

It's all about choice, isn't it? Generally, we know what's right and what's wrong. We know the virtuous path. The trouble is, the other path is usually the easier and more expedient one, and often, perhaps, it is our first choice. For those of us who struggle with such choices, what a great Gospel reading! And how comforting it is if we can see ourselves more often than not like the first son, the son who said "no" but then "yes!"

Our choices are our own, and the Lord says that we shall live or die by them. Paul counsels us to choose wisely by taking on the values and attitude of Jesus. The prostitutes and the tax collectors? Yes, they made some bad choices. But when John called them to repentance, they changed their attitudes and came running. Not so the chief priests and the elders. If anything, they ran the other way. That man in the commercial didn't want to change the tire, but in the end, he did.



Sunday, September 26/27, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Ezekiel 18:25–28*—Turn away from sin and live!

Responsorial: *Psalms 25*—Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reading II: *Philippians 2:1–11*—Christ became obedient even to the point of death.

Gospel: *Matthew 21:28–32*—The one who obeys the Lord, even reluctantly, is the one who does the will of the Father.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary—October 3 Room To Grow

We've all heard that the "humble will be exalted." Sounds nice, but where can we look for examples, for a role model? Look no further than Mary, Mother of God. Saturday is the traditional day of the week to recall Mary's example of exalted humility. Mary was humble enough to "make room" for God—literally, in her womb. She was willing to trust God with everything—her reputation, her envisioned marriage, her very body. Do you trust enough to make room so that God can be born in you?

October—Month of the Rosary

The history of the Rosary is even older than the era of Pope Pius V. During the month of October, we hope to include bits of this history in the bulletin. Stay tuned! For now, we'll start with a simple definition.

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

Where does the word "rosary" come from? It comes from a Latin word *Rosaria*, which means a crown of roses or a garden of roses. It grew up in the second millennium of Christianity, particularly in Western Christianity around the 14th century. It's attributed to Saint Dominic.

The Rosary is a sequence of prayers. St. John Paul II said, it's a compendium of the Gospel and it's intended to help us grow in our faith as we come to understand more and more about the life, the death, the resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus Christ, and about the Church and who we are in the Lord.

That's why the way to view the Rosary is as a time of meditation. We meditate on the great mysteries of the faith.

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 4

Sat	26	4:00	Intention of Richard Tellinghuisen (Josie Peluso)
Sun	27	10:00	Intention of the Peluso Family (Josie Peluso)
Mon	28		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	29	8:00	† Joseph Lash
Wed	30	8:00	† Al Bentham
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	1	8:00	†† Tom & Joey Cuneo
Fri	2	8:00	†† George & Rose Callori
Sat	3	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	4	10:00	†† Gene & Audrey Engen (Kathy McKeon)

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, Steve Hipson, Jay Marek, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Margot Olds, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Sarah Petrini, David Reuser, Phil VanTassell, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died: Joe Lash and Angelina Tritto.

October—Month of the Rosary

In honor of Mary in the month of the Rosary, make a commitment to say the Rosary every day. If you are unable to do that, maybe a decade a day, or a Rosary a week. Need help? On the Divine Mercy counter we have:



How to Pray the Holy Rosary

This includes the prayers of the Rosary: Sign of the Cross, Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer, and Hail Holy Queen. It includes the days of the week to say each Mystery.



Scriptural Mysteries of the Rosary

It is a double-sided page with more in-depth scriptural passages of each mystery.

This Weekend — September 26-27

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

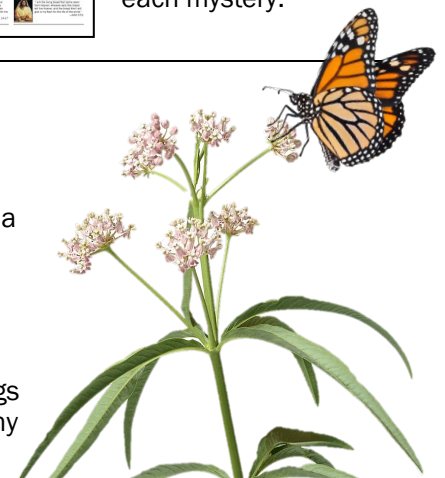
EMs:	Blanche Kaiser	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Connie Pearson	Bowman Olds
Server:	Connie Montague	Mike Flanagan
Greeters:	Sherry Doran Mary Mickelsen	Ceal Geurts Kathy McKeon
Ushers:	Ed Montague Josie Peluso Michael Sotak	Clarence Younger John McCarthy Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — October 3-4

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Sr. Joanne Abrams	Judy Monroe
Gail Passalacqua	Judy Passaglia
Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mardie Hart Paula Scull
Ed Montague Josie Peluso Bev Shelhart	Tim Cummings John McCarthy Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 4

Monday, **September 28**, Pray the Rosary
Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 Daily Mass—Church

Every day, ask for the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker and St. Vincent Ferrer, Patron Saint of Builders, while praying for the repairing and reopening of our Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

Weekly Collection Report

Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Weekly Goal
\$5,241	\$5,826	\$3,894	\$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 September 26/27



This weekend's second collection will be for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**.

Donations support initiatives including leadership formation, construction and renovation, justice and peace, communications, youth ministry,

evangelization, Catholic education, child protection, and education of seminarians, clergy, and religious.



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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Important Voting Information

Evelyn Mendez, head of the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office, strongly encourages everyone to

- register to vote, and remind your friends to,
- double check your voter status, even if you haven't moved (and remind your friends to),
- **vote early**, as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail starting October 5, and
- remember you can always vote in-person at the Registrar of Voters office starting **October 5**, or at any Vote Center starting October 24.

While voting by mail is a popular option, she encourages all to stop by one of the Vote Centers or use one of the Official Ballot Drop Boxes to return your ballot. Ballots deposited in one of the Official Ballot Drop Boxes before 8 p.m. on Election Day are always considered timely. In contrast, ballots sent through the Postal Service need to be postmarked on or before Election Day, and received within seven days after Election Day in order to be counted. This is not guaranteed when they are deposited in Postal Service collection boxes close to Election Day.

For more information, visit socovotes.com or call 707-565-6800.

Cantiamo Sonoma Fall Concert



Come to our Fall Concert at St. Seraphim of Sarov Orthodox Cathedral, 90 Mountain View Avenue in Santa Rosa, Sunday, **October 11**, 2026, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

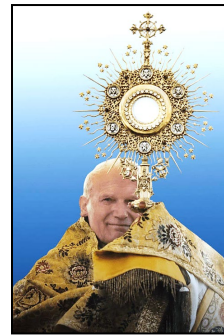
This concert will include the choral music of William Byrd, Hans Leo Hassler, Claudio Monteverdi, William Harris, Benjamin Britten, Stephen Paulus, Moses Hogan, Lucy Walker, and more! There will be a festive reception afterwards.

Tickets are \$30 and will be sold at the door, by clicking [HERE](#), or visit <https://cantiamosonoma.org/>.

Honoring Mary, Our Mother—Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

All are invited to the Carmelite House of Prayer, 20 Mt. Carmel Drive, off Oakville Grade Road in Oakville, CA at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, **October 18**.

We will honor Mary as we pray the rosary in procession outside on the monastery grounds—or pray in the chapel for those who prefer not to walk. Following the rosary, there will be a Crowning of Mary with adoration and benediction in the chapel. Refreshments will follow. The flyer is on the bulletin board.



Eucharistic Conference at SSU Newman Center

Ready to encounter Christ more deeply in the Eucharist? Come to the SSU Newman Center for a two-day conference, "Encountering Christ in the Eucharist: Learning, Loving, and Living the Truth," Friday and Saturday, **October 23-24** in Warren Auditorium—featuring Sr. Mary Emmanuel, Rev. Fr. Alan

Acevedo, and more inspiring speakers. All adults are welcome. Tickets are \$60 per person, but the first 100 students get in free.

Can't go? Help make the Eucharistic Conference accessible to the next generation of Catholics. By purchasing a *Sponsor a Student Ticket*, you help cover the costs associated with a student attendee's conference experience, allowing high school and college students to participate regardless of financial circumstances.

Your sponsorship helps provide: Conference admission, Conference materials, Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner, Event operations and programming costs.

Through your generosity, students will have the opportunity to deepen their faith, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, engage with Catholic speakers and local clergy, and build lasting friendships within the Church.

Thank you for investing in the spiritual formation of young Catholics and helping make this conference possible for those who may not otherwise be able to attend.

For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board, or call 707-696-2171.

“The Rescue” Patricia Sandoval’s Testimony

Grief Support Group



BOOTS
& Bling

Join the friends of St. Vincent de Paul College Prep High School in Petaluma for their annual dinner event and live auction on Saturday, **October 17, 2026.**

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