

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.



October 10/11, 2026— Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the annual Chrism Mass, the diocesan bishop blesses the oils to be used in parishes throughout the diocese for the coming year. The Archbishop of Boston in the 1970s, the late Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, was presiding at a particularly memorable one. That particular year, a young woman, who lived with an emotional disability and was obviously in quite a bit of distress, rushed toward the table that held the oils, grasped one of the vessels and began pouring the oil all over herself. She prayed aloud as she did so. Most of those in attendance at the cathedral stood by in shocked silence, except for one person.

Cardinal Medeiros approached the distraught woman and gently placed his hands on hers. He offered soothing words and a pastoral embrace. Her expression immediately changed from twisted and frightened to calm and peaceful.

God's Welcoming Love

Each time I hear today's Gospel about the king who gave a wedding feast I think of Cardinal Medeiros' actions that day. The king in the parable asks his servants to invite all people, those perceived as "good" and those perceived as "bad," to the banquet when the regular invited guests do not show up. At Boston's Chrism Mass that year, one who might have been perceived as "bad" had entered the cathedral and done something that was unacceptable. Yet the cardinal saw fit to comfort her in her distress. His actions were very much like the king's in today's parable—which are a sign to us of God's way of acting. God's embrace extends to all, the good and bad alike. Let us praise God for a welcoming love that does not make distinctions. All are called to holiness.



Sunday, October 10/11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 25:6–10a*—We rejoice in the salvation of the Lord who saved us.

Responsorial: *Psalms 23*—I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Reading II: *Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20*—In whatever circumstances we find ourselves, our needs will be met in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *Matthew 22:1–14*—The invitation is issued; everything is prepared, come to the feast!

October Mass Count

Each year every parish is asked to count heads at each weekend Mass during October. Our Ushers help with this task. The average weekend tally is calculated and submitted to the diocese for its records, and to determine the health and vitality of the parishes in the diocese.



Respect Those Approaching the End of Life

An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Surround them with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives."

—To Live Each Day with Dignity, USCCB

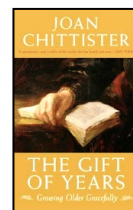
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MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 10–18

Sat	10	4:00	†Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sun	11	10:00	Intention of Lucinda Peluso-Griffith (Josie Peluso)
Mon	12		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	13	8:00	†Gerard Emmett Mansell (Theresa Mansell Ely)
Wed	14	8:00	†Daniel Erlach (Lynette Erlach)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	15	8:00	††Tom & Joey Cuneo
Fri	16	8:00	††George & Rose Callori
Sat	17	4:00	†Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun	18	10:00	†Angelina Tritto (Dan & Lorene DeOrnellas)

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, Mary Kennedy, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Margot Olds, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Sarah Petrini, David Reuser, Phil Van Tassell, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.



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 8 through 10, Wednesday, **October 21**, 10:00– 11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End



- 1 Invite God In.
- 2 Listen
- 3 Inform Yourself
- 4 Be Steadfast in Compassion
- 5 Help Them Achieve Closure
- 6 Provide Opportunities for Resolution
- 7 Reminisce
- 8 Provide a Peaceful Presence
- 9 Show Tenderness
- 10 Bear Their Transition Patiently

Flyers on the counter under the Divine Mercy painting.

This Weekend — October 10-11

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Next Weekend — October 17-18

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Kar Hofmann	Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia
Lector:	Ted Rosshirt	Karen Schraga	Mary Mickelsen	Bowman Olds
Server:	Len Marabella	Drew Hofmann	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Mike Flanagan
Greeters:	Tom Basile Sherry Doran	Mary Bell Judy Monroe	Gloria Bowers Mary Mickelsen	Ceal Geurts Ron Manning
Ushers:	Tim McCammon Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger John McCarthy Michael Montez	Ed Montague Bev Shelhart Michael Sotak	Tim Cummings Michael Montez Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 10–17

Monday, **October 12**, Pray the Rosary

Monday, **October 12**, Columbus Day/Indigenous

People's Day Holiday—Parish Office Closed

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. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Weekly Goal
\$3,894	\$4,525	\$5,472	\$5,365

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

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **World Mission Sunday**.

World Mission Sunday Collection

Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies USA (1950-1966) said, "Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"

Your donations to the **World Mission Sunday** collection help 1,130 mission dioceses worldwide.



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.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

These are some projects on our "to do" list that you can help complete with your contributions.

- ▶ Leaking roof at the Parish Center.
- ▶ Roofing, bathrooms, electrical & other repairs and reconstruction at the Parish Center.
- ▶ Autumn landscape and parking lot maintenance.
- ▶ Replace lighting at Rectory

We will have a second collection next weekend, **Oct. 10/11**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

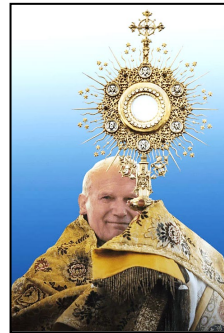
Thank you for your generosity.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

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.



Blessing of Pets

You are welcome to take your pets to the north parking lot at Resurrection Catholic Church, 303 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa, on Saturday, **October 24** at 1:00 p.m. Pets must be leashed or in a crate.

Point to Ponder

All Christians need to develop baloney detectors—the ability to recognize when an idea just isn't true.

—"Total Truth" by Nancy Pearcey

An icon of Saint Francis, a man with a beard and brown hair, wearing a brown robe. He holds a blue cross in his right hand and a white dove in his left hand. A halo surrounds his head. The text "SAINT" is on the left and "FRANCIS" is on the right, both in a stylized font. The background is a solid color.

Visitors are welcome to venerate the relics and treasures from **October 16-November 28, 2026**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. For more information about relic tours or group visits, please contact Deacon Christoph Sandoval at 415-567-2020, ext. 203.

Explore the rich history of our Catholic heritage through Santa Rosa's historic landmarks, cemeteries and scenic pathways on Friday, **October 30**. Starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Chanate Cemetery, we'll end with Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery. RSVP to dsryouth@srdiocese.org. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Welcome

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 locked mailbox at the parish office or put it in the offertory basket.



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