

# 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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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

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 7/8, 2024 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Be Opened**

The miracle that Jesus performs in today's Gospel is intimately linked with the proclamation of the first reading from Isaiah. The prophetic signs of God's coming to save the people include the rejoicing of all of nature: its dry places become gardens and its deserts pools of water. Those who are deaf will hear and the mute will sing God's praises. For Isaiah these are messianic signs, signs that God has come among us.

Jesus heals the deaf man and enables him to hear and speak. This is not just an individual healing, but a prophetic sign that God has come to save us. He comes not only to heal physical ailments, but to open the ears of those who cannot or will not hear the saving word of God. He comes to open our eyes to the saving action of God and to open our lips to proclaim praise.

### **Here is Your God**

Nature itself will proclaim the saving power of God, and the poor are the first to hear and rejoice in God's saving work. Those who are powerless against nature, disease, tyranny, and injustice are the ones who most welcome Jesus' ministry. "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom?" Fear can move us to seek power and to oppress others. The first step in overcoming our fear is to recognize our weakness and our poverty before God. Instead of embracing power and oppression, we can welcome the saving work of God in our lives and in our world. Our ears will hear the good news of the gospel of peace, and our tongues will proclaim the saving power of God.



**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** *Isaiah 35:4-7a*—The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will sing.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 146*—Praise

the Lord, my soul!

**Reading II:** *James 2:1-5*—Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom?

**Gospel:** *Mark 7:31-37*—He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

### Nick's Pantry Needs

Nick's Pantry needs cereal. Honey-Nut Cheerios, Corn Flakes, and Raisin Bran are what our guests like best. Boxes of any size are acceptable, as well as generic brands. Please put them in the wooden box inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.



**4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10**

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

**Dinner: \$10**

**Bingo Cards: \$2 each**

All are welcome. If you don't play bingo, come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner:

NY Sausage, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Ice Cream

### MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 7–15

Sat	7	4:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Mike Apicella)
Sun	8	10:00	<b>Intention of Wendy Papera</b> (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	9		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	10	8:00	† <b>Pat Marabella</b> (Len Marabella)
Wed	11	8:00	† <b>Catherine Emery</b> (Russell Emery)
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	12	8:00	†† <b>Robert &amp; Mary Lou Duxtader</b>
Fri	13	8:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (John Bogdan)
Sat	14	4:00	† <b>Mildred Waska &amp; †Bob Waska</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun	15	10:00	† <b>Bill Forni</b> (Bill & Terry Cutler)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Tom Sosnowski, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Terry Bailie, father of Bianca Bailie, and George Rick.

### SOV's Summer Welcome BBQ Dinner Results

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our August 22, 2024 fundraising event. At the Parish Welcome BBQ Dinner, raffle prizes were awarded to: Connie Pearson \$250; Mary Bell \$250; Frances Waska \$500; Ceal Geurts \$1,000. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who helped organize, set up, cook, and decorate for the fun time!

The SOV BBQ team is pleased to announce that \$22,000 was raised to support the parish!



### Donut Sunday

#### In Memory of Bob Flores

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz Flores for sponsoring Donut Sunday, this weekend on **September 8**, in loving memory of her husband, Bob Flores.

Please come to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit fellow parishioners.

### Liturgical Ministers Needed

To volunteer as a Lector, Server, Usher, Greeter, or Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office.

### This Weekend — September 7–8

**4:00 p.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Linda Luceti	Liz Garcia
<b>Lector:</b>	Connie Pearson	John Knight
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Ron Manning Judy Monroe
<b>Ushers:</b>	Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger

### Next Weekend — September 14–15

**4:00 p.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

Eva McGinn	Barbara Spotleson
Judy Rodgers	Len Marabella
Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Livie Brant	Ceal Geurts
Lisa Munoz-Flores	Paula Scull
Tom Beirne	Tim Burkhard





## PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 8–14

Sunday, **September 8**, Donut Sunday—Parish Center  
Tuesday, **September 10**, 4:00 Bingo—Parish Center

### Weekly Collection Report

Aug 18	Aug 25	Sept 1	Weekly Goal
\$4,319	\$4,261	\$4,210	\$5,365

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

### Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance**. See below. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.

### Neighbor-to-Neighbor

At Star of the Valley, we have Nick's Pantry inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. Your contributions to our Neighbor-to-Neighbor collections help us buy food from the Redwood Empire Food Bank, saving us 43% of retail costs. This, beside the food donations you supply, is how we stock Nick's Pantry which helps our guests who need food.

Over the past year, we acquired enough food to provide the equivalent of 2,600 meals, which helped an average of 60 people per month.

Thank you for your compassion and for being a vital contributor in the effort to end hunger in our community.



### Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through electronic giving, please scan this QR code or go to our website's

**Donate Here** page:

[giving.parishsoft.com](http://giving.parishsoft.com)

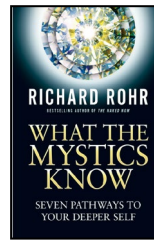
[/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch](http://app/giving/starofthevalleychurch).

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

We keep the church, rectory, and Parish Center in good repair with your contributions to our monthly Parish Repair & Maintenance collections. Projects recently completed, or on our list, include:

- ▶ Upgraded lighting in Parish Center with LED lights.
- ▶ Repaired major water leak in plumbing outside the Parish Center.
- ▶ HVAC in parish library needs replacing.
- ▶ Prune dead tree branches hanging over statue of Mary.

We will have a 2nd collection this weekend for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



### Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *What the Mystics Know, Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self* by Richard Rohr. Our next session will focus on Part Five: *Contemplation Means Practicing Heaven Now*, on Tuesday, **September 17**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.



## STAR OF THE VALLEY 43rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

### 43rd Anniversary Celebration Trivia:

Did you know? Monsignor Fahey's deep belief in his mission to establish a new parish in East Santa Rosa, and his persistence, led him to a benefactor—a man of faith and generosity, Henry Trione—who donated a piece of land in Wild Oak to the Diocese of Santa Rosa for the Star of the Valley Church. It was a beautiful property near a running stream.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our parishioners at the anniversary celebration on

Saturday, **September 28**,  
starting at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Following Mass, we will celebrate with a party at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center with wine and “Hardy” appetizers.

Make sure you return your RSVP and Memory Form. Deadline September 20th.



July 17th, 1983 marked our groundbreaking with Ron Sugarman, John Doolittle, Roz Murphy, Henry Trione, and Father Fahey.



### What's in the Library?

All kinds of fabulous books and other media are in the Star of the Valley Fireside Room, aka the library, including two books written by two of our very own current parishioners, *Magda's Memoirs* by Magda Shelton and *Once Upon A Time: Tales from Fifty Years of Teaching* by Marcella "Marcy" Fox; and *A Collection of Poems* by a former parishioner, M.H. "Andy" Andrew.

Come on in to the library, inside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, any weekday during office hours.

### Beginning With God

May all I do today begin with you, O Lord.

Plant dreams and hopes within my soul, revive my tired spirit, be with me today.

May all I do today continue with your help. Be at my side and walk with me. Be my support today.

May all I do reach far and wide. My thoughts, my work, my life: make them blessings for your kingdom, let them go beyond today.

Today is unlike any other day, for God makes each day different. Today God's everyday grace falls on my soul like abundant seed, though I may hardly see it.

Today is one of those days Jesus promised to be with me.



### Key Found

A small key on a key chain was found in the Parish Center parking lot the week of August 25. Contact the parish office if you're missing a key.

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### Resurrection Parish Fall Fiesta

Come to enjoy the family fun, food, and entertainment at Resurrection Church, 303 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa, on Sunday, **September 8, 2024**, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win cash prizes totaling \$1,000.

#### Webinar: Protecting Places of Worship—Fall Religious Observance Security Briefing

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in partnership with interagency partners, invites you to a webinar for the faith-based community. This webinar will provide participants with a threat briefing during the period of Fall religious observances and the "Protecting Places of Worship National Weeks of Action." In addition, federal partners will share practical tools and resources to help strengthen the safety and security of places of worship and community spaces.

Date: Thursday, **September 19, 2024**

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Pacific Time

Please register [HERE](#), or go to:

[https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_nILguHjStvOI1smLnJswRg#/registration](https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_nILguHjStvOI1smLnJswRg#/registration). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For questions or additional information, email: [Nicole.gentempo@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Nicole.gentempo@hq.dhs.gov).



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