

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

Parish Office Phone: 707-539-6262

Answering service is taking all calls until further notice.

E-mail: sov@sonic.net

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.



October 17/18, 2026 — Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repay to God What Belongs to God

Power Struggles

If you are engaged in struggles over your own and others' power in your life, this week's scriptures provide a way of resolving many of those struggles without taking sides. The readings leave little doubt as to who holds the real power in the world. It is "the Lord, and there is no other" who anoints Cyrus and grasps him by the right hand (the hand of power), making him victorious and giving the Israelites their freedom. The psalm tells us to give glory and honor to the Lord, who is "beyond all gods" and "governs the peoples with equity." Paul gives thanks to God, whose power is at work in the gospel Paul preached and in the Thessalonians themselves. In Jesus' power struggle with the Pharisees, he says, "Repay... to God what belongs to God." God is the power above all human powers—in government, business, the Church, and our own families. We owe God all "glory and honor," thanks, loyalty, and our lives.

Power Within

We are to give praise and pay tribute to God as the one and only source of true power in our lives. When we do, our ordinary power struggles can more easily be resolved. Like the Thessalonians, we discover the power within ourselves. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live in faith, hope, and love. We no longer feel we must dominate others. We are compelled neither to resist those who have power over us nor always to give in to them. We stop fearing our own power. God's power within us and over all human powers gives us confidence, courage, and humility in every power struggle we may encounter.



Sunday, October 17/18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*—We are to worship God alone, the God who calls us by name.

Responsorial: *Psalms 96*—Give the Lord glory and honor.

Reading II: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*—We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: *Matthew 22:15-21*—Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

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.



Healing Is Possible

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99.
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For Further Reflection

Find out where joy resides, and give it a voice far beyond singing. For to miss the joy is to miss all.

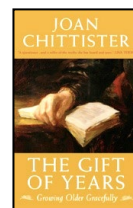
—Robert Louis Stevenson

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 17–25

Sat	17	4:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun	18	10:00	† Angelina Tritto (Dan & Lorene DeOrnellas)
Mon	19		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	20	8:00	† Kevin Mark Kilgariff (Carole Kilgariff)
Wed	21	8:00	Intention of Cathy Hardy (Carole Kilgariff)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	22	8:00	† Msgr. Tim Murphy (Carole Kilgariff)
Fri	23	8:00	†† Joe & Rose Peixotto (Carole Kilgariff)
Sat	24	4:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	25	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, Bill De La Fuente, 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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



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.

Money talks—but all mine ever says is good-bye.

This Weekend — October 17-18

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia
Lector:	Mary Mickelsen	Bowman Olds
Server:	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Mike Flanagan
Greeters:	Gloria Bowers Mary Mickelsen	Ceal Geurts Ron Manning
Ushers:	Ed Montague Bev Shelhart Michael Sotak	Tim Cummings Michael Montez Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — October 24-25

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann
Karen Schraga	Bob Zeni
Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman
Kathy McKeon	Sue Cummings
Josie Peluso	Tim Cummings
Tim McCammon	Clarence Younger
Tom Basile	John McCarthy
Josie Peluso	Michael Montez



PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 17–24

Monday, **October 19**, Pray the Rosary

Wednesday, **October 21**, Spiritual Book Club—Quiet Room at the church

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. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Weekly Goal
\$4,525	\$5,472	\$6,927	\$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 **World Mission Sunday**.



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.



Star of the Valley Has a New Office Manager

We are happy to announce the hiring of our new Office Manager at Star of the Valley. **Travis Moore** comes to us from an 8-year span at Catholic Charities in the Caritas Village in downtown Santa Rosa. As an Office Administrator, Travis was

responsible for many different administrative projects and tasks in the Shelter and Housing department, and worked on behalf of those experiencing homelessness.

Travis is a long-time parishioner of St. Eugene's Cathedral and sings with the Cathedral Choir at their 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Please join us in welcoming Travis when you see him around the Parish.

In Transition

Sharon Charlton is still employed in the parish office as the outgoing Office Manager while Travis is being trained for his new position. Our parish's Administrative Assistant, Anna Jean, is also helping to train Travis in order to bring him fully onboard.

All of our office staff, including Msgr. Puskamp, may be reached at the same email address: sov@sonic.net, or by calling the parish office at 707-539-6262 and leaving a message with the answering service. If needed, after we receive your message, we can call you back.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Pope Leo XIV

By now you've likely heard that Pope Leo XIV was diagnosed with lung cancer after surgery in Rome on Tuesday. The good news is that he's eating, walking around his room, and recovering as his doctors hoped. Let's all pray together for his health.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV



O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.

Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. O St. Peregrine, pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, gather our Holy Father under your mantle. Stay close to him in his suffering and comfort him as you comforted your Son. Bring our prayers to the Lord, that He may grant him healing and give him strength to keep shepherding the Church and serving the world. Amen.

"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other—let us go forward."
—Pope Leo XIV

Medicare Open Enrollment Starts on Oct 15:

Do you need help understanding your Medicare options or what's changing in 2027?

HICAP offers free, confidential, and unbiased Medicare counseling to help beneficiaries make informed decisions about their health coverage.

We can help you:

- Compare Medicare Advantage, Medigap, and Part D plans
- Review prescription costs and coverage
- Check whether your doctors and pharmacies are in-network
- Assist with enrollment, billing issues, and appeals
- Apply for Medicare Savings Programs and Extra Help
- Understand Medi-Cal and dual eligibility
- Report Medicare fraud and abuse

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period, **October 15–December 7**

Call 707-526-4108; www.SeniorAdvocacyServices.org

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. 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 yellow with a red border.

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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