

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.

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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.

Travis Moore, Office Manager

Sharon A. Charlton, Outgoing 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 24/25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love of God & Neighbor

It's easy to tell when two people love each other. They like to be near each other and spend time together. They share intimate thoughts and feelings. They enjoy making each other happy. And knowing that they are loved allows them to reach out to other people and treat them with love and respect.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us that the greatest law is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind. What does it mean to love God? Certainly, it means spending time together by reading and reflecting on God's holy word. It also means sharing our thoughts and feelings with God in prayer and listening for God's voice. Where do we go to be close to God? Anywhere in God's creation, with others or alone, where we can acknowledge His presence. What can we do to make God happy? How do we, like the Thessalonians, "serve the living and true God?"

The reading from Exodus makes it very clear that we serve God by serving those who are oppressed or in need. Jesus makes it more personal—we are to love our neighbors. That means those with whom we work and play and live. When we spend time with God, we can't help but experience God's great love for us. Knowing that we are loved by God helps us to reach out in charity and justice to our neighbors both near and far away.

Thus, love of neighbor flows naturally from those who love God. We cannot truly say that we love God unless it shows in loving relationships and compassion to those in need. At the same time, we cannot maintain our love of neighbor unless we take time to drink from the wellspring of God's refreshing love.



Sunday, October 24/25, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

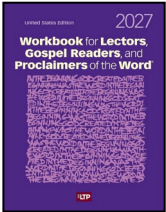
Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Exodus 22: 20-26*—God hears the cry of the oppressed.

Responsorial: *Psalms 18*—I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading II: *1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10*—God’s people are renowned for their conversion and love of God.

Gospel: *Matthew 22:34-40*—The greatest law is the law of love.



Attention Lectors

The 2027 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* is now available for you to pick up in the workers Sacristy. Please write the date next to your name on the Lector Book list when you pick it up.



Called to Serve Moms in Need



“The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities... Mary’s witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to

make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone.”

For more information on how you can get involved with helping pregnant or parenting moms, please see the flier, “Called to Serve Moms in Need”, located on the Divine Mercy counter.

The right to life is the first among human rights.

—Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 24—NOVEMBER 1

Sat	24	4:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	25	10:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Carole Kilgariff)
Mon	26		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	27	8:00	† Joe Lash
Wed	28	8:00	† Marilyn Brown
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	29	8:00	† Harriet Draper
Fri	30	8:00	† Msgr. Thomas Keys
Sat	31	4:00	† Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sun	1	10:00	† Angelina Mary Tritto (Maryanne and Jerry Elliot and family)

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: Loretta Emmons

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Nationwide Invitation to Prayer & Action

From now through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on ProLife Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills by invoking the intercession of St. Joseph:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

This Weekend — October 24-25
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

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

Next Weekend — Oct. 31- Nov. 1
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Tim McCammon	Sr. Joanne Abrams
Blanche Kaiser	Mike Flanagan
Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann
Gloria Bowers Tom Basile	Kathy McKeon Paula Scull
Ed Montague Kathleen Beirne Tom Basile	Tim Cummings Clarence Younger Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 24—NOVEMBER 1

Monday, **October 26**, Pray the Rosary

Saturday, **October 31**, Set Clocks Back at Bedtime

Sunday, **November 1**, All Saints Day

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

Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Weekly Goal
\$5,472	\$6,927	\$5,906	\$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.



November is All Souls' Month

The Commemoration of all the faithful departed (aka All Souls' Day) is November 2nd, but at Star of the

Valley, we celebrate it the whole month of November.

You may have your loved ones remembered at our Masses during November by writing their names on the special envelope provided in this bulletin, and putting it in the collection basket.



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.

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. Pulskamp, may be reached at the same email address: sov@sonic.net, or by calling the parish office at 707-539-6262.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Pope Leo needs 'no further treatment' following lung cancer surgery



"The final histological examinations and molecular biology tests on the tissue removed during the Holy Father's surgery were completed. The results confirmed that it was pulmonary adenocarcinoma and that the disease was localized. A subsequent oncological assessment confirmed that no further treatment

is necessary," the Vatican Press Office said.

Pope Leo XIV was discharged from Rome's Gemelli Hospital on Oct. 17 and returned to the Vatican.



SOV Woman of the Year

For nine years, Marcy has helped deepen the spiritual life of Star of the Valley parishioners. She organizes the parish's Advent and Lent prayer services, has led teaching sessions on spirituality, world religions, prayer, and liturgical renewal, and helped lead a seminar on Catholic Social

Teaching. Today she leads the parish Spiritual Book Club. Her parish describes her as welcoming and humble, a gifted facilitator who brings calm and depth to all she does.



Saint Francis: Visionary of Life



Pope Leo XIV has decreed that for 2026 "a special Year of Saint Francis shall be proclaimed, in which every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."

The taking of innocent human life through abortion, assisted suicide, and other acts of violence destroys peace in our world. We are called to be witnesses of peace by boldly proclaiming the dignity of the human person and working for the protection of all human life.

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.



Turn Clocks Back

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend, on November 1. Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, **October 31**.

