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.**

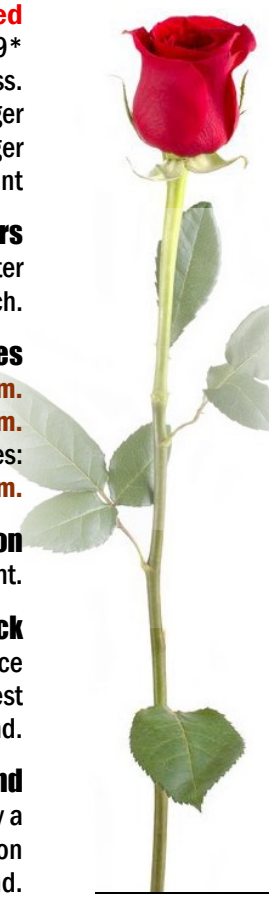
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday **from 3:00-3:30 p.m.** and by appointment.

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 31–November 1, 2026
All Saints Day



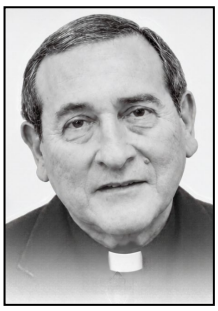
We Remember

Dr. Michael Apicella	*6/28/2026*
Gayle Brinker	*12/8/2025*
John Brosnan	*11/25/2025*
Isabel (Liz) Brosnan	*4/28/2026*
Ron Charlton	*5/23/2026*
Russell Emery	*7/25/2026*
Loretta Emmons	*10/11/2026*
Audrey Engen	*1/12/2026*
Eugene Francis Engen	*8/28/2026*
Alan Gould	*4/23/2026*
Charles Gresalfi	*12/10/2025*
James Kennedy	*1/4/2026*
Kevin Konicek	*3/8/2026*
Joe Lash	*9/21/2026*
Mary Virginia Lumpkins	*12/19/2025*
Eva McGinn	*6/11/2026*
Helen Grieve McGonagle	*3/2/2026*
Craig Muzio	*3/4/2026*
Cheryl Elise Pappin	*1/24/2026*
Diane Price	*5/18/2026*
Patricia Jean (Pat) Sack	*7/21/2026*
Magdalena (Magda) Shelton	*11/11/2025*
Virginia Shubel	*2/1/2026*
Angelina Tritto	*9/8/2026*

Please pray for the souls of these parishioners, and all who have died during the past year: October 31, 2025–October 31, 2026



Sunday, Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2026
Solemnity of All Saints
Scripture Readings
Reading I: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14*—Dressed in white, bearing palm branches, the saints rejoice in the heavenly liturgy.
Responsorial: *Psalm 24*—Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
Reading II: *1 John 3:1-3*—We shall be like God.
Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12a*—Jesus unfolds the blueprint of the kingdom.



Passing of Rev. Robert Castro

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Rev. Robert Castro, a priest of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, who died on October 25, 2026. Father Castro was born on January 29, 1944, in Oakland, California. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1985, for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

After some years of priestly service with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, Rev. Castro arrived in the Diocese of Santa Rosa in 1993. He was incardinated in April of 2004. He served in the Diocese of Santa Rosa as a priest for 22 years in these locations:

- St. John the Baptist, Napa—Parochial Vicar (1993–1997)
- St. Francis Solano, Sonoma—Parochial Vicar (1997–2001)
- St. Apollinaris, Napa—Parochial Vicar (2001–2007)
- St. Sebastian, Sebastopol—Parochial Vicar (2007–2008)
- Napa State Hospital—Chaplain (2008–2015)

Father Castro was known for his love of the Catholic faith and for his pastoral care for those persons conserved at Napa State Hospital. Please pray for the repose of his soul. *Amen.*

Funeral Mass for Rev. Castro
Date: Tuesday, **November 3**, 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: St. Francis Salono Church, Sonoma

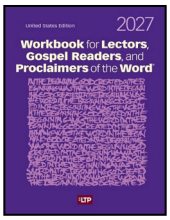
Please continue to keep Fr. Castro, his family, and all who mourn his passing in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 8

Sat	31	4:00	**†Pat Marabella** (Len Marabella)
Sun	1	10:00	**†Angelina Mary Tritto** (Maryanne and Jerry Elliot and family)
Mon	2		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	3	8:00	**†Lincoln R. McCarthy** (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	4	8:00	**††Drs. Mike & Agnes Apicella**
		10:30	**O.G.—For the People of the Parish**
Thur	5	8:00	**Intention of Anita Hoyt** (Anna Jean)
Fri	6	8:00	**††Drs. Mike & Agnes Apicella**
Sat	7	4:00	**†Barbara Nowacki** (Don Nowacki)
Sun	8	10:00	**†Darcy Jean Paquette** (Maryanne Elliott)

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: Rev. Robert Castro and Loretta Emmons.



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.

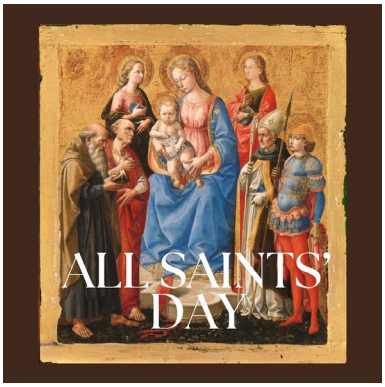


November is All Souls' Month

The Commemoration of all the faithful departed (aka All Souls' Day) is November 2, but at Star of the Valley, we celebrate it the whole month of November.

To have your loved ones remembered in our Masses during November, write their names on the special All Souls' Day envelope, inserted in last weekend's bulletin or found near the church entrances, and put it in the collection basket, or drop it into the locked mailbox at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center during the week.

	This Weekend — Oct. 31-Nov. 1		**Next Weekend — November 7-8**	
	4:00 p.m.	**10:00 a.m.**	**4:00 p.m.**	**10:00 a.m.**
EMs:	Tim McCammon	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Linda Luceti	Liz Garcia
Lector:	Blanche Kaiser	Mike Flanagan	Len Marabella	John Knight
Server:	Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann	Judy Rodgers	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Gloria Bowers Tom Basile	Kathy McKeon Paula Scull	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mary Bell Judy Monroe
Ushers:	Ed Montague Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Tim Cummings Rick Ragan Clarence Younger	Tim McCammon Tom Basile Michael Sotak	Michael Montez Rick Ragan Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 7

Saturday, **October 31**, Set Clocks Back at Bedtime
Sunday, **November 1**, All Saints Day/Daylight Savings Time Ends
Monday, **November 2**, All Souls' Day—Pray the Rosary
Tuesday, **November 3**, Election Day—Remember to Vote!
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. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Weekly Goal
$6,927	$5,906	$4,719	$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 Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance**. See below.

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.



We Remember Them

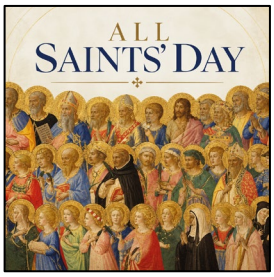
At the rising of the sun and it's going down
We remember them.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
We remember them.
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
We re member them.
At the blueness of the skies
and in the warmth of summer
We remember them.
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
We remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength
We remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart
We remember them.
When we have joy we crave to share
We remember them.
When we have decisions that are difficult to make
We remember them.
When we have achievements that are based on theirs
We remember them.
As long as we live they too will live;
For they are now a part of us.
As we remember them.
—From Gates of Prayer (Reform Judaism Prayer book)



Priest Appreciation

Plan to honor our parish's one and only priest, our pastor Monsignor Pulskamp, during Vocation Awareness week, **November 1-7**. The parish priest is one of the hardest-working members of the Church, balancing numerous responsibilities with limited time off. They put in so much work to make sure we get to heaven, so it's appropriate to thank them for what they do.

Offer a prayer, write a note, or share a word of encouragement this week.



All Saints Day Origins

All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1, is the vibrant Christian solemnity honoring both known and unknown saints and reflecting deep-rooted traditions of the Catholic Church. Tracing its unofficial origins back to the fourth century, this holy day evolved significantly, culminating in the observance we recognize today.

Initially established as a feast for martyrs, All Saints' Day can be traced back to May 13, A.D. 609, when Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to the Virgin Mary and all martyrs. Pope Gregory III moved the celebration in the 8th century to November 1, dedicating a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to honor all saints. Officially recognized as a universal holiday by Pope Gregory IV in the ninth century, this date was likely chosen to coincide with existing pagan harvest and spirit festivals, such as Samhain, thereby facilitating the transition from paganism to Christianity.

It honors all saints, both canonized and unknown, acknowledging their contributions and sacrifices for the faith. The Church emphasizes the need to remember those whose sainthood is known only to God, reinforcing that all believers can aspire to holiness.

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.

We will have a second collection next weekend, **November 7/8**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Thank you for your generosity.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Job Opportunity

The Cathedral of St. Eugene is looking for a full-time, non-exempt Parish Secretary to join their front office group! Under the direction of the Operations Manager and Pastor, the Parish Secretary handles all front-office clerical duties. The Parish Secretary is the primary first-contact for visitors and callers to St. Eugene's, and is an active member in good standing within the Roman Catholic Church. Bilingual Spanish-English is preferred. This position has a pay range of $19-$24 per hour and is entitled to a full benefit package. To apply, please send your resume and letter of interest to: opsmanager@steugenes.com.



St. Francis Relics Coming to San Francisco

Pope Leo proclaimed January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027 as the special Jubilee Year of St. Francis.

In commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, sacred relics and treasures from Assisi will be on display at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco. The faithful are invited to make a pilgrimage and encounter the extraordinary witness of St. Francis and St. Clare through these sacred treasures.

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.

Lost & Found

Please look in the Quiet Room of the church to retrieve lost articles left in the church. Anything not claimed after one month will either be discarded or considered a donation.

Welcome

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

We're glad you're 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.

☐ New Parishioner
☐ New contact info (address, email, phone number)
☐ I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.
☐ I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
☐ I have a question. Please contact me.

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