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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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.

November 14–15, 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Center Renovation Update

Last weekend Msgr. Pulskamp gave this update to those who attended Masses:

On October 22, 2026, the parish received a check in the amount of $566,495.81 from our insurance company, Catholic Mutual, to cover most of the cost for the renovation of our parish center. We expect to receive an additional payment of $141,625.20 from Catholic Mutual before or at the completion of the project.

On October 30, 2026, as your Pastor, and at the recommendation of our Parish Finance Council, I signed a contract with TENTHS, Inc., the construction company that will perform the renovation work on the parish center, for $708,121.01. Catholic Mutual and TENTHS are in agreement on the total cost of the project.

On November 6, 2026, our Parish Finance Council established a special account with Poppy Bank to manage the funds for this project so that there will be no mingling of these funds with other parish accounts.

TENTHS has already received the full construction documents from the architect, and has already applied to the City of Santa Rosa for a building permit, which may take ten weeks to receive, since we are approaching the holiday season. Once the permit is granted, TENTHS estimates they will need four months to complete their work, given no unforeseen circumstances.

The date for the Grand Reopening of the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center: May 2027(?)

Special thanks go to all members of our Finance Council, and to our Project Subcommittee: Len Marabella and Kurt Amman.



Sunday, November 14/15, 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture Readings
Reading I: *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*—The value of a worthy woman is beyond measure.
Responsorial: *Psalm 128*—Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Reading II: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*—The day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.
Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*—The parable of the talents.

Sharing Our Gifts

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some "talents" (valuables.) What they do with the master's valuables determines what the master will do with the servants when he returns.

How about us? What are we doing with our God-given talents, skills, resources, and abilities? How will our Master treat us when he returns?



Share Your Smile—Be a Greeter!

We are in need of additional volunteers to be Greeters at our Saturday's 4:00 p.m. Mass. It involves standing inside an entrance door of the church for approximately 20-30 minutes before Mass and handing bulletins to parishioners as they enter.

The commitment is approximately once a month on a rotating basis with other Greeters. The schedule will be arranged according to your individual availability.

Please contact Kathy McKeon at 707-228-8311, call or text, if you are interested in joining this ministry.

- The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise! Surprise! It was an Apple, but with extremely limited memory. Just one byte. Then everything crashed.
- I just told my grandkids that I'm older than Google. They think I'm joking.

MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 14–22

Sat	14	4:00	**†Bob Waska ††Bernice & Charles Chappelle** (Frances Waska)
Sun	15	10:00	**††Bob and Joan Rorick**
Mon	16		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	17	8:00	**†Pat Marabella** (Len Marabella)
Wed	18	8:00	**†Fr. Robert Castro**
		10:30	**O.G.—For the People of the Parish**
Thur	19	8:00	**†Gayle Brinker**
Fri	20	8:00	**†Richard DeLambert** (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Sat	21	4:00	**††Francis & Norma Fitzpatrick** (Mary Stone)
Sun	22	10:00	**†Angelina Tritto** (Mary Kennedy)

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 Cookie Schaffer.

HERITAGE FRIENDS
STAR OF THE VALLEY

Heritage Friends

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley Catholic Church are invited to join our Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley. Members of Heritage Friends are a part of Star of the Valley's enduring future by remembering the parish in their estate planning.

Participation in Heritage Friends is straight forward. You merely submit a **Planned Giving Statement of Intent** (found in the church, on our website or in our office) indicating your future intention to give a lasting gift without including any amount.

It is recommended that you contact an attorney to assist you in including your intention in your will or trust.

We invite you, after reflective prayer and consideration, to join Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley.

	This Weekend — November 14–15		**Next Weekend — November 21–22**	
	4:00 p.m.	**10:00 a.m.**	**4:00 p.m.**	**10:00 a.m.**
EMs:	Len Marabella	Kar Hofmann	Blanche Kaiser	Judy Monroe
Lector:	Karen Schraga	Bowman Olds	Mary Mickelsen	Karen Schraga
Server:	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Drew Hofmann	Mary Kay Riccioni	Mike Flanagan
Greeters:	Tom Basile Kathy McKeon	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings	Livie Brant Sherry Doran	Mardie Hart Mary Montague
Ushers:	Tim McCammon Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Tim Cummings John Knight John McCarthy	Judy Rodgers Josie Peluso Bev Shelhart	Clarence Younger John McCarthy Michael Montez



PARISH EVENTS—NOVEMBER 14–21

Tuesday, **November 17**, 10:00 Pastoral Council Meeting—Quiet Room

Wednesday, **November 18**, 11:00 Spiritual Book Club—Quiet Room

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. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Weekly Goal
$4,719	$5,722	$6,059	$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 **Catholic University of America**. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The university's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Visit **collection.catholic.edu**

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 Volunteers Needed

On Friday, **November 27**, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm, **replace** the existing **missalettes** in the church with new ones. Call Maryellen Birkland at 707-477-2925, or see her after Mass to volunteer.

Need a Little Sunshine?

The Women's Circle has a Sunshine Committee that would like to send a card to anyone who needs prayer or a little sunshine in their life due to illness or loss of a loved one. Please call: Terry Cutler at 707-280-9995; Paula Scull at 760-809-2760; Carole Kilgariff at 415-370-2083; or Janet Rosshirt at 707-293-4256.

Choose Faith





Star of the Valley Celebrates Advent & Christmas

All are invited to start the Christmas season with an inspiring Advent Prayer Service. Our speakers will be is Sister Joann Heinritz, a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and our own parishioner, Marcy Fox.

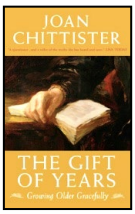
Sister Joann has been a spiritual director, retreat director and instructor at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkely for over 20 years. She also conducts parish missions throughout the United States and has been a retreat director in Ireland every summer for over 15 years.

Marcy Fox is a member of Star of the Valley Parish and has presented a series of lectures on the world's religions and led meditations and discussions for the Oakmont community. She has authored several educational workbooks and journals and led professional workshops throughout the United States and Ireland. Just recently, Marcy was a principal organizer and speaker for our parish's workshops of Catholic Social Teachings

We are so fortunate to have Sister Joann and Marcy Fox lead our Advent Prayer Service, focused on the theme of ***Choose Faith***. We will then continue to celebrate Christmas with an old-fashioned Christmas Carol sing-along and end with a special Christmas tree lighting. Please bring family, friends and neighbors. No cost and no RSVP required.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, **December 3**, 2026, 3:00–5:00 p.m. at Star of the Valley Church.

Sponsored by Star of the Valley Women's Circle.



Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *The Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. Our discussion will be on Adjustment, Fulfilment, and Mystery, Wednesday, **November 18**, 10:00– 11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

Note: the calendar shows the wrong date of Nov. 25.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Drew, one of our Cantors, will be performing at the Nellie W. Codding Theatre at the Spreckles Performing Arts Center, 5409 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park, in the musical, *All Is Calm; The Christmas Truce of 1914*, on Friday, **December 11** at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, **December 12 & 13**, at 2:00 p.m. This glorious, all-male, acapella chorale, is a remarkable true story in the words and songs of the men who lived it. For tickets to this one-weekend-only holiday event, call 707-588-3400 or visit the Spreckles website.

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.

Grief Support Group

Getting through the holidays can be a challenge when you are grieving. Your internal rhythm doesn't seem to jive with the rest of the world. The holidays will be different now, how will that go? Get some ideas, fellowship and prayerful support from the Holy Spirit Grief Group's annual *Surviving the Holidays* workshop. Prayer and fellowship can lighten our hearts. Hope to see you there.

The workshop is on Saturday, **November 21** from 1:00–4:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church hall. For further information, call Deanna at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

Hope & Healing After Abortion

Father Gabriel Wankar will lead a retreat for women **December 4–6**, 2026, at a confidential site. Counseling, Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. To sign up, contact projectrachel@sfarch.org, call 415-614-5567, or visit sfarch.org/rachel.



Joy for All Seasons: An Advent Retreat

The Peace in the Storm Project, a ministry in the Catholic tradition, is delighted to invite caregivers and persons with disabilities and ongoing pain or illness to join us for our annual Advent retreat online on Zoom, Friday, **December 11**, 2026, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The retreat will include song, prayer, reflection, fellowship, and more! Registration is free, although donations are welcome. To register, visit us at Advent@thepeaceinthestormproject.com, and click on the *News, Events, More* tab.

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