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

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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.**

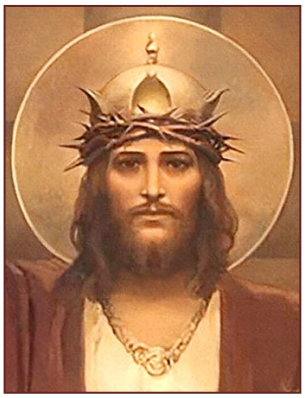
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday **from 3:00-3:30 p.m.** and by appointment.

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.



November 21/22, 2026
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Christ the King

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ.

Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.



Sunday, November 21/22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Scripture Readings
Reading I: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*—The shepherd-king seeks the lost and heals the injured.
Responsorial: *Psalm 23*—The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Reading II: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*—Christ our king has conquered death.
Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-46*—The Lord will come in glory to separate one from another.

Parish Center Renovation Update



Msgr. Pulskamp gave this update to those who attended Masses on November 7-8:

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.

MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 21–29

Sat	21	4:00	**††Francis & Norma Fitzpatrick** (Mary Stone)
Sun	22	10:00	**†Angelina Tritto** (Mary Kennedy)
Mon	23		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	24	8:00	**††Hugh and Elissa Burrell**
Wed	25	8:00	**††John and Jane Cochrane**
		10:30	**O.G.—For the People of the Parish**
Thur	26	**9:00**	**†Nellie Farias**
Fri	27	8:00	**†Patricia Frankus**
Sat	28	4:00	**†Marguerite Kelly**
Sun	29	10:00	**†Charlotte Muzio** (Richard Muzio)

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, Jim and Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.

Grateful

At this time of Thanksgiving, Pete and I want to thank our SOV community for all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement. They are truly appreciated. We are grateful to share that the chemo is working. Thank you for continuing to keep us in your prayers. We are truly blessed with our SOV parish. —*Cathy and Pete Hardy*

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.



Thanksgiving Tradition

Set the table with 3 dried corn kernels on each plate. After, or as a part of grace, pass around an empty bowl. Each person says one thing they are thankful for this year and places one corn kernel from their plate into the bowl, and then passes it to the next person. The bowl will go around the table a full three times, until all kernels are in it.

	This Weekend — Nov. 21–22		Thanksgiving — Nov. 26	Next Weekend — Nov. 28–29	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Blanche Kaiser	Judy Monroe	Judy Rodgers	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Mary Mickelsen	Karen Schraga	Judy Rodgers	Bob Zeni	Judy Passaglia
Server:	Mary Kay Riccioni	Mike Flanagan	Maryellen Birkland	Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Livie Brant Sherry Doran	Mardie Hart Mary Montague	NA NA	Gloria Bowers Mary Mickelsen	Ceal Geurts Ron Manning
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers Josie Peluso Bev Shelhart	Clarence Younger John McCarthy Michael Montez	Tim Cummings Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Ed Montague Josie Peluso Judy Rodgers	Michael Montez John Knight Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—NOVEMBER 22–28

Thursday, **November 26** Parish Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Weekly Goal
$5,722	$6,059	$3,316	$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.

Thanksgiving Collection

The collection at the Thanksgiving Mass will be for our **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** program.

Second Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Christmas Flowers** which will decorate the church for the season.

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.

FYI—No Mail Receptacle

To mail letters, cards, offertory envelopes, and donations, including bank generated checks, to Star of the Valley Church, please use this address: 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. We ***do not have a mailbox*** at the church address. Using 495 White Oak Drive will also help our mail carriers. Thank you.

You may also drop off mail when the office is closed by putting it in our locked mailbox, outside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

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.

To participate in Heritage Friends, submit a **Planned Giving Statement of Intent** (found in the church) 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, to join Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley.

Choose Faith



Sr. Joann Heinritz



Marcy Fox

Star of the Valley Celebrates Advent & Christmas

All are invited to start the Christmas season with an inspiring Advent prayer service on Thursday, **December 3rd**, 3:00–5:00 p.m. at Star of the Valley Church. Our speakers will be Sister Joann Heinritz, a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and our own parishioner, Marcy Fox. Sister and Marcy will focus on the theme of "Choose Faith" for the prayer service.

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.

Sponsored by Star of the Valley Women's Circle.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving by Monsignor Fahey

For Creating us, we thank you Lord
For Redeeming us, we thank you Lord
For Loving us, we thank you Lord
For Calling us by name, we thank you Lord
For our Baptism, we thank you Lord
For our Faith, we thank you Lord
For our Holy Communion, we thank you Lord
For the Gift we are to each other, we thank you Lord
For our Families, we thank you Lord
For the Children in our lives, we thank you Lord
For the sound of Laughter, we thank you Lord
For the beauty of Song, we thank you Lord
For the magnificence of our Surroundings, we thank you Lord
For the Air we breathe, we thank you Lord
For the Water we drink, we thank you Lord
For the Health we enjoy, we thank you Lord
For Sunshine and Rain, we thank you Lord
For changing Seasons, we thank you Lord
For our own Resurrection, we thank you Lord
For all our Benefactors, we thank you Lord
For our Parents, living and dead, we thank you Lord
For all your Gifts, we thank you Lord

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



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.

Advent Lessons & Carols

You are invited to a prayerful candlelit evening of Advent scriptures and music at the Cathedral of St. Eugene at 7:00 p.m.on Friday, **December 4**, 2026. Special perk: Travis Moore, our new Parish Office Manager, will be singing with their choir at this event.

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.

The Annunciation—Saying "Yes" to God

St. Patrick's Episcopol Church in Kenwood is hosting **Saying "Yes" to God: The Annunciation** in art, music, literature, and scripture on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00–Noon in Stevenson Hall. The presenters will be Father Mack, Laurie Boone Hogen, and Mark Kratz. To register, see the flyer on the bulletin board and email: parishadm9000@gmail.com.



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.



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.

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