

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.

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.



September 12/13, 2026— Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Role Models

The “average” Christian has two role models in today’s Gospel: Peter and the indebted servant. Peter thinks he’s going to be even more generous in forgiveness than he is expected to be. In a culture that was based on “an eye for an eye,” to forgive somebody once or even twice was a generous gesture. So, he offered the biblically perfect number of seven as the amount of forgiveness he is willing to extend to another. But Jesus tells him that, no matter how good and forgiving we think we are, we need to be at least ten times more.

The indebted servant hits what people in recovery programs refer to as “rock bottom” when his wife, family, and possessions are threatened. He has no choice but to fling himself on the king’s mercy. It is this act of pleading, of self-recognition of his extreme indebtedness to the king, that causes the compassionate release of regal mercy to flow freely. Jesus illustrates that this is how the divine throne of grace interacts with us.

Role Reversal

But once the indebted servant’s plea for patience has been answered compassionately, he misses the opportunity to go forth and imitate the graciousness he has just received. When faced with his own smaller situation of being the creditor rather than the debtor, he develops the sort of amnesia felt by someone who has been wronged, slighted, or not paid in full. He did not heed the wisdom found in our first reading from Sirach.

All of us would do well to remember this wisdom each time we are called to forgive as we have been forgiven.



Sunday, September 12/13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Sirach 27:30–28:7*—We cannot nourish anger and expect our own sins to be forgiven.

Responsorial: *Psalm 103*—The Lord

is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Reading II: *Romans 14:7–9*—Whether we live or die, we do so in Christ.

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21–35*—Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

A New Chapter

After 15+ years working as Office Manager for Star of the Valley Church, Sharon Charlton is getting ready for a new chapter in her life—retirement.

The full-time position of Office Manager at Star of the Valley has been posted on the diocesan website.

Job Opportunity at Star of the Valley—Office Manager

At the direction of the Pastor, the Office Manager provides organized, welcoming, and professional administrative support for the pastor, parish staff, ministries, and parishioners. This position oversees the day-to-day operation of the parish office, maintains accurate records and communications, supports parish liturgical and pastoral activities, and helps foster a warm, service-oriented Catholic parish environment. This is a full-time, non-exempt position and is entitled to a full benefit package. To apply, please send your letter of interest and resume to Lnorcia@srdiocese.org.

Always Speak the Words of Light

With seemingly never-ending revelations of ministerial misconduct, today's feast of Saint John Chrysostom is a sight for sore eyes. The eminent fourth-century preacher and teacher—whose name is a transliteration of the Greek for “golden mouth”—was surely a product of his day. But he was also guided by the Holy Spirit, who inspired him to be baptized as an adult and denounce corruption in the church while serving as a priest and later as archbishop of Constantinople. As we remember his legacy today, let's take courage to also stand for truth and against all that dishonors the call of the gospel.

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 12–20

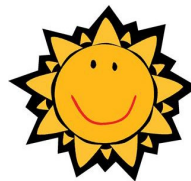
Sat	12	4:00	†Mildred Waska & †Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	13	10:00	†Pat Sack (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	14		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	15	8:00	†Phil DeAndrade
Wed	16	8:00	†Betty Calvi (Maria McCarthy)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	17	8:00	†Gene Engen
Fri	18	8:00	†Charles Gresalfi
Sat	19	4:00	Intention of Christina Peluso (Josie Peluso)
Sun	20	10:00	Intention of David & Diane Mitchell (Josie Peluso)

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, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, John Glaser, Cathy Hardy, Mike Hanlon, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Margot Olds, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Sarah Petrini, David Reuser, Phil VanTassell, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Gene Engen and Bill Volmerding.

Scheduling Mass Intentions at Star of the Valley

Contact the parish office and leave a message with the answering service or email sov@sonic.net and let us know the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended, whether they are deceased or not, and date preference, if any. Suggested donation for the priest's stipend is \$10 per Mass and may be dropped off or mailed to the office. Please make checks payable to **Star of the Valley**.

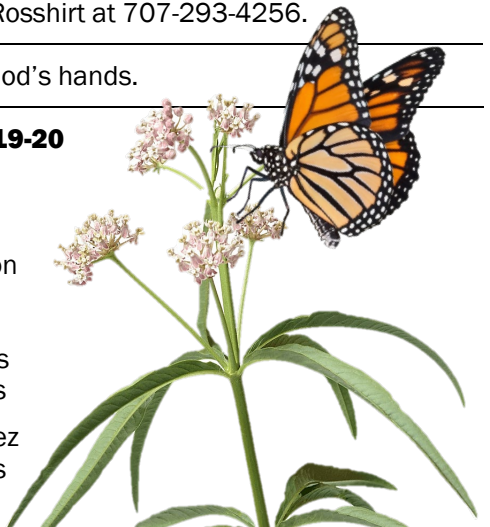


Need a Little Sunshine?

We have 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 any of our

Sunshine Ladies: 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.

We are safe in God's hands.



This Weekend — September 12-13 **Next Weekend — September 19-20**
4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.** **4:00 p.m.** **10:00 a.m.**

EMs:	Blanche Kaiser	Kar Hofmann	Tim McCammon	Judy Monroe
Lector:	Bob Zeni	Bowman Olds	Mary Mickelsen	Connie Pearson
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann	Sr. Joanne	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Livie Brant Josie Peluso	Mardie Hart Judy Monroe	Tom Basile Livie Brant	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne Josie Peluso	Clarence Younger John McCarthy Rick Ragan	Tim McCammon Tom Basile Bev Shelhart	Michael Montez Tim Cummings Steve Hipson

PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 5–13

Wednesday, **September 16**, 10:00—Spiritual Book Club—Church Quiet Room

Donut Sundays, Bingo Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, and other events will resume after the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center is repaired and approved for reopening. Please keep this reconstruction process in your prayers!

Weekly Collection Report

August 23	August 30	Sept. 6	Weekly Goal
\$3,895	\$4,644	\$5,241	\$5,365

Note: The amounts consist of First collections, Parish Repair & Maintenance, and Holy Day gifts received during the weekend and preceding week.

Second Collections

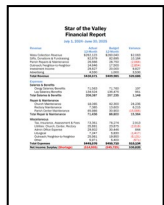
This weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**, see below. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** which serves those in need in our area.



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 Annual Report

Inserted in this weekend's bulletin, please see Star of the Valley's Annual Report for fiscal year 2026-2027, provided by our Parish Finance Council. We are very grateful to all of you who support our parish financially, as well as with your time and talents!

Truism

There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.

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 & reconstruction at the Parish Center.
- ▶ Autumn landscape & parking lot maintenance.

We will have a second collection this weekend, **Sept. 12/13**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Thank you for your generosity.



SOV Craft Fair & Raffle Cancellation

We would like to inform all our parishioners that we have cancelled our annual Craft Fair and Raffle Fundraiser, scheduled for November, 2026. As all of you know, the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center will not be open by November. We have researched other venues and couldn't find an appropriate space that we could afford.

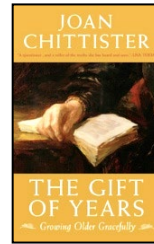
We plan to organize another craft fair in the Spring of next year. We have talked with many of our craft vendors, and they seem excited about a spring Craft Fair. We appreciate all the support we have received from our raffle prize donors, and are hopeful they will donate in the spring.

We are also thankful for all the support you, our Star of the Valley parishioners, have shown for the craft fair in the last few years.

Much appreciation,

Paula Scull, Chair

Barbara Gasparini, Assistant Chair



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 6 and 7, Wednesday, **September 16**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

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. We have a great team and have had Greeters at Star of the Valley since 1984!

Quotable Quote

The heavens open and multitudes of angels come to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. —St. Gregory



The Meaning of Today's Gospel

Jesus may be asking us to forgive in our minds and hearts as many times as anger, judgment, and blame pop up. This could be for 77 instances of hurt or of one instance which is remembered and nursed as resentment in our hearts 77 or 770 or 777,000 times.

Looking at forgiveness this way adds meaning for understanding what mercy is to God. It also gives us some guidance about how to actually do what Jesus asks of Peter—and us—today.

Jesus' standard of forgiveness is a really good thing. It keeps evil from taking up residence in us.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Health & Resource Fair

Oakmont Gardens is hosting a Health & Resource Fair on Thursday, **September 17**, from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Come explore a variety of vendors and resources focused on health, wellness, caregiving, exercise, dental health, and more. Enjoy samples, small bites, acai bowls, a raffle, and plenty of opportunities to learn something new!

This event is open to the public, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us. Questions? Call Michelle at 707-538-4883.

Organ Concert

David Hatt, Assistant Organist at Sr. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, will perform Organ Sonata No. 13 by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) on Sunday, **September 20**, 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 Matheson Street in Healdsburg.



Religious Education Congress

Join catechists, ministers, and faith leaders for a day of renewal and formation at the Religious Education Congress, hosted by the Office of Faith Formation at Cardinal Newman High School on Saturday,

September 26, 2026. The day includes Mass followed by sessions with guest speakers Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett, O.P., Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig, Paul Senz, Fr. Robert McTeigue, S.J., and more. Register at <https://srdioocese.org/recongress> or by scanning the QR code on the flyer which is on the bulletin board.

"The Rescue" Patricia Sandoval's Testimony

Hear Patricia Sandoval's powerful story of rescue from drugs, homelessness, and Planned Parenthood on Saturday, **October 3**, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, 960 Caymus Street in Napa. A free-will donation will be accepted. Coffee and pastries will be available. Please register in advance at 707-255-2949. See the flyer on the bulletin board.



Boots & Bling—St. Vincent de Paul College Prep H.S. in Petaluma will have their annual gala, dinner and live auction on Saturday, **October 17**. This is the only school-wide fundraiser to bridge the gap

between tuition dollars and operating costs, as well as provide vital tuition assistance to families. Tickets will go on sale soon. Mark your calendars and get your boots and hats ready to celebrate the best school in the West! Questions? Email svgala@svhs-pet.org.

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