

# 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

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

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.**

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday until 9:30 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.



## June 8/9, 2024— Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Whoever does  
the will of God**

**is my brother  
and sister.**

### Evil & Sin

Sin is not an acceptable topic of conversation these days. It's okay to converse about diseases, harmful environmental effects, or negative physiological influences when dealing with what used to be called evil and sin. I wonder. Are sin and evil only myths of the dim past? Jesus, whom we believe to

be true, real, and part of the present, not the past, doesn't seem to think so. Jesus seems to think that both exist. Jesus sees sin and evil as an oil slick, quick to defile pure and innocent shores; as asphyxiating weeds, bound to choke the freshly sown seed. Jesus took sin and evil very seriously. He took great care to point them out and to cast them out wherever he went. He took great pains to exorcise evil and to combat sin far and wide, as far as the cross.

### Vanquishing Evil & Sin

We who claim to be doers of God's will and thus "brother, sister, and mother" to Jesus, can take up his crusade against evil and sin. And we can do it without fear; first of all, because Jesus triumphed on the cross; and second, because we have the powerful word of God on it, a word that announced our triumph from the very beginning. After all, God's word is creative. It does what it says: it vanquishes sin, it leads to redemption. All we must do is be receptive to it. Then, no matter our vocation, no matter our failings, no matter how puny our faith, God's mighty word in us will triumph over evil, will cast out all sin.



**Sunday, June 9, 2024**  
**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Genesis 3:9-15*—I will put enmity between your offspring and her offspring.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 130*—With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of

redemption.

**Reading II:** *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*—We too believe and therefore we speak.

**Gospel:** *Mark 3:20-35*—A house divided against itself cannot stand.

**Memorial of Barnabas, Apostle—June 11, 2024**  
**One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic**

In our recitation of the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass, we profess our belief in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” Those four adjectives are called the four “marks” or “attributes” of the Church. **One**, because despite the many divisions and denominations of Christianity all worship one God, one Spirit, and one Lord, Jesus Christ. **Holy**, because, like sacred objects, the church is set apart for God’s purpose. **Catholic**, from the Greek word for “universal,” because it is for all without excluding any group or class of people. **Apostolic**, because it arises out of the efforts of the apostles, both the original 12 and others, like today’s saint, Barnabas, who were later named apostles. And like you and me, called today to embody these same attributes.

**Memorial of Anthony of Padua, Franciscan Priest, Doctor of The Church—June 13, 2024**  
**Saint of the Lost and Found**

Many folks, when they lose track of their car keys, glasses, or phone, say a quick prayer to Saint Anthony. He’s probably best known as the patron saint of lost objects—think of the countless prayers for his intercession he’s received! The story goes that he lost a precious book once, feared it had been stolen, and prayed to find it. Soon after, it was returned by the novice who had taken it. Little losses can feel like big annoyances, but what about the big things lost that slip away little noticed? Like our relationship with God and with others that slowly disappear when neglected.

Pray to Anthony for help in holding close the things most dear in life.

The soul cannot live without love. —*St. Francis de Sales*



	<b>This Weekend — June 8-9</b>		<b>Next Weekend — June 15-16</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Don Shelhart	Cristina Wadsworth	Dennis Sabourin	Barbara Spotleson
<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Rodgers	Connie Pearson	Karen Schraga	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann	Micki Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lisa Munoz-Flores Jan Rosshirt	Kathy McKeon Judy Monroe	Gayle Brinker Diane D’Ambrogia	Mary Bell Paula Scull
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jan Rosshirt	Rick Ragan	Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger

**MASS INTENTIONS—JUNE 8-16**

Sat 8	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun 9	10:00	† <b>Dominic Franchetti</b> (Judy Monroe)
Mon 10		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 11	8:00	No Mass—Diocesan Clergy Workshop
Wed 12	8:00	No Mass—Diocesan Clergy Workshop
	10:30	No Mass—Diocesan Clergy Workshop
Thurs 13	8:00	† <b>Pat Marabella</b> (Len Marabella)
Fri 14	8:00	† <b>Walter George</b> (Carolyn George)
Sat 15	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun 16	10:00	† <b>Isabel Frimmersdorf</b> (Virginia Taylor)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Marcy Fox, Andy Hoyt, Roberta McElroy, Karen O’Malley, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Tom Sosnowski, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Joe Schiro.

**Diocesan Clergy Workshop This Week**

There will be no daily Mass at Star of the Valley until Thursday, June 13. Please pray for our priests.



**A Salute to Justice**

On **June 14** each year, the United States commemorates the adoption of the national flag, our venerable Stars and Stripes.

“A new constellation,” it was said to represent, in the vast array of the world powers. But as we, in Christian charity, work for a better world as good and faithful Americans, we must be careful to live as citizens of heaven first and foremost, workers of light rather than earthly empire, children of God and not of worldly dominion. May our Flag Day commemorations also remember those who have been forgotten in the American project and whose cries for justice may still be unanswered. May our waving of “Old Glory” be for the glory of the God above all.



**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**  
**Marian Sisters’ Open House**

The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa invite you to an Open House, Saturday, **June 15**, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at their Mater Dei Convent: 400 Angela Drive, Santa Rosa, 95403. The Sisters look forward to sharing a glimpse into our life. For more information, contact [mssrevents@gmail.com](mailto:mssrevents@gmail.com).



## PARISH EVENTS—JUNE 8–16

**Monday–Wednesday, June 10-12**, No Masses—Diocesan Clergy Workshop

**Sunday, June 16**, Happy Father's Day!

### Weekly Collection Report

May 19	May 26	June 2	Weekly Goal
\$3,324	\$4,487	\$3,788	\$5,365

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

### Second Collection—June 8/9

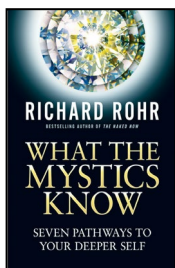
This weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

# AMA

### Annual Ministry Appeal 2024 Parish Goal Reached!

Thank you for your generosity. As of the May 31 AMA report, **\$26,511** has been paid toward our parish target of \$25,500! Although there are a few pledges that still need to be paid, we have reached our assigned goal and can expect a rebate of all monies contributed that exceed the \$25,500 goal. The rebate will benefit the parish and enable us to continue our ministries and maintain our buildings.

Thanks to all of you for donating!



### Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *What the Mystics Know, Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self* by Richard Rohr. Our next session will focus on Part Three, *From Profound Suffering Come Great Joy*, Tuesday, **June 18**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in

the Quiet Room of the church.

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

We have been maintaining and keeping the church, rectory, and parish center in good repair due to your contributions to our collections for Parish Repair & Maintenance. These are some projects that have been completed lately, and some that are underway:

- ▶ Replace lighting near organ in church.
- ▶ Updating and replacing lighting in Parish Center. We have replaced 100 LED lights to date, and we need 180 more.
- ▶ Repair shades in church.
- ▶ Clean outdoor statue of Mary.

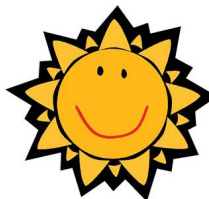
We will have a 2nd collection this weekend for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



### Parish Phone Directories Available

A gift from your Pastoral Council.

If you are a registered parishioner, and you haven't received a 2024 Star of the Valley Parish phone directory (our most recent edition,) you may come to the office to pick one up. Please call us first at: 707-539-6262.



### 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 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.



## STAR OF THE VALLEY 43rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

We will celebrate what God has done for our parish, Star of the Valley, with a cocktail party for all parishioners, held after the 4 o'clock Mass on September 28th. Complimentary wine and "Hardy" appetizers will be served. RSVPs will be required in August. More details to follow.

As present parishioners, we feel immense gratitude for the tremendous work of those who came before us. We stand on the shoulders of all those first parishioners who collectively had a vision, not only for a beautiful church, but more importantly, for a vibrant family of believers who cared for one another and wanted to reach out to help others in need.

Let's all celebrate this special occasion with the same enthusiasm that started our parish 43 years ago by our Founder, Monsignor Gerard Fahey, whose charismatic guidance and spirituality continues today with our beloved Pastor, Monsignor James Pulskamp.



### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Appeal

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul District Council of Sonoma County, Inc. (SVdP Sonoma) is seeking volunteers to fill some key operational functions of our mission. Please consider the

mission given to us by Christ in the Corporal Works of Mercy for those less fortunate.

SVdP with its mission to “End Poverty through Systemic change—One Person/Family at a Time”, centers on the seven Corporal Works, and expands to “no act of charity is foreign to the Society members” to make a difference for those in need. We recognize even small acts can make a BIG difference.

There are several areas at the District Council level where we have critical needs, some skilled, some just time and a desire to make a difference. The most needed are: Secretary, Treasurer, Member Conference liaison, Volunteer coordinator, Office staff volunteer, and Prayer Chain Coordinator.

Most of these positions have a typical monthly time commitment of 1–4 hours/month. There’s full time staff along with District Council leadership, as well as written materials from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s US National Council, St. Louis, MO to assist new volunteers in most of these positions.

SVdP Sonoma is a team of 17 conferences, functioning out of their individual parishes, coming together to make a greater impact at a Council level. Current key projects are: Los Guillicos Transitional Village, St. Vincent de Paul Commons, St. Vincent de

Paul Home for Success, and St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Rohnert Park.

To volunteer or for more information please call 707-584-1579. Feel free to ask for Jim Nantell, Council President, or Ron Plasse, VP at 707-536-6230. Our website is: <https://www.svdP-sonoma.org/>

### Give a fig!

Figs are a popular fruit in the Bible, from Genesis with Eve and Adam wearing fig leaves clear through the Book of Revelation’s apocalyptic falling of winter figs. Why so many figs? The fig itself is sweet and has lots of dietary fiber, calcium, and various minerals and vitamins. It is a great source of energy and flavor. Perhaps because it is so plentiful, delicious, and nutritious, the fig is also rich in symbolism for health and abundance. In the gospels, Jesus expects us to be like figs—to be “nutritious” to others and abundant in our presence and giving. Let us go forth to nurture the world!

### Get Some Rest

Saint Augustine of Hippo captures the human condition perfectly when he says in his *Confessions*: “Lord, ... our heart is restless until it rests in you.” Christian prayer practices are designed to protect us from spirit-dulling anxiety and bring us to the peace of Christ. Try meditating on these words from Saint Francis de Sales for starters: “The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations.”



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