

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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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 15/16, 2024 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The tiny mustard seed
has grown into a tree.*



One of the proofs of the divine origin of the Church of Christ is its growth from very humble beginnings. Christ chose to come into this world as a baby, the son of a poor mother and of a carpenter foster-father. He was born in a stable; was forced into pagan Egypt before he was a year old; he lived thirty, or so, years in Nazareth in poverty, earning his meager daily bread by the sweat of his brow. Then for three years he trudged the highways and by-ways of Palestine, often weary, hungry and footsore, preaching the good news of redemption. For assistants he chose fishermen, shepherds and tax-gatherers, twelve of the most ordinary people of his day.

When the time came for him to lay down his life for the world as prearranged by his Father, he allowed his enemies to capture him and to condemn him to death on the cross. These were surely humble beginnings for a kingdom which was to span the earth and the ages.

The tiny mustard seed of the Church has grown into a tree but it has yet to gather many more under the shelter of its branches. Christ asks every one of his followers to help bring all people into the safety of his kingdom on earth, so that they may be enabled to enjoy happiness forever in his heavenly kingdom. Realizing all that God and his divine Son have done for us, would we be so mean and ungrateful as to refuse to lend a helping hand? God forbid! God has already put us on the right road to heaven; we will help him to get in the stragglers, the lazy, the “couldn’t-care-less” ones on that same road, by every means available to us.



Sunday, June 16, 2024
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*—I have lifted high the lowly tree.
Responsorial: *Psalm 92*—Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
Reading II: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*—

Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord.

Gospel: *Mark 4:26-34*—It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants.

Message From Our Pastor

Thank you to all the parishioners who sent me well-wishes, cards, and gifts on my 83rd birthday. It was a most memorable and shocking day!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting our parish for the first time. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish to call home, we welcome you! If you have been worshipping with us for a while but have not yet registered, we invite you to register so we can better serve you.

You may register by signing the Newcomers Register at the back of the church, filling in this form and putting it in the collection basket, visit the parish office inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center during the week at 495 White Oak Drive, or call 707-539-6262.

We hope you have enjoyed your time with us and we look forward to see you again!

New Parishioner
 New contact info (address, email, phone number)
 I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
 I have a question. Please contact me.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City & Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

MASS INTENTIONS—JUNE 15–23

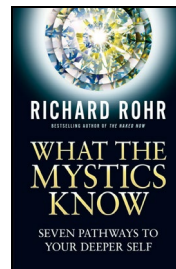
Sat 15 4:00 †**Bob Waska** (Frances Waska)
 Sun 16 10:00 †**Isabel Frimmersdorf** (Virginia Taylor)
 Mon 17 No Mass—Pray a Rosary
 Tue 18 8:00 †**Chris Nantell** (Len Marabella)
 Wed 19 8:00 **Intention of Bob & Dolores Zeni** on their **70th Anniversary** (Bob Zeni)
 10:30 O.G. **For the People of the Parish**
 Thurs 20 8:00 †**Agnes Apicella** (Mike Apicella)
 Fri 21 8:00 †**Stella Moran** (Mary Bell)
 Sat 22 4:00 †**Jack Luceti** (Linda Luceti)
 Sun 23 10:00 †**Dominic Franchetti** (Joan Ballard)

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.

Happy 70th Anniversary!

Congratulations to Bob and Dolores Zeni who celebrate 70 years of marriage on June 19 this year. Thank you for being an example of God's love for us.



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.



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!



	This Weekend — June 15–16		Next Weekend — June 22–23	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Dennis Sabourin	Barbara Spotleson	Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia
Lector:	Karen Schraga	Bowman Olds	Len Marabella	Karen Schraga
Server:	Micki Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson	Connie Montague	John Dolan
Greeters:	Gayle Brinker Diane D'Ambrogia	Mary Bell Paula Scull	Gloria Bowers Marietta Mancuso	Sue Cummings Esther Dolan
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger	Kathleen Beirne	Rick Ragan

PARISH EVENTS—JUNE 16–22

Sunday, June 16, Happy Father's Day!

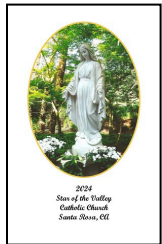
Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Book Club—
Church Quiet Room

Wednesday, June 19, Office Closed—Juneteenth Holiday

Weekly Collection Report

May 26	June 2	June 9	Weekly Goal
\$4,487	\$3,788	\$5,591	\$5,365

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



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.

Heal The Human Family

Fathers are an unpredictable lot. Some are lovingly remembered as protective and dependable captains who sailed their families to calmer waters through every domestic storm. Others may be lamented as the source of many a squall themselves. We pray this day for both kinds of fathers: those who stayed and those who abandoned ship, the faithful and the faithless, the tender and the tyrant. The church teaches that our world can't be whole until our families are healed. This Father's Day, we pray especially for those who volunteer as benevolent father figures for children in need of one.

A Father's Load

In revealing and in reliving on earth the very Fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family.

—St. Pope John Paul II



A Prayer for Fathers

Almighty God, you have taught us that you are the Father of us all, and that all fatherhood takes its origin from you. You protect us from evil and provide our daily bread. You are strength and integrity, blessing and the font of life.

We thank you, then, for our fathers. Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God. They are your gift to us.

We pray for all fathers today. May they realize the greatness of their vocation and have the strength to live it without fear. Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you.

To those who still make this earthly journey with us, give us the grace to love them as we should; and to those whom you have called from this life, give a special place of honor in the heavenly kingdom with you, the Father of all. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy 12th SOV Anniversary, Monsignor!

Msgr. Pulskamp arrived at Star of the Valley Parish twelve years ago and celebrated his first Mass here as pastor on **June 18, 2012**. We are so glad you are here, Monsignor!



Love Your Priests

According to recent studies... a great number of priests quit each year. They don't quit because they have a lack of faith in God. They don't quit because they don't believe in the calling God has placed on their life. Most don't even quit because of financial reasons.

Priests quit because they are overwhelmed with mental exhaustion.

Until you're a priest you'll never fully understand what it's like to carry spiritual burdens for people. Getting up in the middle of night, praying for your family of faith. Awakened in the middle of night with someone on your heart. Overwhelmed with concern by a person's absence or distance.

Your mind continually occupied with the presentation of the upcoming Sunday message—how to preach it, what to teach on, how do we apply it? Getting critiqued on a continual basis.

Being told you need to do better or that some areas of the church simply need to be better.

Priests invest their whole life into people and yet people will turn their backs on their pastor at the first sign of a storm, usually without a conversation. Priests stand in the middle of disputes.

Priests stand in the middle of gossip.

Priests council broken marriages.

Priests comfort those who have suffered loss.

Priests navigate the waters of imperfect people with a desire to see each one thrive in their faith.

They long for spiritual breakthroughs. Your priest craves the very best for you. All of this, while trying to battle their own flesh and grow in their own relationship with God.

Priests see the posts.

Priests hear the whispers.

Priests endure the negativity.

Priests are continually caring for the sheep while fending off the wolves.

Priests pour out and pour out—rarely being poured into.

What keeps a priest going? YOU!

You—the person who is genuinely hungry.

You—the person who worships with passion and freedom.

You—the teenager who is striving to be a follower of Jesus.

You—the single mom who understands the beauty of the hope found in Christ.

You—the one who walks through the door for the first time because you're in search of peace, hope, and community.

Pray for your priest. Serve with your priest.

Talk with your priest. Encourage your priest.

They are human. They need You more than you think!

—Allen Jones



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giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

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 Guilicos 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/>

The Haircut...Father Knows Best

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he’d make a deal with his son, “You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we’ll talk about the car.” The boy thought about it for a moment, decided he’d settle for the offer and agreed.

After about six weeks his father said, “Son, you’ve brought your grades up and I’ve observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I’m disappointed you haven’t had your hair cut.”

The boy said, “You know, Dad, I’ve been thinking about that, and noticed in my studies of the Bible, Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there’s even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.”

Love the dad’s reply!

“Did you also notice, they all walked everywhere they went?”

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