

# 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 22/23, 2024— Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Is God Paying Attention?**

When storms rage without and within, and we are beset with dread and frantic activity, we often find ourselves wondering, “Is God paying attention?” Today we learn that God indeed pays attention. Today we learn of the God who is beyond and of God who is here. We discover that the God who created the boundaries of the sea is within the raging seas that sometimes threaten us. We ponder troubles and we learn trust. We are drawn to consider that we are one with the Lord of all time and trouble. We are one with Christ who has died for all and lives for all, and we are all new creations in a world freshly ordered. This trust and faith steadies our ship and calms our seas. We have some surety now, even as we continue to move our small ships through treacherous waters. We can take on life’s journey with its troubles and its peace, for Christ indeed is here and attentive to us, whether or not we are likewise so mindful. As God’s own people, we cannot expect to slip through life as small skiffs on glassy seas. But we can expect God to be right there with us, inside and outside.



**Sunday, June 23, 2024**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Job 38:1, 8-11*—The Lord speaks to Job out of the storm.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalms 107*—Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

**Reading II:** *2 Corinthians 5:14-17*—Christ’s love impels us.  
**Gospel:** *Mark 4:35-41*—Jesus calms the stormy seas.

**July & August Mass Schedules**

The liturgical ministers’ schedules for Masses in July and August have been emailed. If a hard copy is needed, you may pick one up in the workers’ sacristy, or in the parish office during the week.

**Nativity of Saint John the Baptist—June 24**

In St. Luke’s Gospel, we read that a righteous priest named Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth were old and childless. One day Zechariah was fulfilling his duties burning incense in the temple and the archangel Gabriel came and told him his wife would bear a son who would prepare the people to receive the Lord. Gabriel told him to name the boy John. Zechariah doubted that his wife could conceive in her old age, and was struck mute. As Gabriel foretold, Elizabeth became pregnant, and when she gave birth, Zechariah wrote on a tablet that the boy would be named John, and Zechariah’s mouth was opened. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and immediately sang the praises of God.

A prophet isn’t necessarily someone who forewarns of future events. Biblically, a prophet can also be an inspired teacher of the word of God. By our baptism, we are all called to be prophets. Today, dwell on these words of Zechariah, then pray to the Holy Spirit to help you be a prophet: “you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.”

**St. Irenaeus of Lyons—June 28**

St. Irenaeus of Lyons was born in modern-day Turkey around the year 130. Not much is known about the early life of this Father of the Church, so his story begins when he became a disciple of St. Polycarp, who himself was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. St. Irenaeus was ordained and served the Church of Lyons in present-day France as a priest, then as a bishop. His evangelistic

**MASS INTENTIONS—JUNE 22–30**

Sat	22	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun	23	10:00	† <b>Dominic Franchetti</b> (Joan Ballard)
Mon	24		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	25	8:00	<b>Intention of Simone Family</b> (Tom & Shirley Simone)
Wed	26	8:00	† <b>Roberta McElroy</b>
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	27	8:00	† <b>Jimmy Fatooh</b> (Debbie Saros)
Fri	28	8:00	† <b>Lincoln McCarthy</b> (Maria McCarthy)
Sat	29	4:00	† <b>Alajos Nemeth</b> (Esther Schaut)
Sun	30	10:00	† <b>Angela Barberini Johnson</b> (Kathy McKeon)

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, Karen O’Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Tom Sosnowski, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died. Roberta McElroy and Agnes Orser.

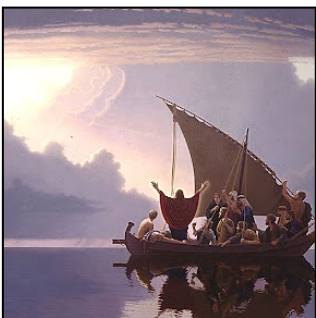
(**St. Irenaeus** cont.) efforts saw him write five books against many heresies, including Montanism and Gnosticism, and he is considered the first Christian theologian to develop a system of theology. He was among the first to call Mary “The New Eve” and in all his writings he shows not just a Marian devotion, but an assumption that Mary’s helping role in salvation was common knowledge among Christians.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons wrote, “the knot of Eve’s disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary.” Many times, our lives can seem like a complicated mess, and it’s easy to feel “knotted up.” Today, bring the biggest tangle of your life to “Mary, Undoer of Knots” and trust in her intercession.

**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities**

Catholic Charities loves and needs volunteers to minister to those in need. Wonderful opportunities to help include: ♥ Making phone calls to the homebound ♥ Driving people to doctor and other appointments ♥ Food preparation and serving meals to the homeless ♥ Be a Star of the Valley Parish liaison to Catholic Charities. For more information, or to volunteer for any of these positions, please call Mike O’Callaghan at 707-888-6583.



	<b>This Weekend — June 22–23</b>		<b>Next Weekend — June 29–30</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>	Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia	Linda Luceti	Marge Lamb
<b>Lector:</b>	Len Marabella	Bob Zeni	Blanche Kaiser	Mike Hanlon
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	John Dolan	Judy Rodgers	Jim Warman
<b>Greeters:</b>	Gloria Bowers Marietta Mancuso	Sue Cummings Esther Dolan	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Tim Burkhard Paula Scull
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne	Rick Ragan	TBD	Tim Burkhard



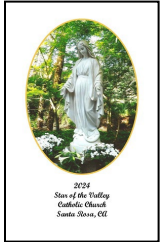
## PARISH EVENTS—JUNE 23–30

Thursday, June 27, 1:30 Finance Council Meeting—Zoom

### Weekly Collection Report

June 2	June 9	June 16	Weekly Goal
\$3,788	\$5,591	\$4,100	\$5,365

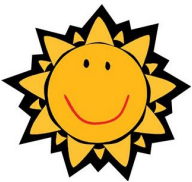
**Note:** The amounts consist of First collections, Parish Repair & Maintenance, and Holy Day collections received during the weekend and preceding week.



### 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.



### 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.

### Summer Fun

It is now officially summer, things are slowing down, and people are away on vacations. Time to relax and enjoy some fun reading: This was written by a 90-year-old from Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.

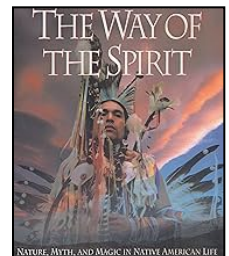
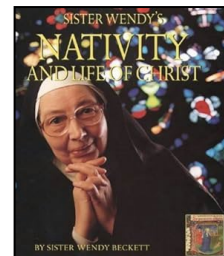
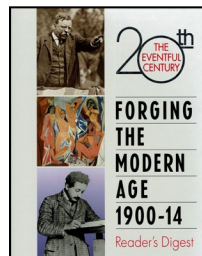
1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short—enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick.  
Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument.  
Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone.  
It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past  
so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others.  
You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret,  
you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye,  
but don't worry, God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful.  
Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

19. It's never too late to be happy.  
But it's all up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life,  
don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy  
lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion.  
Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now.  
Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words  
"In five years, will this matter?"
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive.
29. What other people think of you is none of your  
business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is,  
not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life.  
Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day.  
Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw  
everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already  
have, not what you need.
42. The best is yet to come.
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up,  
and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.
46. Friends are the family that we choose.

### Summer Reading

For some light summer reading check out the following books (if you don't feel like reading—just look at the pictures):

- *Forging the Modern Age 1900-14: The Eventful 20th Century*,
- *Sister Wendy's Nativity and Life of Christ* by Sister Wendy Beckett, and
- *The Way of the Spirit: Nature, Myth, and Magic in Native American Life*. And while you're in the library, check out all the other great books we have.





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**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/>

**Downsizing or Moving?**

St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store welcomes your donation of gently used clothing or furniture. SVdP volunteer Alan can come to your home for pick up. Kindly email [Valuelalan@aol.com](mailto:Valuelalan@aol.com) or call 707-889-1766. Thank you.



**Dementia Conversations Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association**

Learn helpful tips to guide you in having difficult conversations with family members, including going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans.

This presentation is on **June 27**, 3:30–4:30 p.m. at 490 Mendocino Ave. Suite 105 in Santa Rosa.

Pre-registration is required: Contact Salina Gonzalez at 707-525-14-0143 x103 or by email at [sgonzalez@councilonaging.com](mailto:sgonzalez@councilonaging.com)

Dementia Conversations is presented by Alzheimer’s Association in partnership with Council on Aging.

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