

# 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.

## 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.



## July 13/14, 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sent By God

In Amos' time the vocation of prophet had achieved a very formal status in Israel. The prophets had arisen, originally, to act as God's voice when Israel was no longer led by the spiritual/civil figures known as "judges," but by monarchs. Over time, the monarchy had appropriated the offices of priest and prophet, established them into companies, and reserved the right to appoint courtly prophets. Then, as now, when those in power also got to choose who would act as their official conscience, things sometimes went awry. At such times, God raised up prophets from unlikely places, and this is how Amos received his vocation as prophet. In last week's Gospel we heard how Jesus was raised up as God's anointed from a place many viewed as unlikely. As we continue to discern our own vocation as baptized disciples, we can be assured that we are, in Paul's words, "chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will."

### Looking Ahead to Listen Today

In next week's first reading the prophet Jeremiah will say, on behalf of God, "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture." Today Amaziah, a priest of King Jeroboam, represents the archetype of this kind of Shepherd. Against this sort of uncaring shepherd, God calls a real life-vocation shepherd and a true shepherd-prophet, Amos. The voice of Amos is one of the harshest in the prophetic literature, but the harshness seems to be necessary to counteract the misleading and scattering of the flock that the God of Israel was observing. (cont. inside)



**Sunday, July 14, 2024**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Amos 7:12-15*—Go, prophesy to my people.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalms 85*—Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**Reading II:** *Ephesians 1:3-14*—God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.

**Gospel:** *Mark 6:7-13*—Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two.

**(Looking Ahead... continued from cover)**

Amos left his vocation as a shepherd of sheep and dresser of sycamore trees to become a shepherd of the flock of Israel and a re-dresser of the wrongs committed by those whose status as priest or prophet of Israel had led them astray from their own vocation. Another prophet, Jeremiah, would tell of the coming shepherd-king, anointed from the house of David, who will come to restore justice and righteousness throughout the land.

**Looking Back to Look Ahead**

It is important to connect this week's Gospel with last week's. Jesus had just encountered a severe lack of faith in his family and neighbors, who took offense at him. So severe was their reaction to him that he couldn't work much in the way of healing or other mighty deeds. Yet immediately upon the heels of that incident, he summons the Twelve and sends them out ("apostle" means "one who is sent"). Jesus remains stalwart in the pursuit of the vocation he was given by God: to recover the lost sheep of the house of Israel. We have to admire the Twelve, who like Amos have left their own livelihoods as they are sent out on a rather intimidating new mission. Our admiration ought to increase when we realize that this takes place immediately after the rather humiliating scene Jesus had just endured. But having witnessed Jesus face rejection and still persevere in his vocation, they must have been made bold as he told them of the rejection they would face when he sent them out. Christ, through the Spirit and the waters of baptism, still sends us out on mission. This is our first calling. Let us, strengthened by the prophetic witness of Christ and the Twelve, be faithful to that calling.

**The irony** of life is that by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.



**This Weekend — July 13-14**

	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Blanche Kaiser	Kar Hofmann
<b>Lector:</b>	Connie Pearson	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Kathy McKeon Judy Monroe
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard

**Next Weekend — July 20-21**

	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
	Linda Luceti	Barbara Spotleson
	Bob Zeni	John Knight
	Dennis Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson
	Gayle Brinker Diane D'Ambrogia	Dick D'Oliva Vi D'Oliva
	Tom Beirne	Rick Ragan

**MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 13-21**

Sat	13	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska &amp; †Charles Waska</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun	14	10:00	† <b>Mary Kavanagh</b> (Mary Kennedy)
Mon	15		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	16	8:00	†† <b>Robert &amp; Mary Lou Doxtader</b>
Wed	17	8:00	† <b>Isabel Frimmersdorf</b> (Virginia Taylor)
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	18	8:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b>
Fri	19	8:00	<b>Intention of the Simone Family</b> (Tom & Shirley Simone)
Sat	20	4:00	† <b>Nancy McNeill</b> (Harriet Draper)
Sun	21	10:00	† <b>Carol McFall</b> (Mary & Jeff Kennedy)

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

Also pray for those who have died: Noelle Dangremond and Mimi May.

✠ **Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley Church**  
 Thursday, **July 18**, 11:00 a.m.: Patricia Masters

**Point to Ponder**

Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life.  
 —Mark Twain



**Keep Star of the Valley Parish in Mind During Your Summer Travels**

With Online Giving you can contribute from wherever you are... you can even set up payments in advance if you like! And when you give online, it helps us make our budget. Visit our website, [www.starofthevalley.org](http://www.starofthevalley.org), for the online giving link. You may indicate the frequency and type of donation (e.g., Sunday, Parish Repair & Maintenance, etc.) and use any of your checking, savings, or credit accounts for your contributions.

Another way to get to the electronic giving portal is by using your smart phone to scan this QR code which will also take you to the Star of the Valley Church online giving portal's **Donate Here** page: [giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch).



**PARISH EVENTS—JULY 13–20**

Thursday, July 18, 1:30 Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

**Weekly Collection Report**

June 23	June 30	July 7	Weekly Goal
\$4,219	\$3,629	\$5,026	\$5,365

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

**Second Collections**

This weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. We need your donations to help make repairs and to maintain the church, rectory, and Monsignor Fahey Parish Center buildings and properties. Thanks to your generosity, the AC in the Parish Center library and the blinds in the church were fixed recently. Updating the lighting in the Parish Center is still waiting to be finished.

Next weekend's second collection will be for our parish's **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** programs.

**STAR OF THE VALLEY  
MEN'S CLUB**  
*presents a*

# PARISH FUNDRAISER

# RAFFLE

*drawing on*  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd**  
*during the Parish BBQ  
& Welcoming Dinner*

**Winner Need Not Be Present**

**\$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100**

**1st Prize—\$1,000**  
**2nd Prize—\$500**  
**3rd Prize—\$250**  
**4th Prize—\$250**

Raffle tickets will be sold before the weekend Masses until August 18, and at the BBQ.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_ x \$25 (or 5 for \$100)  
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Make checks payable to: SOV Men's Club  
Mail detached signup form and checks to:  
Star of the Valley Raffle; 495 White Oak Drive;  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
Or contact Jim Warman at  
warman804@yahoo.com  
or 707-230-2682

**STAR OF THE VALLEY  
WESTERN**

# BBQ

*Welcoming Dinner*  
**FUNDRAISER & RAFFLE**



**5:00**  
Cocktails & Appetizers

**6:30**  
*in the evening*

THURSDAY, AUGUST

# 22nd



**\$30 PER PERSON**

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**Cash Bar**

**Menu: Hand Rubbed BBQ Baby Back  
Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Cowboy Beans,  
Coleslaw, Dessert**

Reservations can be made by placing a check in the Men's Club box by Friday, August 16.  
For tables of up to 10 people, place each check in one envelope with the names listed on the front.  
Questions? Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682.

New parishioners: Contact Drew or  
Kar Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Catholic Feast Days on the Camino de Sonoma

Join fellow pilgrims in the spiritual, historical, and physical exercise of walking along the Camino. Summer pilgrimages coming up (see flyers on the bulletin board):

Sunday, **July 14th** celebrating St. Kateri Tekakwitha, on Stage 6. We'll walk 13.5 miles from Jenner to Ft. Ross through the headlands and some Hwy 1.

Friday, **August 23rd** celebrating our Patron St. Rose of Lima, walking reverse Stage 3. After Mass at Resurrection, we'll walk 9.5 miles to Holy Spirit Church.

For more on the Camino de Sonoma, visit [www.caminodesonoma.com](http://www.caminodesonoma.com). To RSVP, see the Santa Rosa Diocese Facebook Events Page or contact Stephen by email at [dsyouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsyouth@srdiocese.org).

### Rummage Sale—Next Saturday

St. James Parish will have its Knights of Columbus Rummage Sale in Petaluma on Saturday, **July 20**, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at St. James starting July 8, weekdays 7:00-9:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information go to [www.kofc1586.org](http://www.kofc1586.org) or call Jerry Matacia at 415-827-4462.



### 69th Annual Parish BBQ

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Fort Bragg, CA invites you to their annual Chicken BBQ. If you happen to be vacationing here, join us for a day filled with fun for the whole family, Sunday, **August 4**, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the corner of Harold and Maple Streets. See the poster on the bulletin board for details.

### 23rd National Conference for Single Catholics

Attend to encounter great speakers, thought-provoking discussions, and hundreds of single Catholics seeking to live their faith. You can expect a great mix of presentations which address current challenges affecting relationships in our culture, times for prayer and reflection, and lots of social opportunities to meet new people and make new friends.

This conference will be **August 16-18**, 2024 at the Sahara Las Vegas in Nevada (or participate virtually), and is open to all single adult Catholics, whether never married, annulled, divorced, or widowed. See the poster on the bulletin board.

Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) to register and for more information.

### Religious Education Congress 2024

On Saturday, **September 21**, 2024, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. The theme is: Prayer, Our Relationship with God.

The day will begin at 9:00a.m in the gym with Holy Mass by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all Adults in the Diocese. We look forward to seeing you.

We are happy to announce that this year's event is **FREE**. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. or ask your local parish. Email [dre@srdiocese.org](mailto:dre@srdiocese.org), call 707-566-3366, or visit [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org).



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