

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.

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*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

Sharon A. Charlton, Office Manager

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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 28/29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever is not against us is for us.

Outsiders & Insiders

Since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been led to a deeper awareness of the universal call to holiness rooted in baptism. This call to holiness, that we once thought we alone possessed, we now know to be true of all the baptized. Division among those who have followed Jesus has been around since the very beginning of Christianity. Jesus' apostles complained to him about others, outside their circle, who were driving out demons in the name of the Lord. Jesus set them straight by telling them that "whoever is not against us is for us." Imagine what the world would be like if we were able to lay down the divisions that exist among us and work together, inspired by God, to bring peace and justice to those who are in need.

Unity & The Call To Holiness

In John's Gospel, the Lord utters a long final discourse in which he prays that his disciples and all who follow him will become one. It is a sad reality that in a world marked by division, even those who are baptized into Christ Jesus frequently cannot come together in unity to work toward building God's reign. We often expect the leaders of the Christian churches to do the work of Christian unity. In reality, that work begins within our homes, neighborhoods, schools, civic organizations, and places of business. In today's Gospel from Mark, the Lord tells his followers that they should cut away any part of their bodies that leads them into sinfulness. The Church—the Body of Christ—sometimes needs to take a look at itself to see if there is anything that needs to be cut away.



Sunday, September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: *Number 11:25-29*—Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!

Responsorial: *Psalm 19*—The

precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Reading II: *James 5:1-6*—Your wealth has rotted away.

Gospel: *Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*—Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

Note Donut Sunday Date Change

October Donut Sunday postponed to **October 13**.

**St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
Feast Day—September 28**

Lorenzo Ruiz was born in Manila around 1600 to a Chinese father and Filipino mother. Serving as an altar boy under Dominican friars he also learned Spanish, and he was so trustworthy he worked as a clerk and the unofficial translator and messenger for the Dominicans. Lorenzo got married and had three children, then at 36 his world turned upside down. Falsely accused of the murder of a Spaniard and fearing a show trial, he sought asylum on a ship with Dominican missionaries. A storm blew the ship into an area hostile to Christians, and Lorenzo and the others were arrested and sent to a prison in Nagasaki. He was brutally tortured for a year in an attempt to get him to deny his faith before he won the crown of martyrdom.

During his torture St. Lorenzo Ruiz came to the brink of apostasy, but his faith was renewed by prayer, especially the Rosary, and he encouraged the other prisoners. In the darkest times we can be pushed to the brink of abandoning the faith, but if we stay close to Mary, she will always guide us to the light. Today, practice saying the Rosary using only your fingers so Our Lady will always be close at hand.

A Faith That Runs in the Family

Good King Wenceslaus is, of course, best known for his care of the poor and the concern he showed his servant, as immortalized in the famous Christmas carol. Indeed, it was young Wenceslaus' habit to sneak out in the middle of the night and—with his servant assisting—roam the countryside (*Wenceslaus continued next column.*)

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 28—OCTOBER 6

Sat	28	4:00	†Nancy McNeill (Jack Hammel)
Sun	29	10:00	†Fred Warner (Maryellen Birkland)
Mon	30		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	1	8:00	†Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	2	8:00	†Al Bentham
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	3	8:00	†Mildred Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Fri	4	8:00	†Jean Calsy (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Sat	5	4:00	†Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	6	10:00	Intention of Ava Geurrera (Sam Geurrera)

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

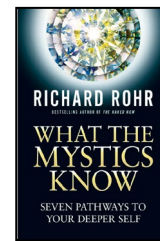
Also pray for those who have died: Jackie Kenilvort.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **October 5**, 11:00 a.m.: Paul Schaffer.

Pray for Priests in October

The October calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in the church for your taking. Please pray for them as well as for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



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 Six: *To Discover the Truth, You Must Become the Truth*, on Tuesday, **October 15**,

10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

(*Wenceslaus continued*) looking for poor or imprisoned people he could anonymously help with his almsgiving. But Saint Wenceslaus and his grandmother, Saint Ludmila, could also be patron saints for grandchildren who are raised in the Catholic Christian faith primarily by their grandparents. Pray for all modern grandparents who assume this role.

This Weekend — September 28–29

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Connie Pearson	Marge Lamb
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Mike Hanlon
Server:	Micki Sabourin	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Diane D'Ambrogia Marietta Mancuso	Mary Bell Tim Burkhard
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne	Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — October 5–6

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Judy Rodgers	Cristina Wadsworth
Len Marabella	Bob Zeni
Connie Montague	John Dolan
Bob Chapman	Cathy Hardy
Pat Chapman	Pete Hardy
TBD	Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 28—OCTOBER 6

Saturday, **September 28**, 4:00 Mass—Church;
5:00 Parish Anniversary Party—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Weekly Goal
\$4,232	\$2,929	\$4,101	\$5,365

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



Planned Giving

Regardless of your current income, with foresight and planning, you can continue to give to Star of the Valley Parish far into the future. Gifts may

be in the form of cash, property, investments or a portion of an estate. In many cases there can be significant tax advantages.

For more information, pick up a *Heritage Friends* pamphlet and a *Planned Giving Statement of Intent* at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, or go to our parish website. Talk with your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to help you determine the type of gift that is right for you and how you might include Star of the Valley Parish in your estate planning.

Endurance Suggestion

Pray not for lighter burdens, but for stronger backs.



& TACOS

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 8
Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

Dinner: \$10
Bingo Cards: \$2 each

All are welcome. If you don't play bingo, come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner: Taco Bar, Black Beans, Chips & All the Toppings, Dessert: Ice Cream

Star of the Valley
Presents

fall HARVEST DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
Happy Hour Hors d' Oeuvres

DINNER MENU
Butternut Squash Soup,
Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Hollandaise Sauce,
Roasted Carrots with Fresh Herbs,
Potatoes Au Gratin

Dessert: Pumpkin Pie Cake

FULL CASH BAR
\$25 per person
By reservation only—by October 21

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont

Reservations can be made by placing a check in the Men's Club box. For tables of 5-10 people, place each check in one envelope with the names listed on the front. Reservations fill up fast, so get your request in early.

QUESTIONS?
Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682,
or email: warman804@yahoo.com

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



40 Days for Life Vigil

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community **September 25-November 3, 2024.**

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

For more information, or to sign up for the vigil held at the Planned Parenthood Center at 1140 Sonoma Avenue in Santa Rosa, contact Judy Parcher at 707-477-8937, email judy1parcher@sbcglobal.net, or go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/santarosa>.

Grief Support Group

Did you know there is a group of Catholic men and women who regularly meet to support one another as we grieve the loss of a loved one? Whether your loss was recent or more distant, the feelings and challenges are the same. Feel free to drop by and check us out. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, **October 2** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 1244 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa. We are a friendly, compassionate, down to earth group of people who use Scripture as an anchor to make sense and find comfort in our grief. For further information, call Deanna at 707-595-3050 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

International Food Festival

Kolbe-Trinity, a K-12 school, will host its 6th Annual International Food Festival on the school grounds of 2055 Redwood Road in Napa on Saturday, **October 5th** from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Tickets will be available for purchase for food, drinks, bouncy house, and carnival games. Come and celebrate our diverse Catholic heritage!

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

The beautiful and inspiring Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, produced by Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be on display at St. Joan of Arc parish hall, 6404 Washington St, Yountville, **October 5–20**, open daily from 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Please come, and bring family and friends, to be inspired and informed by these amazing, documented Eucharistic miracles throughout the history of the Church. Display is bilingual, in English and Spanish. No charge. See flyer on bulletin board.

Attention First Responders

The Diocese of Santa Rosa will hold its annual Diocesan Blue Mass on **October 13th** at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Eugene.

For 90 years, Catholics have celebrated a Blue Mass to honor service, and offer special intentions and petitions for the safety of Police Officers, and subsequently Fire Fighters, Paramedics, and even Military Service Personnel. This is an opportunity for us to be reminded of the sacrifices involved in serving others, and the challenges to our safety and liberties that so many men and women of our own communities rise up to meet.

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