

# 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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**Website: [www.starofthevalley.org](http://www.starofthevalley.org)**

## **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.



**October 5/6, 2024**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **The Trusting Child**

Specialists in the psychological development of children tell us that an infant or child can go immediately from crying to laughing and back to crying again because the child has complete trust in the person who is holding them. The child has no inhibitions about expressing the swing of emotions because the child knows that the embrace will continue despite the emotions displayed.

## **Placing Our Trust in God**

In today's Gospel story, the Lord Jesus embraces and blesses the children whom the apostles tried to prevent from coming to him. He simply states that "whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Perhaps we can make a connection between what psychologists say about the trust level of the developing child and the words of Jesus. Part of our Christian journey involves learning how to place our trust in God. Sometimes this is a challenge, especially when bad things happen to us or to those whom we love. Just as the small child who fully trusts, so, too, when we fully trust God, should we be comfortable moving from expressions of joy to cries of lament. This is an honest way of living the Christian life. Those in whom we have placed our trust are usually those with whom we feel we can share our feelings of deep joy and sharp disappointment.

To accept the kingdom of God like a child may mean a change in the way we approach God. We are assured that when we are honest about who we are, honest with God about our deepest longings, joys, and sorrows, God's loving embrace will remain always.



**Sunday, October 6, 2024**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Genesis 2:18-24*—The two of them become one flesh.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalms 128*—May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.  
**Reading II:** *Hebrews 2:9-11*—He who

consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.  
**Gospel:** *Mark 10:2-16*—Therefore what God has joined together, let no human being separate.

**Fall Priests' Retreat—No Daily Masses**

Next week, **October 14-18**, Msgr. Pulskamp will be attending the Diocesan Priests' Fall Retreat. There will be no daily Masses at Star of the Valley and the church will remain locked during that week.

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

Pay at the Door  
**Dinner: \$10**  
**Bingo Cards: \$2 each**

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

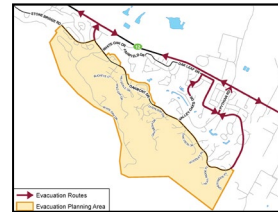
Dinner: Taco Bar, Black Beans, Chips & All the Toppings, Dessert: Ice Cream

**MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 5-13**

Sat	5	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun	6	10:00	<b>Intention of Ava Guerrero</b> (Sam Guerrero)
Mon	7		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	8	8:00	† <b>Pat Marabella</b> (Len Marabella)
Wed	9	8:00	† <b>Daniel Erlach</b> (Lynette Erlach)
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	10	8:00	† <b>Jane Raschke Buthman</b> (Russell Emery)
Fri	11	8:00	†† <b>Allen &amp; Bernadette Maffei</b> (Randy & Michele Osmon)
Sat	12	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun	13	10:00	<b>Intention of People of the Parish &amp; All First Responders</b>

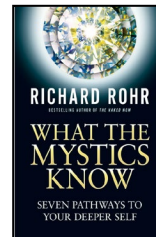
Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Maryellen Birkland, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Tom Sosnowski, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Jackie Kenilvort and Dolores Salidivar.



**Emergency Evacuation Plan**

On the bulletin board in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center and the doors in the church are maps of the evacuation routes in case of an emergency while you are in those buildings.



**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.



**Key Found**

A small key on a key chain was found in the Parish Center parking lot the week of August 25. Contact the parish office

if you're missing a key. It will soon be tossed.

**This Weekend — October 5-6**

**4:00 p.m.**                      **10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Judy Rodgers	Cristina Wadsworth
<b>Lector:</b>	Len Marabella	Bob Zeni
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy
<b>Ushers:</b>	TBD	Rick Ragan

**Next Weekend — October 12-13**

**4:00 p.m.**                      **10:00 a.m.**

Don Shelhart	Barbara Spotleson
Connie Pearson	Bowman Olds
Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Livie Brant	Judy Monroe
Marietta Mancuso	Paula Scull
Tom Beirne	Tim Burkhard



## PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 5–13

Tuesday, **October 8**, 4:00 Bingo—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Sunday, **October 13**, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

### Weekly Collection Report

Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29	Weekly Goal
\$2,929	\$4,101	\$3,623	\$5,365

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



### Donut Sunday—October 13 In Memory of Agnes Apicella

Many thanks to Mike Apicella for sponsoring **next** weekend's Donut Sunday, **October 13**. Please come to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

next Sunday to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit with your fellow parishioners.

If you would like to sponsor a future Donut Sunday to honor, or in memory of someone, please contact Drew Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

### Office Closed Monday, October 14

In honor of the Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day holiday, the parish office and church will be closed on Monday, **October 14**.



### Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through electronic giving, please scan this QR code or go to our website's **Donate Here** page: [giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch).

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

We keep the church, rectory, and Parish Center in good repair with your contributions to our monthly Parish Repair & Maintenance collections. Projects recently completed, or on our list, include:

- ▶ Trees pruned over Mary statue and at Parish Center
- ▶ Door lock repair needed at Parish Center
- ▶ HVAC in parish library needs replacing.
- ▶ Replace fire security system at Parish Center
- ▶ Replace phone cables

We will have a 2nd collection next weekend, **October 12 & 13** for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



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 made out to "SOV Men's Club" 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](mailto:warman804@yahoo.com)



## 43rd Anniversary Party Thank You

We had a wonderful celebration of our beloved Parish last Saturday starting with a beautiful Mass concelebrated by Msgr. James Pulskamp, former pastoral assistant Fr. Pat Leslie, Former Pastor Fr. Tom Diaz, and Fr. Anthony Rosevear. At the homily, Msgr. Pulskamp gave us all a lesson on the architecture of the Church which is full of meaningful symbolism. Then Monsignor recognized the founding parishioners, remarking that Bill and Terry Cutler, who were in attendance, are the only remaining founding members. Next, Vic Trione was recognized in honor of his parents, Henry and Madelyn Trione, who donated the land upon which to build our church.

After the Mass, approximately 140 parishioners enjoyed a great anniversary party at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. The delicious food, fabulous wine and the many conversations made the celebration a great success. Wine was generously donated by Trione Vineyards and Winery, St. Francis Winery and Vineyards, and VJB Vineyard and Cellars.

We owe a huge thank you to the 43rd Anniversary Celebration steering committee of Terry Cutler, Judy Rodgers and Leila O'Callaghan for their months of planning and organizing such a great event. Thank you also to: Peter Hardy and his crew of chefs for the delicious appetizers; Pat Hendricks and her crew for the lovely table flowers; Barbara and Fritz Spotleson for organizing and manning the bar; Barbara Gasparini for her creative event advertising; the Men's Club for splitting the event costs with the Women's Circle; and Mike O'Callaghan for his great job as emcee. A special thank you to Terry Cutler and Pat Barclay for putting together the wonderful slideshow presentation of past and present parishioners that we all enjoyed. And, thanks for all who helped in any way with the 43rd Anniversary Celebration, as the full list is too vast to itemize, but each contribution mattered and is appreciated.

Last, but not least, thank you to each parishioner for your personal contributions, past and present, to Star of the Valley Church. You are the threads of fabric that make up our Parish.



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