

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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Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
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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.



October 19/20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stolen Thunder

By the time the Gospels were written, James and John, sons of Zebedee (sons of “thunder”) were revered leaders of the Christian community. It is a common device of the evangelists to place the failings of the early Christians on the shoulders of their leaders to illustrate a point about discipleship, and perhaps to comfort them with the fact that Jesus chose common, flawed humans to spread the Good News. It must have seemed doubly odd that these two, already honored and revered, were chastised by Jesus when they requested positions of honor. Jesus, as it were, stole their thunder, and in the Gospel he likewise steals the thunder of the others who get indignant at James and John. Today's readings from Isaiah and Hebrews, along with Jesus as portrayed in Mark, steal the thunder of the places of honor they had attained by reminding us that it is in the humility of service that we come to know the reign of God in our midst.

Servant Christ, Servant Church

Again, it is the lesson of Jesus, along with the lessons of Isaiah and Hebrews, that reminds us that we need to examine constantly our ways of living to make sure that we are living as Christ, the head of the Church. When Isaiah writes of the Suffering Servant, it can be seen as a prophecy of Jesus; but it is also a prophecy of the ongoing presence of Jesus, the Church. When the author of Hebrews writes of the weakness known by Christ the great High Priest, it is also about the need for weakness on the part of the Body of Christ, the Church. In this way the scriptures today show all of us, the baptized, the Church, how we must continue to be the Servant Christ for the life of the world.



Sunday, October 20, 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I: *Isaiah 53:10-11*—My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.
Responsorial: *Psalms 33*—Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place

our trust in you.

Reading II: *Hebrews 4:14-16*—Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Gospel: *Mark 10:35-45*—The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.



Pray the Respect Life Month Novena
October 22-30, 2024

Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, ideas for building a culture of life, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers delivered straight to your inbox!

www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena

When your arms can't reach people who are close to your heart, hug them with your prayers.



Pray the World Mission Rosary

Created in 1951 by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the World Mission Rosary is a unique way to pray for the missions around the world. Each decade of the rosary is represented by a different color, symbolizing different regions of the world.

- **Green Beads** represent the forests and grasslands of Africa.
- **Blue Beads** represent the ocean surrounding the islands of the Pacific.
- **White Beads** represent Europe, symbolizing the seat of the Holy Father.
- **Red Beads** represent the Americas, symbolizing the fire of faith brought by missionaries.
- **Yellow Beads** represent the morning light of the East, symbolizing Asia.

Don't have a World Mission Rosary? Simply use any rosary, or even your fingers, and dedicate one decade per region.

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 19–27

Sat	19	4:00	† Isabel Frimmersdorf (Virginia Taylor)
Sun	20	10:00	† Jackie Kenilvort (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	21		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	22	8:00	† Jerry Dion
Wed	23	8:00	For the People of the Parish
		10:30	O.G. † Albert Draper (Harriet Draper)
Thurs	24	8:00	† Maureen Latimer
Fri	25	8:00	† Mildred Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sat	26	4:00	Intention of Gina Lopera (Pat Hendricks)
Sun	27	10:00	† Lea Nelson

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: Sharon Klay.

Prayer Before an Election

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love,

and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This Weekend — October 19–20
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Next Weekend — October 26–27
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann	Jan Rosshirt	Liz Garcia
Lector:	Blanche Kaiser	Len Marabella	Ted Rosshirt	Bowman Olds
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann	Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings	Gail Brinker Diane D'Ambrogia	Mary Bell Ron Manning
Ushers:	TBD	Clarence Younger	Kathleen Beirne	Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 19–27

Thursday, **October 24**, 1:30 Finance Council Meeting—Zoom

Thursday, **October 24**, 5:00 **Harvest Dinner**—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 13	Weekly Goal
\$3,623	\$4,350	\$5,236	\$5,365

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

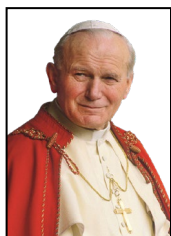


Electronic Giving

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.

Second Collections

The second collection this weekend is for **World Mission Sunday**. World Mission Sunday donations help support 38,140 seminarians, 8,750 shelters and orphanages, 12,000 health centers, 844,000 catechists, and 258,540 religious sisters in over 1,100 dioceses, in Asia, Africa, Oceania, and Latin America, that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted.



St. Pope John Paul II Feast Day October 22

Born in Poland in 1920, Karol Wojtyla's parents were exemplary Catholics for their children, and their devout example had a profound effect on him. Karol felt a calling to the priesthood, but when Nazi Germany occupied Poland, he had to study in secret. He was ordained a year after the end of World War II, earned his doctorate in theology in Rome two years later, and though Poland was under Communist rule he served as parish priest with integrity and taught at the seminary in Krakow. Appointed an auxiliary bishop in 1958, he rose to archbishop, then cardinal. In 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. He traveled the world to spread the Gospel, survived an assassination attempt, helped end the Cold War, and wrote extensively before his death in 2005.

St. Pope John Paul II gave the Church many sublime gifts, but perhaps the two most profound are the Theology of the Body, and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Today's challenge has two parts: first, pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Then, since the Theology of the Body is too big to learn in a day, simply learn the basics of what it is. Click on these links:

- [Catholic Education Resource Center: Five Key Features of the Theology of the Body](#)
- [Human Life International: What Is the Theology of the Body?](#)
- [Theology of the Body in One Hour](#) by Jason Evert

**LAST
CHANCE**

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

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH
Hot Rods for Hunger Relief

Saturday, **October 26**, 2024, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Redwood Empire Food Bank, 3990 Brickway Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Family fun with activities for all ages including a *Trunk or Treat* and tours of the food bank. Display your classic car, hot rod, or custom vehicle. Feast on local flavors by enjoying food trucks, beer, and wine.

It will be a fantastic day filled with unique cars, community spirit, and a chance to make a difference in the fight against hunger. All beverage sales, car registration fees, and a portion of food sales support our mission to end hunger. Admission is free!

Memento Mori

A 6.5 mile Santa Rosa Memorial Pilgrimage on Friday, **November 1**, 2024, will start at 8:30 a.m. at the historic Chanate Cemetery and end with a 12:00 p.m. Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Details and RSVP: Stephen Morris at dsryouth@srdiocese.org or 310-849-2342. See flyer on the bulletin board.

Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

November 1-3, 2024, at Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA. For more information / registration visit www.sfarch.org/LGW or

contact Ed Hopfner at HopfnerE@SFArch.org, 415-614-5547, or scan the QR code on the bulletin board flyer.

Downsizing or Moving?


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



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