

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

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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.



August 31/September 1, 2024— Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lip Service

When we hold our actions and beliefs to a higher standard and then fail to live up to them, it's human and sinful. But when we proclaim that we are holding up that higher standard at the same time that we are knowingly violating it, there is a fundamental dishonesty. It adds sin to sin and dishonors the very idea of virtue.

Sincerity & Truth

Jesus was constantly trying to get people to see and understand that mere observance of the law was not what pleased God. What is in the heart is what is most important. This does not mean that good intentions justify bad actions! We humans are complicated. We are capable of creating huge and complex human structures that are just difficult enough to convince us that we are following some right "way" and that others are not. God's laws are simple: love God, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no need to complicate love.

Jesus points out that real uncleanness comes from within a person. Evil intentions and every kind of bad behavior have their roots in our inner sinfulness, our selfishness. That is what Jesus came to save us from. We cannot, by our own devices, be better people. We are dependent on God for the necessary change of heart that will result in good and loving actions. God freely offers us this help, if only we would stop hiding behind the screen of self-righteousness. If we are humble enough to recognize our own selfishness, and loving enough to truly care for the well-being of others, we will be able to fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the law.



Sunday, September 1, 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*—
You shall not add to what I command
you... keep the commandments of
the Lord.

Responsorial: *Psalm 15*—The one
who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reading II: *James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27*—Be doers of the
word.

Gospel: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*—You disregard God's
commandments but cling to human tradition.



Ring Found

A class ring was found in the
Monsignor Fahey Parish Center after
the Parish Welcome BBQ Dinner event.
To claim the ring, please come into the
office during the week.



4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10

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:

NY Sausage, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Ice Cream

MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 31—SEPTEMBER 8

Sat	31	4:00	†Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sun	1	10:00	†Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Mon	2		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	3	8:00	†Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	4	8:00	†Agnes Apicella (John Bogdan)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	5	8:00	††Robert & Mary Lou Doxtader
Fri	6	8:00	†Gloria McKay
Sat	7	4:00	†Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun	8	10:00	Intention of Wendy Papera (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)

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, 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: Terry Bailie, father
of Bianca Bailie, Jeanette MacDonald, sister of Dolores
Zeni, and George Rick.

SOV's Summer Welcome BBQ Dinner Results

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for
our August 22, 2024 fundraising event. At the Parish
Welcome BBQ Dinner, raffle prizes were awarded to:
Connie Pearson \$250; Mary Bell \$250; Frances Waska
\$500; Ceal Geurts \$1,000. Congratulations to the
winners, and thanks to everyone who helped organize,
set up, cook, and decorate for the fun time!

The SOV BBQ team is pleased to announce that
\$22,000 was raised to support the parish!

Labor Day September 2—Parish Office Closed

Due to this being a holiday weekend, the September
Donut Sunday is postponed one week and will happen
next week on September 8th. Enjoy the holiday!



Donut Sunday—September 8
In Memory of Bob Flores

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz Flores for
sponsoring Donut Sunday, next week on
September 8, in loving memory of her
husband, Bob Flores. Please come to
the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to enjoy some juice, coffee,
muffins or donuts, and visit fellow parishioners.

This Weekend — Aug. 31—Sept. 1

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Len Marabella	Mike Hanlon
Server:	Dennis Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy	Mary Bell
	Pete Hardy	Tim Burkhard
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard

Next Weekend — September 7-8

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Linda Luceti	Liz Garcia
Connie Pearson	John Knight
Connie Montague	John Dolan
Bob Chapman	Ron Manning
Pat Chapman	Judy Monroe
Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 31—SEPTEMBER 8

Monday, **September 2**, Office Closed—Labor Day
Sunday, **September 8**, Donut Sunday—Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25	Weekly Goal
\$4,788	\$4,319	\$4,261	\$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

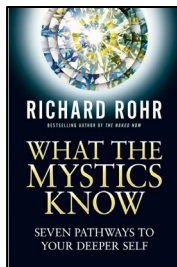
This weekend's second collection is for **Diocesan Seminarians**. Please help those who are in formation and studying for the priesthood in our diocese. We need more priests, and they need our support.

Next weekend, the second collection will be for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance**. See below.



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.



DATE CORRECTION 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 Five: *Contemplation Means Practicing Heaven Now*, on

Tuesday, **September 17**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church. (We apologize for the error on the date in the previous bulletin.)

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:

- ▶ Upgraded lighting in Parish Center with LED lights.
- ▶ Repaired major water leak in plumbing outside the Parish Center.
- ▶ HVAC in parish library needs replacing.
- ▶ Prune dead tree branches hanging over statue of Mary.

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



SOV Anniversary Party

Did you return your RSVP for the Anniversary celebration happening on September 28? It's not too late yet! You have until next Monday, September 9, 2024, to reply, and remember to also include the Memory Form filled in with your Star of the Valley memories. It's going to be a grand time that you don't want to miss!



What Is the Feast of Creation

The Feast of Creation on **September 1**, also known as Creation Day or World Day of Prayer for Creation, is the big celebration that inspires and nourishes the larger Season of Creation that flows from it. Inspired by a rich tradition of the Orthodox Church, it was later embraced by the World Council of Churches in 2008 and the Catholic Church in 2015.

Besides being a moment to repent for our sinful desecration of the gift of Creation and pray for its healing, the feast honors God as Creator and commemorates the great mystery of the creation of the cosmos (learn more about the feast's **history and symbolism** at <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/why-a-feast-of-creation-on-september-1/>). In other words, this feast is not just about celebrating “Creation as the *created world*” that God gifted us, but most importantly it is about celebrating “Creation as *foundational mystery*” of our Christian faith.

In a nutshell, it is a moment to thank and praise the Triune God as Creator. Given that most Christian churches have historically focused so much on God as Redeemer, this feast is an invaluable opportunity to celebrate God as Creator. This need was stressed by many Christian leaders, such as Benedict XVI who once said: “The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur—as Creator and as Redeemer—we also diminish the value of the Redemption... The renewal of the doctrine of Creation and a new understanding of the inseparability of Creation and Redemption are of supreme importance.”

This year, 2024, September 1 falls on a Sunday, so it is a very special occasion for the faith community to include the feast and mystery of Creation in the Sunday celebration. It is worth reminding the community about Sunday's dual symbolism as both “the day of Creation”—“the first day of the week” when God began the creative act, as per Genesis 1, and “the day of the Resurrection” (as affirmed for example by St. Justin Martyr, First Apology, 67, and St. Gregory the Great, *Primo die quo Trinitas*, 1).

Nick's Pantry Needs

Thank you for your generous donations to the Neighbor-to-Neighbor collections, and for dropping off donated food items at the Parish Center.

Currently, Nick's Pantry needs cereal. Honey-Nut Cheerios, Corn Flakes, and Raisin Bran are what our guests like best. Boxes of any size are acceptable, as well as generic brands. Please put them in the wooden box inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

Share Your Smile—Be a Greeter!

We are in need of additional volunteers to be Greeters at our Saturday's 4:00 p.m. and Sunday's 10:00 a.m. Masses. It is an easy job and much appreciated by parishioners to have you greet them at the doors of our church with a warm smile and cheerful hello. If you can stand for approximately 20-30 minutes before Mass and hand parishioners a SOV Bulletin, please volunteer your time by contacting Kathy McKeon, 707-228-8311 phone or text, email kmcke@yahoo.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

SVdP Recommends Movie

Have you ever wondered as a parent, or grandparent, about what activity to share with that young person in your life? *My Penguin Friend* is a delightful story about a brokenhearted fisherman and his unlikely relationship with a rescued penguin. This movie is currently showing at Summerfield Cinema in Santa Rosa and at Rialto Theatre in Sebastopol. Scan this trailer for a brief glimpse: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi3738879513/?ref=tt_vi_i_1

A Singers Workshop

First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa invites all church members who love to sing to a workshop lead by Gage Purdy on Saturday, **September 7, 2024**, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 1551 Montgomery Drive. The \$20 registration fee includes the workshop, materials, and lunch. To register, call Elizabeth at 707-548-9730 or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-singers-workshop-registration-971168530217>. (Note that Eventbrite adds a \$2.85 sales fee.)

Webinar: Protecting Places of Worship—Fall Religious Observance Security Briefing

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in partnership with interagency partners, invites you to a webinar for the faith-based community. This webinar will provide participants with a threat briefing during the period of Fall religious observances and the "Protecting Places of Worship National Weeks of Action." In addition, federal partners will share practical tools and resources to help strengthen the safety and security of places of worship and community spaces.

Date: Thursday, **September 19, 2024**

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Pacific Time

Please register [HERE](#), or go to:

https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_nlLguHjSTvOI1smLnJswRg#/registration. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For questions or additional information, email: Nicole.gentempo@hq.dhs.gov.

For more information on available resources to protect places of worship, please visit:

[Protecting Places of Worship Forum \(justice.gov\)](https://www.justice.gov/protecting-places-of-worship).



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