

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

Parish Office Phone: 707-539-6262
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E-mail: sov@sonic.net

Website: 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.



August 17/18, 2024— Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**My flesh is true food
And my blood is true drink.**

**Making the
Most of the
Opportunity**

The Letter to

the Ephesians speaks to us, urging wisdom in our discernment of how to live the Christian life. We are to “watch carefully ... making the most of opportunity,” and “try to understand what is the will of the Lord” (5:15).

We are promised a generous outpouring of God’s help in our attempts to live the gospel: the Eucharist. This is the “living bread,” the Body and Blood of the Lord. To those who can only think literally, this seems not only foolish, but repulsive as well. We need to have more wisdom, understanding, and faith to understand properly what we have been asked to believe.

For our bread, which is food, and our wine, which is drink, to be transformed from things that give life to the body into Christ, who gives life to the soul, another great transformation must take place. Not only are the physical elements transformed, we are transformed as well. If we become people of Wisdom, eating of this banquet, we become one with Christ, who is one with God. We become the Body of Christ, his living and real presence.

For the Life of the World

This wisdom for us is foolishness to the world. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we become what we eat; that is, we become one with the Lord and with each other. The proof of this is in our love. If we love God and others, our love will be living proof of God’s life and work in the world. We truly become the Body of Christ.



Sunday, August 18, 2024
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I: *Proverbs 9:1-6*—Come, eat of my food and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Responsorial: *Psalms 34*—Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II: *Ephesians 5:15-20*—Understand what is the will of the Lord.

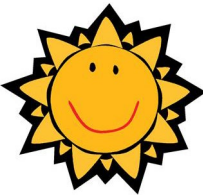
Gospel: *John 6:51-58*—My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.



Parish Anniversary Celebration—September 28, 2024

Remember to mark your calendar to come to the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the Anniversary Party to follow in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center on **September 28**. Please

send in your RSVP and Memory Form by September 9, 2024. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Need a Little Sunshine?

The Women's Circle has a Sunshine Committee that would like to send a card to anyone who needs prayer or a little sunshine in their life due to illness or loss of a loved one. Please

call any of our Sunshine Ladies: Terry Cutler at 707-280-9995; Paula Scull at 760-809-2760; Carole Kilgariff at 415-370-2083; or Janet Rosshirt at 707-293-4256.



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.

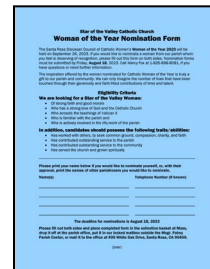
For more information, pick up a *Heritage Friends* pamphlet and a *Planned Giving Statement of Intent* at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, or go to our parish website. Talk with your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to help you determine the type of gift that is right for you and how you might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

MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 17-25

Sat 17 4:00 †**Bob Waska** (Frances Waska)
 Sun 18 10:00 †**Mimi May** (Kathy McKeon)
 Mon 19 No Mass—Pray a Rosary
 Tue 20 8:00 †**Agnes Apicella** (Mike Apicella)
 Wed 21 8:00 ††**Robert & Mary Lou Doxtader**
 10:30 O.G. **For the People of the Parish**
 Thurs 22 8:00 †**Mimi May** (Susan Hazlewood)
 Fri 23 8:00 †**Roy Hackman** (Kathy McKeon)
 Sat 24 4:00 †**Noelle Moran** (Pat Moran)
 Sun 25 10:00 †**Roberta McElroy** (Harriet Draper)

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: Patricia Tomko.



Woman of the Year

Please nominate parishioners for this year's **Star of the Valley Woman of the Year**. Candidates must be practicing Catholic women who, as unpaid volunteers, contributed outstanding service to Star of the Valley and the community.

Please submit the completed nomination form, found in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center and in the church, by Friday, **August 30th**. Nomination forms may be placed in the weekend's collection basket, dropped off at, or mailed to the parish office at 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

Star of the Valley's past Women of the Year: 2010 Marilyn Brown, 2011 Harriet Draper; 2012 Mary Jo Henrikson; 2013 Sherry Busterna; 2015 Ruth Fulger & Roberta McElroy; 2017 Blanche Kaiser; 2018 Cristina Wadsworth; 2019 Jackie Kenilvort; 2023 Judy Rodgers.

The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress 2024

Videos on YouTube to watch:

- Bishop Robert Barron National Eucharistic Congress
 - Sr. Bethany Madonna National Eucharistic Congress
 - Mother Olga National Eucharistic Congress
 - Gloria Purvis National Eucharistic Congress
- and over 25 other inspirational speakers.



This Weekend — August 17-18
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

EMs: Don Shelhart Cristina Wadsworth
Lector: Blanche Kaiser John Knight
Server: Bev Shelhart Jim Warman
Greeters: Bob Chapman Ceal Geurts
 Pat Chapman Kathy McKeon
Ushers: Judy Rodgers Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — August 24-25
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Jan Rosshirt Liz Garcia
 Ted Rosshirt Bowman Olds
 Judy Rodgers John Dolan
 Livie Brant Ron Manning
 Gloria Bowers Kathy McKeon
 Kathleen Beirne John Knight

PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 17–24

Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—Church Quiet Room

Thursday, August 22, 5:00 Parish BBQ/Welcome Dinner—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Friday, August 23, 1:30 Finance Council Meeting—Zoom

Weekly Collection Report

July 28	Aug 4	Aug 11	Weekly Goal
\$3,947	\$5,936	\$4,788	\$5,365

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

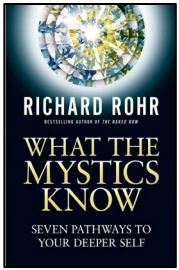
Visiting Priest August 17 & 18

Fr. Prakash, Parochial Vicar at St. Mary’s Parish in Arcata, will be the celebrant at Masses this weekend. The second collection at these Masses will be for his home **Diocese of Nalgonda, India**. (Please make checks payable to Star of the Valley Church.)



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.



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 Four, *The Mystical Path Is a Celebration of Paradox*, on **Tuesday, August 20**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.



CHRISTMAS FAIRE OPPORTUNITY

Are you feeling crafty? It is time to share your creative side with your fellow parishioners. Join the Star of the Valley Christmas Craft Faire as a vendor and show off your creative and artistic abilities. The Craft Faire will be held:

Saturday, **December 7th**,
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

The vendor fee for each table is only \$25.00 plus a raffle donation of an item worth \$15–\$20. Please contact Paula Scull at 760-809-2760 for more information and how to sign up as a vendor.



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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

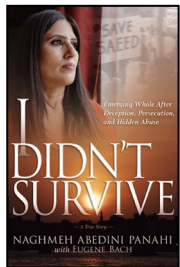
Phone _____

Number of Tickets ____ x \$25 (or 5 for \$100)

Total enclosed _____

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

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Author Speaks

You are invited to hear a special guest speaker, author Naghmeh Panahi, on Friday, **August 23rd** at St. Rose of Lima Church. The evening begins with 6:30 p.m. Mass. Then, at 7:30 p.m. Naghmeh will share her testimony of being a Christian missionary in Iran, what the “House-Church Movement”

is, and the importance of her global advocacy for persecuted women.

Lake County Passion Play Fund Raiser

The Annual Passion Play Fund Raiser—An Enchanted Evening under the pines—with a smoked NY Strip Roast dinner will be Saturday, **September 21st**, at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Pat and Lisa Lambert, 10650 Gifford Springs Road, Cobb Mountain. There will be live music, appetizers, happy hour, a live auction, dinner, dessert and dancing.

\$80 for a single ticket, or \$600 for a table of 8. Please support the Annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play and purchase tickets by calling Lisa Lambert at 707-245-7281, or Maryann Sanderson 707-489-8820.

SVdP Treasurer Vacancy

St Vincent de Paul Society District Council of Sonoma County needs a volunteer to fill a treasurer position. Duties include reviewing financial statements prepared by a paid finance manager and supporting online officer meetings. The candidate should possess a full understanding of financial statements; a business

background would be helpful. For additional information, kindly contact MFanning@svdp-sonoma.org or AlanKarbousky@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish to call home, we welcome you! If you have been worshipping with us for a while but have not yet registered, we invite you to register so we can better serve you.

You may register by signing the Newcomers Register at the back of the church, filling in this form and putting it in the collection basket, or visit the parish office inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center during the week at 495 White Oak Drive, or call 707-539-6262.

We hope you have enjoyed your time with us and we look forward to see you again!

- New Parishioner
- New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- I have a question. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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