

# 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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## **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 24/25, 2024 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**You have the words  
of eternal life.**

### **As For Me & My Household**

Today's Gospel picks up the thread of the "Bread of

Life" discourses in the Gospel of John. Jesus, after performing the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and crossing back over the lake to Capernaum (by walking on the water!), is teaching the people in the synagogue there. Using the example of the manna in the desert, he opens for them the mystery of the gift of his body and blood. Startled, as one can imagine, by the starkness of this teaching, many, even among his disciples, begin to drift away, finding the teaching "hard." It is a moment of decision for everyone. Like Joshua in the desert of Sinai, Jesus asks his people to choose whom they will serve, the One God or something else. Like Joshua, Peter speaks on behalf of his "household" and sides with the Lord. Peter's declaration of faith, "you are the Holy One of God," is preceded by a simple rhetorical question: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal Life."

### **We Will Serve the Lord**

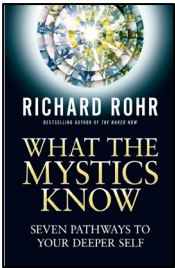
To make the choice of whom to serve, whom to believe in and trust, it is necessary sometimes to come to a moment of crisis. The concept of the Eucharist was so difficult that many who followed Jesus could not accept it. But those who had an intimate relationship with Jesus, not one based on signs and miracles but based on love, knew that their lives had been forever changed. There was no going back; there were no other "gods" to serve. There was the One, and everything depended on that fact. It is love that makes the choices clearer.



**Sunday, August 25, 2024**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b*—We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 34*—Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Reading II:** *Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32*—This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the church.

**Gospel:** *John 6:60-69*—To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal 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 Five: *Contemplation Means Practicing Heaven Now*, on Tuesday, **September 20, 10:00–11:00 a.m.** in the Quiet Room of the church.



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

**Labor Day September 2**  
 Due to the upcoming holiday weekend, the September Donut Sunday will be postponed one week and will happen September 8th instead.



**Donut Sunday—September 8**  
**In Memory of Bob Flores**  
 Many thanks to Lisa Munoz Flores for sponsoring Donut Sunday, 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.

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.

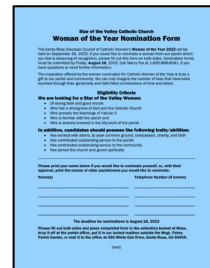
**MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 24—SEPTEMBER 1**

Sat 24	4:00	†Noelle Moran (Pat Moran)
Sun 25	10:00	†Roberta McElroy (Harriet Draper)
Mon 26		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 27	8:00	†Sharon McCarthy (Kathy McKeon)
Wed 28	8:00	†Isabel Frimmersdorf (Virginia Taylor)
	10:30	O.G. <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs 29	8:00	†Agnes Apicella
Fri 30	8:00	††Robert & Mary Lou Doxtader
Sat 31	4:00	†Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sun 1	10:00	†Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)

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: Jeanette MacDonald, sister of Dolores Zeni.

**Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley**  
 Tuesday, **August 27, 11:00 a.m.:** Jeanette MacDonald



**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.

**Quail Quip**  
 Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

	<b>This Weekend — August 24–25</b>		<b>Next Weekend — Aug. 31–Sept. 1</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Jan Rosshirt	Liz Garcia	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson
<b>Lector:</b>	Ted Rosshirt	Bowman Olds	Len Marabella	Mike Hanlon
<b>Server:</b>	Judy Rodgers	John Dolan	Dennis Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Livie Brant Gloria Bowers	Ron Manning Kathy McKeon	Gayle Brinker Diane D'Ambrogia	Mary Bell Tim Burkhard
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne	John Knight	Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard





## PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 25—SEPTEMBER 2

Monday, **September 2**, Office Closed—Labor Day

### Weekly Collection Report

Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Weekly Goal
\$5,936	\$4,788	\$4,319	\$5,365

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

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection, **August 31—September 2**, will be for Diocesan Seminarians.



### 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).



### 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.



## 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.

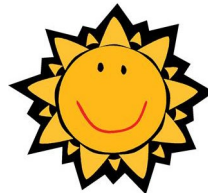
The vendor fee for each table is only \$25.00 plus a raffle donation of an item worth \$15–\$20. Please contact Paula Scull at 760-809-2760 for more information and how to sign up as a vendor.



## 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.

### 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](mailto:kmcke@yahoo.com). Your help is greatly appreciated.

### Quail Quip

Let your smile change the world.  
But never let the world change your smile.

### 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.

### A Prayer of Appreciation

Thank you for serving others in the name of our Lord. Know that everything you do for others you do for Him. Thank you for offering your time so generously for those who need your talents. May He bless you for every act of kindness you have done and reward you for your love and service to others. We appreciate all that you do and for the difference you make in serving the Lord our God so faithfully. May He bless you abundantly. Amen.

### Tunes

To listen to the Lord's Prayer song by Matt Maher, contemporary style with lyrics (4:07), go to YouTube and enter: [As It Is in Heaven](#) (or click on this link)

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



### Who's Keeping Score

Married couples are called to follow the example of Jesus' sacrificial love because love doesn't keep score. Couples make sacrifices for their marriage because they are better

together, joined by mutual respect and trust. Learn more and share the Good News about marriage and family life at: [www.radiatelove.info](http://www.radiatelove.info).

### Listen & Be Renewed

On Saturday, **September 21**, 2024, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The theme is **Prayer, Our Relationship with God**. The variety of talks available throughout the day offer wisdom and are excellent resources for enrichment.

Registration opened in August, and a brochure with workshop descriptions is available in the parish office. This year the event is **FREE**, but registration is required by September 14 to guarantee a seat. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. at [dre@srdiocese.org](mailto:dre@srdiocese.org), 707-566-3366, [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org).

### 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](mailto:Valueralan@aol.com) or call 707-889-1766. Thank you.

## Remember

Remember that your presence is a present to the world.  
Remember that you are a unique and unrepeatable creature.

Remember that your life can be what you want it to be.  
Remember to take the days just one at a time.

Remember to count your blessings, not your troubles.  
Remember that you'll make it through whatever comes along.

Remember that most of the answers you need are within you.

Remember those dreams waiting to be realized.  
Remember that decisions are too important to leave to chance.

Remember to always reach for the best that is within you.

Remember that nothing wastes more energy than worry.  
Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.

Remember that the longer you carry a grudge, the heavier it gets.

Remember not to take things too seriously.  
Remember to laugh.

Remember that a little love goes a long way.

Remember that a lot of love goes forever.

Remember that happiness is more often found in giving than getting.

Remember that life's treasures are people, not things.

Remember that miracles still happen.

—Steve Goodier

Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up.

—John Wagner

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