

# 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 10/11, 2024— Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Beginning of Everything

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bred for his journey. On the strength of the Heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life." He is the beginning of everything.

### Without A Doubt, Love Reigns

Thanks to Thomas the Apostle—that so-called "Doubting Thomas"—Catholic tradition has its earliest account of Mary's Assumption. This tradition holds that, just as Thomas was elsewhere when the other apostles were visited by a resurrected Jesus, he'd likewise been away when Mary, surrounded by the apostles, drew her last earthly breath. As Thomas returned to Jerusalem, three days after Mary's burial, it is said that he saw her gloriously lifted into the heavens. This time, it was the other apostles' turn to doubt Thomas. With great skepticism, tradition tells us, they opened her tomb and found it empty. Saint Pope John Paul II, quoting Saint Francis de Sales, insisted that Mary died "in love, from love, and through love." Love like Mary today.



**Sunday, August 11, 2024**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** *1 Kings 19:4-8*—

Strengthened by that food, Elijah walked to the mountain of God.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 34*—Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Reading II:** *Ephesians 4:30-5:2*—Walk in love, just like Christ.

**Gospel:** *John 6:41-51*—I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

**MASS INTENTIONS— AUGUST 10–18**

Sat 10	4:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun 11	10:00	† <b>Mimi May</b> (Susan Hazlewood)
Mon 12		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 13	8:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (John Bogdan)
Wed 14	8:00	†† <b>Robert &amp; Mary Lou Doxtader</b>
	10:30	O.G. <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>Thurs 15</b>	<b>9:00</b>	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Dick & Vi D’Oliva)
Fri 16	8:00	† <b>Isabel Frimmersdorf</b> (Virginia Taylor)
Sat 17	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun 18	10:00	† <b>Mimi May</b> (Kathy McKeon)

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.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation—August 15**

Catholicism acknowledges twin sources in scripture and tradition. While our faith is biblically rooted, we embrace an expanding truth discerned by saints and mystics, church doctors, and popes. Mary’s Assumption isn’t narrated in the gospels and wasn’t taught dogmatically until 1950. It evolved from the second-century appreciation of Mary as the New Eve: preserved from sin at conception and therefore not subject to sin’s effects in death. Liturgists, saints, and theologians promoted the Assumption for centuries, and devout Catholics championed this understanding. Finally, Pope Pius XII bowed to the “sense of the faithful” and made it official in 1950.



**Parish Anniversary Celebration—September 28, 2024**

Watch for an invitation and Memory Form to arrive in your mailbox this week! It will have the details for this free event.

**STAR OF THE VALLEY**  
**WESTERN**  
**BBQ**  
*Welcoming Dinner*  
**FUNDRAISER & RAFFLE**

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 <b>5:00</b> Cocktails & Appetizers	<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST</b> <b>22nd</b>	
<b>6:00</b> <i>in the evening</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>\$30 PER PERSON</b> </div>	

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**Band Entertainment**  
*The Oak Island Jammers*

**Cash Bar**

*Menu: Hand Rubbed BBQ Baby Back Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Cowboy Beans, Caesar Pasta Salad, Dessert*

Reservations can be made by placing a check in the Men’s Club box by Friday, August 16. For tables of up to 10 people, place each check in one envelope with the names listed on the front. Questions? Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682.

New parishioners: Contact Drew or Kar Hofmann at 707-539-2706.



**This Weekend — August 10–11**  
**4:00 p.m.                      10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Dennis Sabourin	Kar Hofmann
<b>Lector:</b>	Mike Hanlon	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Micki Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
<b>Greeters:</b>	Marietta Mancuso Lisa Munoz-Flores	Judy Monroe Paula Scull
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Beirne	Rick Ragan

**Next Weekend — August 17–18**  
**4:00 p.m.                      10:00 a.m.**

Don Shelhart	Cristina Wadsworth
Blanche Kaiser	John Knight
Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman
Bob Chapman	Ceal Geurts
Pat Chapman	Kathy McKeon
Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger

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

## Weekly Collection Report

July 21	July 28	Aug 4	Weekly Goal
\$4,265	\$3,947	\$5,936	\$5,365

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

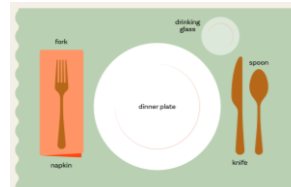
## Second Collections

The second collection this weekend is for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. Fr. Prakash, Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Arcata, will be the celebrant at Masses August 17-18. The second collection next weekend will be for his home Diocese of Nalgonda, India.



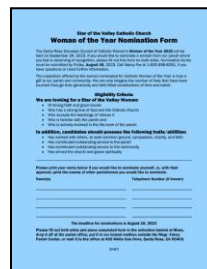
## Electronic Giving

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).



## The Marthas Want You!

Remember the Bible story about Martha and Mary? In Luke's Gospel we find Martha busy with the preparations and tasks needed to host a visit from Jesus. In similar fashion, Star of the Valley Marthas volunteer their time, probably six or seven times a year, to help with events, primarily setting tables for pancake breakfasts and parish dinners. It's light duty but a huge help to the Men's Club which sponsors these events. It supports your church and, best of all, it's fun and a great way to meet your fellow parishioners. And in spite of the name, men are welcome too! If you would like to join our group, we would love to welcome you. Our next event will be setting tables for the Western Barbeque this month. Please contact Esther Dolan at 707-521-9106 or email [pgfog@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgfog@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to help.



## 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.



**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.



**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities**

Star of the Valley parishioners, including Bill and Carol Dickinson, Harriet Draper, Blanche Kaiser, Don Shelhart, and Dennis Sabourin, enjoy volunteering in these ways—

**Caring Voices:** A telephone outreach program where volunteers call participants for a daily check in call.

**Caring Rides:** Trained volunteer drivers take seniors to medical appointments and on other errands.

Please call Catholic Charities at 707-327-0228 or email Christa Youngern at [cyoungern@srcharities.org](mailto:cyoungern@srcharities.org) for more information and to volunteer.



**THE APOSTLE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE**

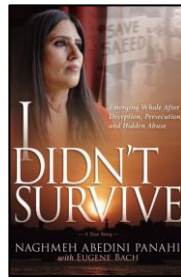
**Relic Tour of St. Jude the Apostle**

The Diocese of Santa Rosa will be graced with a Relic tour of St. Jude, the “Apostle of the Impossible.”

These are the three dates and locations:

- Saturday, **August 17**, at St. Francis Solano Church, 469 3rd St W, Sonoma. Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude’s honor at 3:00 p.m. followed by veneration of Saint Jude Relics until 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, **August 18**, at Cathedral of St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa. Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude’s honor at 3:00 p.m. followed by veneration of Saint Jude Relics until 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, **August 19**, at St. Joseph Church, 21396 Hwy 175, Middletown. Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics from 2:00–10:00 p.m. Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude’s honor at 7:00 p.m.

**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 and what the Western Church can

learn, what the “House-Church Movement” is, and the importance of her global advocacy for persecuted women.



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