

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

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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.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Call the office to arrange visits

by a Priest or Eucharistic Minister,

when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized

to arrange for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound suspended.



May 28-29, 2022 — The Ascension of the Lord

Where Are You Going?

It has only been forty days since the disciples stood open-mouthed, gazing at the empty tomb. Since then, Jesus Christ has been with them in his glorified body, teaching and encouraging the disciples to hold fast to the message of salvation. But now they are gathered, and it seems that the disciples are still thinking about things of this world: “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” they ask. One can imagine Jesus silently shaking his head and saying, “Don’t these folks get it yet?” But Jesus is patient once again, knowing that soon the disciples will understand. And just as at the tomb, two men appear to the disciples and ask them, “What are you looking at? Jesus is returning to heaven, and you have work to do, so go do it!”

Continually Praising God

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ’s glorious ascension into heaven. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God’s right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today’s readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: “With great joy... they were continually in the temple praising God.”

How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a “Spirit of wisdom and revelation” in order to know Christ clearly. We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered.



Sunday, May 29, 2022

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Acts 1:1-11*—As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

Responsorial: *Psalm 47*—God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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Reading II: *Ephesians 1:17-23*—Christ is the head of the church; where he is we are called to follow.

Gospel: *Luke 24:46-53*—As he blessed them, he was taken up to heaven.

Pray For One Nation Under God

May 21 was Armed Forces Day, a holiday that pays tribute to men and women who serve across all six branches in the United States military. The United States is blessed with well trained and disciplined armed forces, dedicated to defend not only the people but also the principles on which the nation was founded, including the free exercise of religion. Cherish the right that is yours to worship freely, and take a moment today to give thanks for those who are sworn to protect it and all our cherished liberties.

What Day Is It?

Armed Forces Day is for those still in their uniform.

Veterans Day is for those who hung up their uniform.

Memorial Day is for those who never made it out of their uniform.

Office Closed on Memorial Day—May 30

Have a nice holiday on Monday, **May 30**. We will too!

Sharon, Anna, and Msgr. Pulskamp

SOV Office Staff

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Memorial Day Masses

Holy Mass will be celebrated on Memorial Day, Monday, **May 30th**, 2022, at the following Cemeteries:

10:00 a.m. Calvary Catholic Cemetery—Santa Rosa

9:00 a.m. Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery—St. Helena

10:00 a.m. Calvary Catholic Cemetery—Petaluma



Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Today we remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have died in the defense of our nation; from the days of the Revolution to these days in Iraq and Afghanistan. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold so dear.

In the words of Sacred Scripture, we hear, “There is no greater love then this, than to lay down one’s life for a friend.” It is only by your grace and the love they have for you and this nation that gave them the strength to lay down their lives.

We beseech you O Lord, to receive these servants of peace into your loving embrace and grant them the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding.

We also remember the family members of these great heroes. They too suffer a great and painful sacrifice. Bestow upon them the blessings of your consolation and peace. May you ease their sadness as they continue on the road to serenity and hope.

To you we offer this prayer knowing you fulfill the heart’s desire of those who seek you with noble intentions. May our prayer for true and lasting peace be answered in accordance to your will and for the good of your sons and daughters. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Peace. Amen



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Diocese of Santa Rosa Hiring

The chancery office is looking for a senior level accountant to round out our finance team! This position ensures general ledger accuracy on all Chancery administration/ministries, deposits and loans, fixed assets, annual appeal and capital campaign books, as well as bank reconciliations for accounts administered at the Chancery. This position has an opportunity for quick advancement within the department. For more information please click [here](http://www.srdiocese.org/employment-opportunities) or visit our employment page: www.srdiocese.org/employment-opportunities.

Family Services Advisor—Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries is looking for temporary, full-time office support. For a complete job description please click [here](http://www.srdiocese.org/employment-links#tabContent_4493671). Or, for more information, visit the website of the Diocese of Santa Rosa at www.srdiocese.org/employment-links#tabContent_4493671.

This Weekend — May 28–29

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs: Jan Rosshirt

Barbara Spotleson

Lectors: Ted Rosshirt

Connie Pearson

Servers: Connie Montague

Fritz Spotleson

Greeters: Sherry Rosevear
Evelyn Zigmont

Donna Forst & Cricket
Mimi May

Ushers: Jan Rosshirt
Ted Rosshirt

Rick Ragan
TBD

Next Weekend — June 4–5

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Eva McGinn

Liz Garcia

Bob Zeni

Karen Schraga

Judy Rodgers

Jennifer Martinez

Jan Rosshirt
Ted Rosshirt

Mary Bell
Paula Scull

Tom Beirne
TBD

Fritz Spotleson
TBD



MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 28—JUNE 5

Sat	28	4:00	†Elijah Davidson (Iz Campbell)
Sun	29	10:00	†Kevin Kelly (Mimi May)
Mon	30		No Mass
Tue	31	8:00	†Kay Wilhoit (David & Theresa)
Wed	1	8:00	Intention of Frank Donovan
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	2	8:00	†Dick Holm (Joan Andrew)
Fri	3	8:00	†Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Sat	4	4:00	†Kay Wilhoit (Claire Hulsman)
Sun	5	10:00	†Honey Sosnowski (Barbara & Fritz Spotleson)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Frank Donovan, Bob Flores, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Kristina Hoyt, Dan Kenilvort, Jackie Kenilvort, Maureen Latimer, Charles Marchese, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Don McQuaid, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Richard Peterson, Ray Pregent, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Ed Turpin, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, Jim Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: June Lampi, Dominic Sposeto, and Kay Wilhoit.

Memorial Mass at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

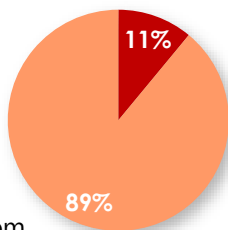
for former SOV parishioner **Dominic Sposeto**, at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, **June 4**.

AMA Annual Ministry Appeal 2022
Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to the Annual

Ministry Appeal (AMA), *One Family in Mission*. Our parish goal is **\$28,352**. As of April 30, 2022, 89% of that has been pledged, and 80% has been paid by Star of the Valley parishioners. Only 11% to go!

If we don't meet the targeted goal, the difference will have to be taken from parish funds to meet it.

AMA envelopes are still available for those who have not yet made their pledge or contribution. It is important to print "**Star of the Valley**" on the Parish line, and make checks payable to **2022 AMA**. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offertory basket, or mailed.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Pope St. Eugene's Feast Day Pilgrimage

On Thursday, **June 2**, Stephen Morris, of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, will lead an eleven-mile pilgrimage walk from Flat Rock Park, in Santa Rosa, to The Barlow in Sebastopol. This is Stage 3 of the Camino de Sonoma.

To participate, and for more information as well as what to bring, email Stephen Morris at: dsryouth@srdiocese.org. See the poster on the bulletin board in the church for more information.



New Members Needed for the Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council is looking for some new members.

New members must:

live in, or be registered in Star of the Valley Parish, be familiar with and active in the parish, and be in good standing in the Catholic Church.

They must have some background and experience in: finance, business, personnel or property management, or budgeting and fundraising.

Members of the Council are appointed by the pastor for terms of three years. They are to assist him on matters pertaining to the administration of the temporal goods of the parish. The Council usually meets—in person or by Zoom—once a month.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Finance Council, please call the Parish Office at 707-539-6262, email us at sov@sonic.net, or talk directly to Msgr. Pulskamp.

Weekly Collection Report

May 1	May 8	May 15	Weekly Goal
\$5,470	\$4,051	\$3,413	\$5,365

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Second Collection

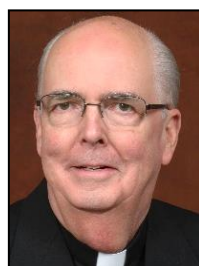
Next weekend's second collection is for **Priest Benefits & Welfare**.



Keep Star of the Valley Parish in Mind During Your Summer Travels

Have fun on your summer vacations! We know you'll be out of town for a few Sundays this summer, but that doesn't mean you can't participate through your regular Sunday offerings. With Online Giving you can contribute from wherever you are... you can even set up payments in advance if you like! And when you give online, it helps us make our budget, even when attendance is low.

Visit our website, www.starofthevalley.org, for the online giving link. It's easy, convenient, and safe—meeting all the strictest PCI/DSS security standards. You may indicate the frequency and type of donation (e.g., "Sunday", Parish Repair & Maintenance, etc.) and use any of your checking, savings, or credit accounts for your contributions.



Happy Birthday

Be sure to wish Msgr. Pulskamp happy birthday on Friday, **June 3**. Maybe we can all go to the 8:00 a.m. Friday Mass that day! That would be a wonderful birthday surprise! To our wonderful pastor: Your guidance, compassion, and strength are so deeply appreciated. Happy birthday.

Freedom Isn't Free

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea
How many foxholes were soldiers'
graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

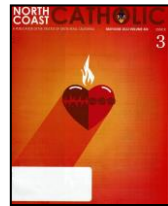
I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times

That Taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.



North Coast Catholic

The May/June 2022 North Coast Catholic magazine is available at both entrances in the

church and in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Please take home a copy today.

Pray for Priests in June

The June 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.



International Public Rosary Campaign

Join the international prayer effort of praying the

Rosary in a public place, begging Our Mother Mary for help in this unprecedented, global crisis of division and strife.

Pray for freedom, unity, and peace throughout the world, as well as for help in solving the global crises of the pandemic.

Each **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** the Rosary is being prayed at the Fatima Statue and grotto outside the east entrance of the **St. Eugene's Cathedral.**

Go to: www.public-rosary.org for more information.

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