

# 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**

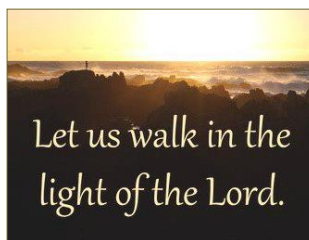
Call the office to arrange visits

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.



## **November 26-27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent**



The Gospel from Matthew is part of Jesus' last address to his disciples before his passion. Throughout the discourse, Jesus speaks of what will happen in the future, at the end of the age. Today's reading opens and closes with

reference to the coming (parousia) of the Son of Man, an end-time event when God will manifest ultimate salvific power. Although the parousia of the Son of Man is certain, when it will happen is unknown. Therefore, Jesus' disciples must always be prepared and vigilant.

In order to instruct his disciples on the necessity of being ever alert, Jesus makes a graphic comparison between the flood in the days of Noah and the coming of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, and marrying, oblivious of the flood that was about to come and carry them away.

Similarly, when the Son of Man comes, as people continue ordinary activities such as grinding at the mill, one will be taken away while another will be left. In another analogy, Jesus tells of the master of a house who would stay awake if he knew when a thief would come to break into his house. Both analogies emphasize the suddenness and unknown time of a startling event.

Each of the readings on this First Sunday of Advent have a twofold focus. As they look to the future, whether described as day to come or parousia, they are also instructing people how to live in the present: walk in the light of the Lord; put on the Lord Jesus Christ; stay awake and be prepared.



## Sunday November 27, 2022

### Scripture Readings

**Reading I:** *Isaiah 2:1-5*—All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 122*—Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Reading II:** *Romans 13:11-14*—It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24:37-44*—Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Toy Drive

On Saturday, **December 10**, 1:00-3:00 p.m., the Holy Spirit Women's Club will be collecting new unwrapped toys to be donated to Catholic Charities, Valley of the Moon Children's Center, and the Rincon Valley Fire Dept. Toys for Tots. Please drop off your gifts at the back door of the Holy Spirit Church kitchen on St. Francis Road.

Questions? Call Nora Ward at 707-484-0542.

### Prepare for Advent on Zoom

The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education and Spirituality are sponsoring two programs for Advent preparation.

Messianic Infancy Narratives: Luke and Matthew, led by Dr. Michael Galvan on two Wednesday evenings, **November 30** and **December 14** from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. via Zoom. Cost: \$25 (scholarships available.)

Advent Journeying to YES, led by Sister Celeste Arbuckle on Sunday, **December 11**, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$30 (scholarships available.)

Register at <https://ces-event.myshopify.com>

For more information, contact 510-933-3546.



### 2023 Star of the Valley Catholic Calendar

The 2023 Catholic calendar is here. You can pick up your copy at the church, or on the literature table in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. You may

take as many as you would like to share with others.

### Pray for Priests in December

The December 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 26–DECEMBER 4

Sat	26	4:00	†Ava Guerrero (Harriet Draper)
Sun	27	10:00	†Richard Burkhard (Tim Burkhard)
Mon	28		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	29	8:00	†Art Pisano (Laureen Burke)
Wed	30	8:00	†Mary Knight (Kathy & Mike Mouat)
		10:30	O.G. For People of the Parish
Thurs	1	9:00	†Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Fri	2	8:00	†Sigrid Pregent (Jennifer Martinez)
Sat	3	4:00	†Art Pisano (Laureen Burke)
Sun	4	10:00	†Marilyn Brown (Fritz & Barbara Spotleson)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: J-3, Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Mike Cusack, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Audrey Engen, Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Bob Flores, Marcy Fox, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Martin Kilgariff, Maureen Latimer, Jack Luceti, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Don McQuaid, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Richard Peterson, Jill Ramage, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Claire Vincent, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.



### Book of Prayer Intentions

What is that spiral bound book in the back of the church for?

The Book of Intentions, found in the back of the church near the Divine Mercy painting, provides our faith community with a dignified

space for recording prayer petitions throughout the year. You may write the names of those for whom you pray, the sick, the homebound, the suffering, the local and universal church, the needs of the world, and all who need prayer.

This book may be written in when you light a candle (on the Divine Mercy counter,) or without lighting a candle. You may also light a candle without writing in the Book of Intentions. It's up to you. Praying for each other's intentions is an essential part of our parish life.

### Attention Lectors

The 2023 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* is available for you to pick up in the parish office. The new liturgical season begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27.

### This Weekend — November 26–27

4:00 p.m.

**EMs:** Sr. Joanne Abrams

**Lectors:** Len Marabella

**Servers:** Connie Montague

**Greeters:** Kathleen Beirne

Tom Beirne

**Ushers:** Tom Beirne

TBD

10:00 a.m.

Marge Lamb

Rosemary Haver

John Dolan

Esther Dolan

Donna Forst/Cricket

Clarence Younger

TBD

### Next Weekend — December 3–4

4:00 p.m.

Micki Sabourin

Sherry Rosevear

Dennis Sabourin

Kathleen Beirne

Tom Beirne

Agnes Apicella

TBD

10:00 a.m.

Liz Garcia

Mimi May

Jim Warman

Mary Bell

Paula Scull

Tim Burkhard

TBD

### Thursday, Dec. 8

9:00 a.m.

Blanche Kaiser

Judy Rodgers

Jennifer Martinez

NA

NA

Fritz Spotleson

TBD



## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK—NOV. 26–DEC. 4

**Wednesday 30, 4:00—Wine & Cheese & Speaker:** Len Marabella—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

**Thursday 1, 1:30—Finance Council Meeting—Zoom**

**Sunday 4, 8:00-Noon—Pancake Breakfast—Center**



### Flu Season Recommendation

Wearing a face covering is optional at Star of the Valley Church if you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, but since this year's flu is extra nasty, it is

suggested that you consider wearing an N95 (or equivalent) face covering, depending on your risk factors and vulnerability. Please stay safe and healthy.

### Weekly Collection Report

Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Weekly Goal
\$5,659	\$4,660	\$4,064	\$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

This weekend the second collection is for **Christmas Flowers** to decorate the church.

### eGiving Thanks

Thank you for supporting Star of the Valley Parish through online giving. Your recurring gifts are strengthening our parish and sustaining our ministries throughout the year. You provide steady and consistent support that helps us provide programs, services, and ministries that share the Advent blessings—Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace—throughout the year, with our church families and those in need in our community.

### Hope. Love. Joy. Peace.

These are the gifts of the Advent season. The gifts you help share here in our community, throughout the year, with your thoughtful stewardship.

Advent is a meaningful time to reflect on your generosity. One special way to give is eGiving (aka Online Giving.) It can simplify your stewardship and provide steady, consistent support to the parish—so we can be ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and those in our community. Your recurring gifts will sustain our parish, even if you need to miss a Sunday Mass.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up: Call Anna in the parish office at 707-539-6262 or, visit: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch>

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



### First Sunday of Advent—November 27

Sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of Isaiah who foretold the birth of Christ, the first candle represents hopeful expectation.

## All Invited

Star of the Valley Women's Circle is hosting a wine and cheese gathering. Our guest speaker is parishioner **Len Marabella** retired CEO of Catholic Charities.

Len will talk about: the new Caritas Center, Works of Mercy and the Charity of Catholic Charities, and Sam Jones Hall.

**Wednesday, November 30**  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Monsignor Fahey Parish Center  
**Men and Women** are invited!  
No charge, and no RSVP is needed.

Help those less fortunate by enjoying all you can eat!

## Neighbor-to-Neighbor Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Where: Msgr. Fahey Parish Cntr.

When: 8:00 a.m.-Noon  
Cost: (Pay at the door)  
\$15 Adults  
\$10 Children up to 12

Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Sausage,  
Juice, Champagne, Coffee

# Light Up A Life

*Community tree lighting and remembrance celebration*

Hospice Services of St. Joseph Health invites you to their "Light Up A Life" tree-lighting ceremony, Sunday, **December 4**, 5:00–6:00 p.m. at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

This community event celebrates cherished memories; each light symbolizing the life, hope and dreams of a loved one.

There will be music and refreshments.

Donation Forms are at the back of church and in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

For information, contact Memorial Hospice at 707-568-1092 or visit [www.SonomaCountyHospice.org](http://www.SonomaCountyHospice.org)

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Advent Day of Prayer at CTK

An **adventure** in Advent, "cultivating hope in a world of hype" will be offered by Fr. Phillip and Fr. Jack on Tuesday, **December 6**, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

[christthekingretreatcenter.org/events/2022-12/](http://christthekingretreatcenter.org/events/2022-12/)

## Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center (CTK)

Many retreatants arrive on Friday night weighed down by concerns. Perhaps these are financial, or a troubled child, a recent medical diagnosis, or maybe a keen sensitivity to the divisions and violence in our society or Church.

Our theme this year centers on the Passion of Christ—the suffering of the Body of Christ today as well as Jesus' suffering on Calvary. In pondering together, the horror of war in the Ukraine or the gun violence in our own land, we ease the pain and find meaning and direction. The cross is not merely the experience of suffering; rather, it takes on solidarity with the marginalized, the oppressed, victims of global injustice. The resurrection of Jesus is God's "NO" to injustice. May the Passion of Jesus Christ Be Always in Our Hearts.

All weekends are open to members of any parish group and individuals. Retreats for men and retreats for women are offered at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Ln, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. For more information:

[christthekingretreatcenter.org/events/2022-12/](http://christthekingretreatcenter.org/events/2022-12/)

## The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos Retreats



Both in person and virtual retreats and workshops are offered:

- ▶ Advent Weekend Retreat, **December 9-11**, 2022.
- ▶ Virtual: Christmas Contemplative Oasis, Saturday, **December 13**, 2022.

For more information, and to register for these and other retreats (silent and non-silent) or workshops, click on

[jrc.retreatportal.com](http://jrc.retreatportal.com).



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