

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.

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Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

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*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

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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.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday until 9:30 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 a visit by a Priest when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized to arrange for Anointing of the Sick. Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound suspended.



December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023 — Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Beginnings

On this first day of a new year, we look forward to new beginnings, hopeful that this year will be better than the last. The Chosen People were looking forward to a new beginning in the promised land when Aaron and his sons called down God's blessings, God's grace, and God's peace upon them. The shepherds realized a new beginning was taking place in Bethlehem and hurried there to see the newborn king. Mary embraced the new beginning her life had taken after she was visited by the angel. May we look forward to our new beginning, assured that we have a God with us who chose to become incarnate in the world, who chose to share in our humanity, who chose to redeem us from our sins.

Resolve to Reflect

The shepherds are Jesus' first evangelizers, proclaiming the "good news of great joy" given them by the angels. Ironically, the first people they tell are Mary and Joseph themselves, who already know the good news from the angel's visits. But now they realize that this good news is already spreading throughout the countryside, bringing great joy to those who hear it. Just as we treasure the memories of wonderful events, Mary treasured all that happened the night on which her Son was born.

Luke says that Mary reflected on the shepherds' visit and their message. Reflection is a habit we seem to have lost in today's world of instant electronic updates. How often do we take the time to power down our electronics and spend some time in prayerful reflection? Sounds like a good resolution for 2023!



Sunday January 1, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Numbers 6:22-27*—The Lord bless you and keep you!

Responsorial: *Psalm 67*—May God bless us in his mercy.

Reading II: *Galatians 4:4-7*—We too

are the sons and daughters of God.

Gospel: *Luke 2:16-21*—Mary reflected on all these things in her heart.



“The Twelve Days of Christmas”

How did you all do with the explanation of the twelve days of Christmas that was in the bulletin last week? Could you name the four gospels, the five books of the Torah, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Here are the answers:

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree is Jesus Christ
- The Two Turtle Doves are The Old & New Testaments
- The Three French Hens are The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; or Faith, Hope, and Love
- The Four Calling Birds are The Four Gospels/Gospel Writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- The Five Gold Rings are The Five Books of the Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- The Six Geese a-laying are The 6 Days of Creation: God created the heavens and the earth, God created the sky and seas, God created the land and plants, God created the sun, moon, and stars, God created fish and birds, and God created land animals and man
- The Seven Swans a-swimming are The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God
- The Eight Maids a milking are The 8 Beatitudes from Matthew 5:3-10: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS—DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 8

Sat	31	4:00	† Mary Lima (Livia Brant)
Sun	1	10:00	† Charles Coughlin (The Coughlin Family)
Mon	2		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	3	8:00	† Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	4	8:00	† John Lucan (Kathy Lollock)
		10:30	O.G. For People of the Parish
Thurs	5	8:00	† Bruce Emmons (Harriet Draper)
Fri	6	8:00	† Jean Cronin (Diana Mambretti)
Sat	7	4:00	† Antoinette Gagliardi-Ortenza (Beatrix Buckley)
Sun	8	10:00	Intention of Paul Fitzpatrick (Sue & Tim Cummings)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: J-3, Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 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, Terie McKenna, Bill McNeany, Don McQuaid, Connie Montague, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Richard Peterson, Jill Ramage, Ted Rosshirt, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Claire Vincent, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Connie Cappa.

- The Nine Ladies Dancing are The 9 Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control
- The Ten Lords a-leaping are The Ten Commandments: I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
- The Eleven Pipers Piping are the 11 Faithful Apostles: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas son of James. (Judas Iscariot, the 12th, later replaced with faithful Matthias.)

“Twelve Days” continued next page

This Weekend — Dec. 31–Jan. 1

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Eva McGinn	Barbara Spotleson
Lectors:	Bob Zeni	Joyce O'Connor
Servers:	Mary Kay Riccioni	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Donna Forst & Cricket Kathy McKeon	Mary Bell Mimi May
Ushers:	Tom Beirne TBD	Rick Ragan TBD

Next Weekend — January 7–8

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Sr. Joanne Abrams	Cristina Wadsworth
Len Marabella	Martin Kilgariff
Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman
Gloria Bowers Sherry Rosevear	Donna Forst & Cricket Marietta Mancuso
Jack Luceti TBD	Clarence Younger TBD

Happy New Year—Woof!



PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK—DEC. 31–JAN. 8

Sunday 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Happy New Year!

Sunday 8, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Weekly Goal
\$5,747	\$4,558	\$11,416	\$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.



Donut Sunday—January 8 In Memory of Marilyn Brown

Many thanks to the family of Marilyn Brown for sponsoring our Donut Sunday on **January 8** in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come to celebrate the new year, enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, visit with fellow parishioners and remember Marilyn Brown.



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.

Priest Removed from Ministry

Father Mark Kristy, O.C.D. is reportedly living in the Diocese of Santa Rosa without his Superior's permission or approval. Under no circumstance is he to be allowed to exercise any form of ministry in or for the Diocese. The faithful are advised that they are not to participate in any way with any priestly activities which he might illicitly offer. Concerns are to be brought to the attention of the Chancery.



Become A Member of Heritage Friends

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley Catholic Church are invited to join Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley. Members of

Heritage Friends are a part of Star of the Valley's enduring future by remembering the parish in their estate planning.

Participation in Heritage Friends is straight forward. You merely submit the form (found in our parish office and on our website) indicating your future intention to give a lasting gift without including any amount.

It is recommended that you contact an attorney to assist you in including your intention in your will or trust.

We invite you, after reflective prayer and consideration, to join *Heritage Friends* of Star of the Valley.

Star of the Valley Christmas Angels



The Star of the Valley Christmas angels who decorated our church for Christmas were: Dick & Vi D'Olive, Ruth Fulger, Mary Montague, Connie Pearson, and Barbara Spotleson. Thank you, angels, for sharing your spirit and spreading Christmas cheer! The church looks beautiful.

Also, thank you to Maryellen Birkland, Tracy Hinman, and Karalaini Sewale for the beautiful Christmas music.

"Twelve Days" Continued

■ The Twelve Drummers Drumming are The twelve Points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed: † I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, † and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, † who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, † suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; † he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; † he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; † from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. † I believe in the Holy Spirit, † the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, † the forgiveness of sins, † the resurrection of the body, and † life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- ☐ I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.
- ☐ 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: _____

LIVE
STREAM



Masses Online

▶ Mass at Holy Spirit Church,
Fr. Ron Serban

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCquuul6w8ZUE14rZZUed6QQ>

- ▶ Mass in English at Resurrection Parish
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAycBKHClj8>
- ▶ Cathedral of St. Eugene's daily and Sunday Masses:
www.youtube.com/channel/UC2ueqwT5jZnglWxq0ENTP4Q
- ▶ Sunday Mass at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco on You Tube and daily Mass on Facebook:
<https://www.stignatiussf.org/livestream>
- ▶ Mass with Fr. Harry Schlitt of God Squad TV:
<https://fatherharry.org/>
- ▶ Bishop Robert Barron, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, records his Sunday Sermon:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyGNQYZfds4>

OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Gardening Morning

All happy gardeners and those who would enjoy a morning of working outdoors! We are holding a morning of gardening at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos to help us be ready to receive our guests post-pandemic. It is Saturday, **January 21**, and will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m., and then we'll work until lunch at 12 noon.

Fr. John Auther will have work for everyone according to talents and strength. Please register online by Friday, January 20, 2023, so that we know you are coming to this free event. jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=23SDY03651



"Come Down, Zacchaeus"

Zacchaeus is mentioned only once in the Gospels, but this courageous man becomes a model for all disciples. In this weekend silent retreat for men and women, we will pray with the decisions and struggles of Zacchaeus and how they may apply to our own story of discipleship. \$320 per person; Friday, 3:00 p.m. through Sunday 2:00 p.m., **January 27-29**. Register at jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=23SON03566.



Afternoon of Remembrance


Sunday, **January 29**, 2023 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Ms. Rita Morton and Fr. John Auther, S.J. will lead the program for grieving mothers and friends at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos.

All grieving mothers and grandmothers (no matter how long it's been since your loss) are invited to an afternoon of Reflection. Join JRC Retreat Director Fr. John Auther, S.J., and Ms. Rita Morton, Founder of Sacred Sorrows, as they present the topic New Year, New Hope. This gentle program will conclude with a memorial Mass in remembrance of our lost loved ones. Attendance is free, reservations are required. RSVP at www.sacredsorrows.org.

Questions, please contact rita@sacredsorrows.org or call 480-734-5416.

Be Kind

Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.
—Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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