

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.

Sharon A. Charlton, Office Manager

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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.**

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.



February 18-19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Love your
neighbor
as yourself.**

-Jesus
MATT. 22:39

Be Countercultural

Our culture tends to value a show of strength and tends to assess our strength by the amount of force we have. When someone hurts us, we're expected to fight back. We say that our anger is justified. We think that the only way to teach the wrongdoer a lesson is to hurt them. We

say that we should get even. Heroes like Gandhi and King modeled a different response: nonviolent resistance. Instead of fighting fire with fire when they were provoked, they turned the other cheek. They exhibited greater inner strength by courageously standing up not only to their violent opponents but also to their own powerful emotions.

Anger and hatred can poison our hearts when they are left to fester. Some would say it's better to release them, whether in the form of a violent action, a hurtful word, or some sort of revenge. But releasing these emotions in these ways does not overcome them and it can escalate the situation. Jesus calls his disciples—us—to cleanse our hearts of negative emotions. Last week we heard him tell us to replace anger with the determination to be reconciled with one another. Today we hear him tell us to replace hatred with love. We are challenged to be countercultural.

"Be holy." "Be perfect." How can we be holy or perfect? Isn't this too much to ask anyone? Let us recall, though, that we are created in the image of God. Let us also recall that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, as Paul instructed the Corinthians. Though humanity has sinned, and we have sinned, we still are temples of God. God desires that we allow the Spirit within us to shine through our sinfulness.



Sunday February 19, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18—*

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Responsorial: *Psalms 103—The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Reading II: *1 Corinthians 3:16-23—*

God catches the wise in their own ruses.

Gospel: *Matthew 5:38-48—Love your enemies.*



2023 Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Santa Rosa

The Lenten Season is to prepare the faithful to be ever more attentive

to the Word of God and prayer, and to prepare ourselves by penance for the renewal of baptismal promises and to celebrate the paschal mystery at Easter.

Ash Wednesday (this week on February 22) and Good Friday are days of **fast** and **abstinence**, that is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat. The other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat.

The law of **fasting** permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of their sixtieth (60) year are obligated to fast.

The law of **abstinence** from meat applies to all persons who have completed their fourteenth year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages seven to fourteen years also follow the law of abstinence.

All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Penance so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery.

Lenten Regulations continued next Column

MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 18–26

Sat	18	4:00	† Anne O'Shea (Kathy McKeon)
Sun	19	10:00	Intention of Lola Danielli (Frances Waska)
Mon	20		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	21	8:00	† Gary Sabourin (Dick & Blanche Kaiser)
Wed	22	9:00 10:30 4:00	† Marilyn Brown (Bill & Terry Cutler) O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	23	8:00	† Robert Davis (Mike & Agnes Apicella)
Fri	24	8:00	† Paul Marabella (Pat & Len Marabella)
Sat	25	4:00	† Louise Paolinetti (Lee & Judy Rodgers)
Sun	26	10:00	† James Baker , † Deb Valenti , † Mary Kaleel (Del Baker)

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, Marcy Fox, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Maureen Latimer, Jack Luceti, Pat Marabella, 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, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Claire Vincent, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Delia Nistler

Lenten Regulations continued

The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social."

This Weekend — February 18–19

4:00 p.m.

EMs: Blanche Kaiser

10:00 a.m.

Cristina Wadsworth

Lectors: Len Marabella

Mike Hanlon

Servers: Mary Kay Riccioni

John Dolan

Greeters: Gloria Bowers
Justine Haugen

Esther Dolan
Paula Scull

Ushers: TBD
TBD

Fritz Spotleson
TBD

Ash Wednesday — February 22

9:00 a.m.

EMs: Don Shelhart

4:00 p.m.

Micki Sabourin

Ashes: Sr. Joanne Abrams

Connie Montague

Lector: Blanche Kaiser

Gail Passalacqua

Server: Bev Shelhart

Dennis Sabourin

Ushers: Tim Cummings

Agnes Apicella

Next Weekend — February 25–26

4:00 p.m.

Eva McGinn

10:00 a.m.

Kar Hofmann

Judy Rodgers

Rosemary Haver

Dennis Sabourin

Drew Hofmann

Cathy Hardy
Pete Hardy

Mary Bell
Mimi May

Agnes Apicella
TBD

Clarence Younger
TBD

You are encouraged to do personal Stations of the Cross by using the **Stations of the Cross** near the vigil lights in the back of the church during Fridays in Lent, or any day.



PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 18–26

February 20, Presidents' Day—**Parish Office Closed**

February 22, Ash Wednesday—9 a.m. & 4 p.m. Masses

February 23, 1:30 Zoom Finance Council Meeting

Weekly Collection Report

In case you're wondering why we have been operating in the **RED**:

Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Weekly Goal
\$2,960	\$3,566	\$3,820	\$5,365

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

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2022 Contribution Statements

If you would like a Contribution Statement of your donations to Star of the Valley Church in 2022, please contact the office by phone at 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net.

Ash Wednesday Collection

Your donation to this special collection helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries in **Central and Eastern Europe** still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds support education, reconstruction, formation, and poverty outreach.



Wine & Cheese Gathering

Star of the Valley Men's Club invites all parishioners and friends

Presentation by
Judge Mike Hanlon:

A Young Catholic Judge Faces a Death Penalty Decision

Thursday, **February 23**, 4:00 p.m.
Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

No reservations required.



Dinner & Music

Music by
MACK & PORTER

Thursday, March 16

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Menu

Green Salad with Rolls
Corned Beef with Mustard
Cabbage Wedges, Guinness Carrots with Dill
Colcannon Style Potatoes
Chocolate Cake with Mocha Filling

\$25 per Person

Full Cash Bar

To reserve a seat:
Mail or drop your check in the Men's Club box at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

To reserve a table for 8 (max.) please put the checks for each person at your table in one envelope and list each name on the outside of the envelope.

All reservations due by March 9, 2023

Unfortunately, adding names *after* making the initial dinner reservation will *not* guarantee additional reservations at your table.

Seating is limited!

Seating is reserved based on the date your reservation and payment is received. Don't wait to sign up. This event always sells out! Questions? Call Jim Warman, 707-230-2682.

St. Josephine Bakhita

In 1868 a girl was born to wealthy Sudanese parents, and when she was about 7, she was kidnapped by slave traders, given the Arabic name Bakhita, and forced to convert to Islam. She was abused and sold over a dozen times in the slave markets, and when she was about 15, she was purchased by an Italian consul whom she begged to take her home to Italy. Bakhita was introduced to Catholicism by the Canossian Sisters, and she said that in the Catholic faith she finally met the God she knew was in her heart her whole life. She became a Canossian sister and took the name Josephine. Until her very last breath in 1947 she called God her master, and was an example of virtue and sanctity to all she met.

Saint Josephine Bakhita is a saint who shows us how in God's plan, and on his timeline, the light of faith can spring from the darkest of circumstances so long as we have hope. Her feast (February 8) has been designated the International Day of Prayer to Stop Human Trafficking. Say the Rosary and pray the victims of human trafficking are given the grace of hope.

Saintly Guidance to Help End Modern-Day Slavery

Josephine Bakhita, is the first and only black woman saint in modern times. After being left in the care of Canossian Sisters in Italy, her freedom from slavery came, and she lived out her later life as a Catholic and a nun. Today, an estimated 50 million people live in modern-day slavery. Christians are among the greatest combatants of the trade, and Saint Josephine was named the patron of survivors when she was canonized in 2000. May her faith continue to inspire those working to end the scourge, and may we join their efforts.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2023

Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to the 2023 AMA. The success of the Appeal depends on you. Your gift supports the ministries and services in this diocese from which you and this parish benefit. No gift is too small and every gift is sincerely appreciated.

If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, we urge you to consider offering your commitment now. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, and completed envelopes (with **Star of the Valley** written on the Parish line) may be placed in the offertory basket. Gifts to the AMA can also be given online at srdicase.org. With every parishioner's participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of \$28,352.



Meditate on the Stations of the Cross This Lent with Bishop Barron

Bishop Barron invites you to reflect with him on the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season. To view the full Stations of the Cross video with all 14 reflections, (54:07) visit:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqDq8_aehA4.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Transformation in the Old Testament: Hebrew

Scriptures Join the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, and Dr. Michael Galvan online, on two Wednesdays, March 8 and 15 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. via Zoom. RSVP by March 7. \$25 registration (scholarships available.) Register at ces-event.myshopify.com, or contact 510-933-3546 for more information.

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