

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

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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.



March 4/5, 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent

**This is my beloved
Son, ... listen to him.**

The Transfiguration

God speaks from the cloud at the Transfiguration, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Those last three words were given to his disciples as a command then, and they are given to us as well, for we too are his disciples.

Just before this scene, Jesus had told his disciples that he will be persecuted by the authorities and put to death. Peter had immediately rebuked him, to which Jesus responded, “Get behind me, Satan! ... You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Significantly, Peter is one of the three who now hear God say about Jesus, “Listen to him.” It’s almost as if God is saying: My Son is telling you the truth. You better listen! You need to understand this!

Are we listening to Jesus today? Are we making the effort to listen for Jesus’ voice during this holy season? Whether we look inside ourselves or out into the world, we can see plenty of things that could be done, plenty of things that we should do, plenty of things that Jesus is asking us to do.

After confronting Peter’s rebuke, Jesus speaks to the other disciples, telling them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny [themselves], take up [their] cross, and follow me.” God affirms this statement in commanding Peter, James, and John to listen to Jesus. This command is addressed to us as well. If we are to come after Jesus, if we are to be raised to eternal life with him, we must deny our own desires, take up our crosses, and follow him.

You may want to ask yourself: What crosses have I found difficult to carry or been unwilling to carry? What crosses have I not even thought to carry, but my taking them up could ease the burden for someone close to me or someone else in need? What cross can I carry that will transfigure my life this Lent?



Sunday March 5, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Genesis 12:1-4*—The call of Abraham.

Responsorial: *Psalms 33*—Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading II: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*—Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*—Jesus is transfigured.

Lenten Season

The Lord is boundless in his mercy, and he deeply desires intimacy with us. To grow in relationship with this loving God, we are invited to pray more wholeheartedly, to fast more regularly, and to give more generously! This is the great call of the Lenten season!

United in prayer

Pope Benedict XVI, may he rest in peace, wrote beautifully on prayer and the Our Father: “In praying our heart is opened. Not only do we enter into communion with God but actually with all the children of God, because we are one body. When we address the Father in our inner room in silence and in recollection we are never alone. Those who speak to God are not alone. We are within the great prayer of the Church, we are part of a great symphony that the Christian community in all the parts of the earth and in all epochs, raises to God.” Pray the Our Father slowly and consciously today, with everyone.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2023

If you have not already pledged or contributed to this year’s AMA, please do so today. We are counting on you to respond generously and to give for the spiritual benefit of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Funds provided through the AMA help to bring Christ’s love and comfort to others. Effectively continuing His mission requires a united effort by every Catholic throughout our Diocesan church.

Our parish goal is **\$28,352**. If it is not met with our donations, funds will have to come out of our parish’s resources to make up the difference. Any amount raised over the goal will be returned to our parish as a rebate.

It is not too late to participate. Please use the envelopes available in the church (be sure to write **Star of the Valley** on the parish line,) or give online at srdioocese.org.

MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 4–12

Sat	4	4:00	†Ed Schudel & †Kathy Ramirez (Robin Schudel)
Sun	5	10:00	††Carol & Dick Larsen (Linda Nolet)
Mon	6		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	7	8:00	†Peggy O’Callaghan (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Wed	8	8:00	†Robert Davis
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	9	8:00	†Louis Mambretti (Diana Mambretti)
Fri	10	8:00	†Don McQuaid
Sat	11	4:00	†Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	12	10:00	Intention of Marcia Traylor (Frances Waska)

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, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, 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: Jo Cornett, Robert Davis, Don McQuaid, and Bishop David G. O’Connell

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **March 11**, 11:00 a.m.: Carol Karuza



Donut Sunday This Weekend!

Thanks to our Men’s Club, SOV will host Donut Sunday on **March 5th** in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and

visit with fellow parishioners.

Pray for Priests in March

The March 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.

Lost & Found

Look for lost items in the church Quiet Room or in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

This Weekend — March 4–5

4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Marge Lamb
Lectors:	Ted Rosshirt	Martin Kilgariff
Servers:	Connie Montague	Jennifer Martinez
Greeters:	Sherry Rosevear	Donna Forst & Cricket
	Evelyn Zigmont	Mimi May
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers	Fritz Spotleson

Next Weekend — March 11–12

4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

Blanche Kaiser	Barbara Spotleson
Sherry Rosevear	Bowman Olds
Mary Kay Riccioni	Fritz Spotleson
Kathy McKeon	Joyce O’Connor
Lisa Munoz-Flores	Paula Scull
Agnes Apicella	Tim Burkhard



PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 4–12

March 5, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

March 11, Set clocks forward one hour before bed

March 12, Daylight Savings Time begins

Weekly Collection Report

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

Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Weekly Goal
\$3,820	\$3,074	\$4,674	\$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 support.



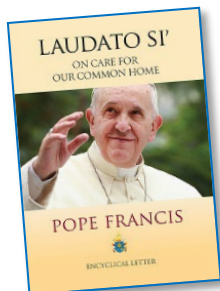
Second Collections

This weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Easter Flowers** for the church.

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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.



A Lenten Reflection

The Star of the Valley Women's Circle and Pastoral Council invite you to view *Laudato Si'* (Praise Be to You), the letter from Pope Francis to the whole world.

**Video & Discussion
Wednesday, March 22
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

There will be refreshments and all are welcome.



No RSVP needed.

Women's Circle



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 12, 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.



Eucharistic Journey—Lent

Available on the Divine Mercy counter in the back of church you may pick up a Lenten Eucharistic Revival Prayer Card. This card is focused on the institution of Jesus as Eucharist, the “True Sacrificial Lamb, destined in the Father’s plan from the foundation of the world,” as noted by the late Pope Benedict XVI in his apostolic exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, and it is provided by the Diocese of Santa Rosa Chancery offices.



North Coast Catholic Magazine

The March issue of the North Coast Catholic is now available at the entrances of the church and in the Msgr. Fahey Center. Didn’t receive one at home in the mail? Want another? Please take one. They’re free!



The Five First Saturdays Devotion

On May 29, 1930, Our Lord explained to Sister Lucia why five first Saturdays. “My daughter, the reason is simple. Against the

Immaculate Heart of Mary, five kinds of offenses and blasphemies are committed.

To participate in the Five First Saturdays’ devotion, please pick up the small card, explaining how to do the devotion, on the Divine Mercy counter.

Friends are relatives you make for yourself.

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NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Bookkeepers Needed

Are you a bookkeeper looking for a few extra hours? The Diocese is looking for part-time bookkeepers. Please contact Lori Norcia at lnorcia@srdioocese.org or call 707-566-3322 for more information.

Musical Employment Opportunity

Is there music in your heart? Do you play piano or keyboard? Contact Santa Rosa Diocese Human Resources at 707-566-3322 for employment opportunities in Santa Rosa.

“Welcome to Spring” Dinner

The Holy Spirit Women’s Club is hosting a “Welcome to Spring” Dinner on Wednesday, **March 8**, 6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church. The cost of \$25 per person includes dinner, raffle and beverage tickets. Tickets are being sold after Masses on February 25, 26 and March 4, 5. No sales after March 5, and no walk-ins. Call Lynne DeCota at 707-981-8619 with questions.

Calamari Dinner

YMI Council 40 (Young Men’s Institute, a Catholic non-profit organization) is inviting you to their fundraising Calamari Dinner at St. Rose Church Parish Center, 398 Tenth Street in Santa Rosa, on Saturday, **March 11** from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person in advance by March 7, 2023. No ticket sales at the door. Contact Bill for tickets and information at 707-483-0253.

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