

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

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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 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 11/12, 2023—Third Sunday of Lent

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Scrutiny

At first the woman was befuddled by this stranger. Why would this Jewish man speak to her, an unaccompanied

Samaritan woman? And why did he come to Jacob's well without a bucket or jug? Then she was amazed. Somehow, he knew her entire marriage history and that she was not married to the man she lived with. Finally, she believed. At first, she recognized him as a prophet, then she realized he was the Messiah himself. Over the course of an extraordinary conversation, she came to believe, and her newfound faith led her to go forth to testify to her neighbors about the Christ.

Today we celebrate the first of three Scrutiny Sundays. It is an occasion to look deeply and honestly into our own hearts to uncover and heal whatever is sinful and bring forth what is good so that it may be strengthened. When Jesus encountered the woman at the well, he looked deep within her and saw her history, and he also sparked that flicker of faith deep within her, faith in a Messiah who would tell her everything. Immediately she became his missionary, testifying to everyone she knew, about what he had said and done, telling everyone that he really was the One. As these scrutinies lead catechumens to the waters of baptism in Christ, may they provide the opportunity for us to continue the mission of the baptized, to testify to everyone we know what Christ has done.

The waters of baptism cleanse us of our sins even as they quench our spiritual thirst. The water God provided for the Chosen People in the desert did as well. God could have punished them for disparaging Moses and questioning God. Instead, God provided water, giving them sustenance and forgiveness. Jesus could have shamed the woman for her many marriages, but instead he offered her living water, water to give her life eternal.



Sunday March 12, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Exodus 17:3-7*—Water flowed from rock to quench the people's thirst.

Responsorial: *Psalms 95*—If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

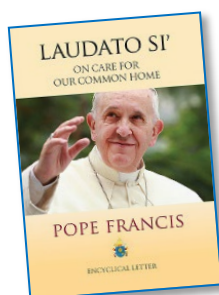
Reading II: *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*—God's love is poured into our hearts in the gift of the Spirit.

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*—The water Jesus gives is the wellspring of eternal life.

Justice & Obedience

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, *English Quaker*



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

MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 11–19

Sat	11	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	12	10:00	Intention of Marcia Traylor (Frances Waska)
Mon	13		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	14	8:00	† Dorothy Graebe (Micki & Dennis Sabourin)
Wed	15	8:00	† Charles Coughlin (The Coughlin Family)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	16	8:00	Intention of Rene Choquette (Diana Cornell)
Fri	17	8:00	† Henry Branco (Diana Cornell)
Sat	18	4:00	Intention of Irene Beagle (Frances Waska)
Sun	19	10:00	† Mary Ellen Damato (Bill & Terry Cutler)

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, Pat Marabella, Eve Marcucci, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Tobin O'Neill, 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: Robert Davis and Jack Luceti.

Let It Be a Hopeful Lent

Our faith is one of hope. Often, we concentrate on the sacrifices and commitments we make during Lent: abstaining from certain treats, attending daily Mass, giving alms generously. But we do this in the hope that Easter will come and Jesus will rise from the dead. Reflect on the spirit of hope that is at the root of your Lenten observance. Here are some words of inspiration from Pope Francis: "No matter where God has planted you, hope. Always hope. Believe in the existence of the most noble and beautiful truths and trust that God, through the Holy Spirit, is ushering everything toward the good, toward Christ's embrace."



Lenten Laugh

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

This Weekend — March 11–12

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Blanche Kaiser	Barbara Spotleson
Lectors:	Sherry Rosevear	Martin Kilgariff
Servers:	Mary Kay Riccioni	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Kathy McKeon	Joyce O'Connor
	Lisa Munoz-Flores	Paula Scull
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers	Tim Burkhard

Next Weekend — March 18–19

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Dennis Sabourin	Kar Hofmann
Karen Schraga	Connie Pearson
Micki Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
Jan Rosshirt	Donna Forst & Cricket
Ted Rosshirt	Marietta Mancuso
Jan Rosshirt	Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 11–19

March 11, Set clocks forward one hour before bed

March 12, Daylight Savings Time begins

March 14, 11:00 Pastoral Council Meeting—Bello Room

March 16, 5:00 **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center



Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12. Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, **March 11**.

Weekly Collection Report

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

Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5	Weekly Goal
\$3,074	\$4,674	\$4,557	\$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 **Easter Flowers** for the church.

Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend our second collection will support Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This is your opportunity to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations that aid travelers, people affected by war and natural disasters, others whose work or unique cultural circumstances require special pastoral support, and migrants and refugees displaced by conflict, persecution, or political instability.

More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2023

To date, \$14,691 has been pledged, bringing us to 52% of Star of the Valley parish's goal. Thank you!

If you have not already pledged or contributed to this year's AMA, please do so today. We are counting on you.

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.

☀ In the dark? Follow the Sun.



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

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.

Bulletin Advertising

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in advertising in our bulletin, please call 707-539-6262.



& Lasagna Soup

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

Dinner: \$8

Bingo Cards: \$2 each

All are welcome. If you don't play bingo, come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner: Lasagna Soup & Dessert

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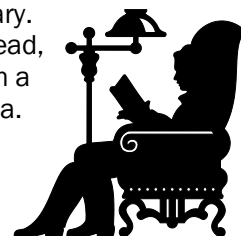
2022 Contribution Statements

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.

Star of the Valley Library

Star of the Valley Church has a library in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, in the multi-purpose room also known as the Fireside Room or Library. You're welcome to browse, sit and read, and borrow on an honor system from a variety of books and electronic media.

The library is open on weekdays and has a collection of 1,558 books and 189 CDs, and DVDs.



FYI—No Mail Receptacle

To send postal mail (letters, cards, offertory envelopes, donations, including bank generated checks) to Star of the Valley Church, for the best chance it will get to us please use the address: 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. We **do not have a mailbox** at the church address. Using 495 White Oak Drive will also help our mail carriers. Thank you.

Locked Mailbox—Push, Don't Pull

When depositing envelopes into the locked mailbox outside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, **please push** the louvered drop slot at the top. Do not pull on the lower portion to open as this weakens the locking mechanism. Thank you.



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