

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

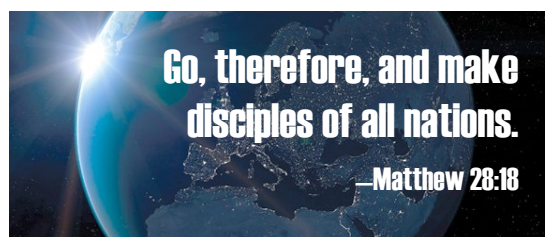
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Call the office to arrange visits by a Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion when someone is homebound.



May 20/21, 2023 – Ascension of the Lord



Share the Hope
The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension

of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus.

In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

This Isn't Goodbye

After listening to the nightly news, a friend recently (and understandably) gasped: "We need Jesus!" Most believers would agree. Which is perhaps why the Ascension doesn't feel like an event we're much inclined to celebrate. Jesus departs; this sounds like a terrible idea from every standpoint except the truth—because Jesus promises to send us his Spirit as an indwelling presence. If we still feel like orphans, remember Jesus' words: "I am with you always." See Jesus all around: in word and sacrament, in the assembly of faith, in the disadvantaged sister and brother.



Sunday May 21, 2023
The Ascension of the Lord

Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11—The Lord Jesus ascends into a cloud.

Responsorial: Psalm 47—God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23—Christ is the head of the church; where he is we are called to follow.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20—Jesus commands us to go and baptize.

This Weekend Only—Two Sunday Masses
9:00 & 10:00 a.m.—May 21

To help make it more convenient for you to go to the **pancake breakfast** at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center on **May 21**, Star of the Valley will have a **9:00 a.m.** Mass in addition to the **10:00 a.m.** Mass. We will return to having only a 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday.



The Men's Club
is hosting a...

Pancake Breakfast

Where: Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
When: Sunday, May 21, 8:00–Noon
Cost: Adults \$10; Children \$7
 Pay at the door

Come and enjoy all you can eat:
Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Juice & Coffee

MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 20–28

Sat	20	4:00	† Michael Caton (Frances Waska)
Sun	21	9:00	† Marie B. Smith (Sharon Charlton)
		10:00	† Roberta Rodgers (Sharon & Bob Page)
Mon	22		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	23	8:00	† Pat Marabella (Michael Noe)
Wed	24	8:00	† Sarah Firpo (Isabel Frimmersdorf)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	25	8:00	† Roberta Rodgers (Sharon & Bob Page)
Fri	26	8:00	† Pat Marabella (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Sat	27	4:00	† Jack Luceti (Joey Cuneo)
Sun	28	10:00	† Wells Wagner (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted: J-3, Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Mike Cusack, Rosalie Cushman, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Audrey Engen, Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Marcy Fox, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Andy Hoyt, Lorraine Kowalkowski, Maureen Latimer, Eve Marcucci, Mimi May, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Tobi O'Neill, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Richard Peterson, Eileen Poggi, Jill Ramage, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Claire Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Phil Marvier.

Memorial Day Masses—Monday, May 29th

10:00 a.m., Calvary Catholic Cemetery, **Santa Rosa**
 2930 Bennett Valley Road, Fr. Tom Diaz
9:00 a.m., Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, **St. Helena**
 2121 Spring Street, Fr. Manuel Chavez
10:00 a.m., Calvary Catholic Cemetery, **Petaluma**
 304 Magnolia Avenue, Celebrant TBD

AMA Annual Ministry Appeal 2023
 As of April 30, \$21,666 has been pledged by 75 parishioners, bringing us to 76% of our parish's goal. If you haven't pledged or contributed to this year's AMA, please do so today. Our parish goal is **\$28,352**. Any amount raised over the goal will be returned to our parish. Envelopes are available in the church (be sure to write **Star of the Valley** on the parish line,) or go online at srdiocese.org.

	This Weekend — May 20–21			Next Weekend — May 27–28	
	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Don Shelhart	Marcy Fox	Cristina Wadsworth	Eva McGinn	Linda Nolet
Lector:	Karen Schraga	Bowman Olds	Connie Pearson	Gail Passalacqua	Mike Hanlon
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson	John Dolan	Connie Montague	Jennifer Martinez
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Tom Beirne Dick & Vi D'Oliva	Esther Dolan Donna Forst & Cricket	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers	Tim Cummings	Clarence Younger	Jan Rosshirt	TBD

PARISH EVENTS—MAY 20–28

Sunday, May 21: Pancake Breakfast—Parish Center

Wednesday, May 24, 2:30 Finance Council Meeting—
Zoom

Weekly Collection Report

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

April 30	May 7	May 14	Weekly Goal
\$3,701*	\$5,213	\$3,101	\$5,365**

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

*Includes Easter donations.

**Needed to meet normal weekly expenses.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Saints Have Been Refreshed Through You

Blindness, leprosy, unclean spirits, loneliness, and shame: Jesus brought healing for all these woes. And he commissioned his apostles and disciples to do the same. "Whenever you enter a town," he commanded them, "heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'" (Lk 10:8-9).

In the years and decades after the Lord's Ascension, the new Christians offered the saving news of his Gospel, the cleansing water of his baptism, and the gift of his Holy Spirit to all who would receive them. St. Paul speaks with gratitude of their many contributions. He honors Priscilla and Aquila who maintained a "church in their house" (Rom 16:5), Lois and Eunice who nourished the faith in Timothy, their grandson and son respectively (2 Tim 1:5), and Philemon, whom he praised with a lovely phrase, "the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you" (Phil 7).

How can we join their ranks? By returning daily to the living water of the Gospel and proclaiming Christ in deeds of love and words of grace.



North Coast Catholic Magazine

The May/June issue of the North Coast Catholic is now available at the back 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!



Who Would Like a Game Day?

Star of the Valley's Women's Circle would like your feedback. We're considering hosting a 'Game Day' in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, open to all parishioners and their friends. There will be no charge for attending, but donations would be

accepted to cover the cost of beverages and nibbles.

Please fill in the **Game Day Interest Survey** found on the Divine Mercy counter and in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, and place it in the Game Day box, on the counter in the back of the church, or in Women's Circle box in the Parish Center. Even if you are not interested, we would like to hear from you.

A Message from PG&E for Star of the Valley

In the coming weeks, we will be performing vegetation safety work on or near your property which means pruning or cutting down trees and shrubs located too close to powerlines or that pose a risk to electric equipment.

What you can expect: PG&E and our contractors will be performing this safety work, and you may see their trucks in the area.

Our contractor and/or PG&E personnel may need access to your property and will provide valid photo identification upon request.

Wood debris 4 inches or less in diameter will be chipped and spread onsite or hauled away. Larger wood will remain onsite.

When the work is complete, you may see crews conducting follow-up inspections to ensure required state vegetation and fire safety standards for minimum clearances around powerlines are met.

If you have any questions, please contact our Vegetation Customer Engagement Team at treesafety@pge.com, or call 1-800-564-5080. You can learn more about this important preventative safety work at pge.com/trees.

Solitude

Settle yourself in solitude,
and you will come upon God in yourself. —St. Teresa

Forgotten Sacrifice

When love grows, it's strong like a tree, expanding its branches to reach new interests and people of every kind. It bends to lend a hand to those in need. It feeds the hungry and forgets the price of any sacrifice.

—Donna Bauman, West Covina, California

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: _____

Photo: Matthew Odom



Sally Fox, inventor of Foxfibre®

A Women's Circle Invitation to all Parishioners

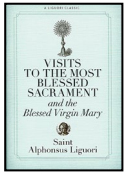
As a follow through to Pope Francis' "A Letter to the World," we present an internationally known speaker, **Sally Fox**, a scientist, farmer, inventor, and environmentalist.

While Sally Fox was in the Peace Corps in Gambia, West Africa, she saw the dangers of the wide-spread use of pesticides, such as DDT. As founder and

owner of Natural Cotton Colors, and inventor of Foxfibre®, Sally has successfully produced naturally colored cotton that can be made into fabric using environmentally sound farming procedures, without chemical pesticides. Sally Fox has spent a life-time encouraging farmers and the textile industries to grow environmentally friendly products.

Hear this inspiring speaker on Wednesday, **June 14**, in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

All Parishioners are invited free of charge. Refreshment will be provided. No RSVP needed.



A Gift from Magda—Her Favorite Prayer

Parishioner Magda Shelton has donated copies of *Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mary* to Star of the Valley. This translation into English remains faithful to the spirit of the original 1745 edition written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. For a free copy, come to the office during the week.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH Summer Fiesta at CTK

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights is having a Summer Fiesta on Sunday, **June 4**, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a Eucharistic Liturgy, a raffle, musical entertainment, and a BBQ chicken or hamburger meal. The full meal includes green salad, potato salad, corn on the cob, and dessert. Meal Tickets are \$7 per person (children 5 and under are free) and need to be ordered by May 26. **Click Here for More Information** or contact Sandra Gill at sgill@passionist.org/ 916-725-4720, ext. 302.



Brain Health—Lunch & Learn

The Council on Aging is hosting a Lunch & Learn about Brain Health on Friday, **June 2**, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Finley Community Center, Person Senior Wing, Room 5, 2060 W.

College Avenue, Santa Rosa. Space is limited for this free event. Pre-registration is a must. RSVP by May 25 to Denise Johnson at 707-525-0143 ext. 119 or djohnson@councilonaging.com.

Ordination Invitation

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa cordially invites you to attend the Ordination to the Order of Diaconate of Mauricio Rodriguez Duran and Christopher Girolo on Friday, **June 9**, in the Year of our Lord 2023; 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. Light reception to follow.

Where did Noah keep his bees? In the ark hives!

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