

# 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

## **Contact Numbers**

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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**

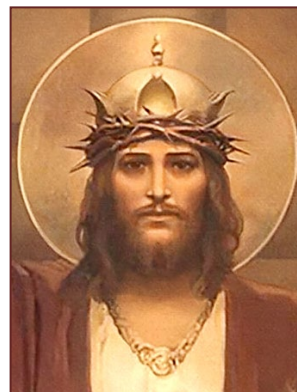
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

## **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

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



## **November 25/26, 2023 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



### **Christ the King**

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were

breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ.

Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.



**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

**Solemnity of Christ the King**

**Scripture Readings**

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17—

The shepherd-king seeks the lost and heals the injured.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 23—The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28—Christ our king has conquered death.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46—The Lord will come in glory to separate one from another.



**2024 Star of the Valley Catholic Calendar**

The 2024 Catholic calendar is here. You can pick up your copy at the church, or from the literature table in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. You may

take as many as you would like to share with others.

Please pray for peace now and in the New Year.

**Light Up A Life**  
*Community tree lighting and remembrance celebration*

Hospice Services of St. Joseph Health invites you to their “Light Up A Life” tree-lighting ceremony, Sunday, **December 3**, 5:00–6:00 p.m. at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

This community event celebrates cherished memories; each light symbolizing the life, hope and dreams of a loved one. There will be music and refreshments.

Donation Forms are at the back of church and in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

For information, contact Memorial Hospice at 707-568-1092 or visit [www.SonomaCountyHospice.org](http://www.SonomaCountyHospice.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 3**

Sat 25	4:00	† <b>Justine Haugen</b> (Nancy Blake)
Sun 26	10:00	† <b>Justine Haugen</b> (Kathy McKeon)
Mon 27		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 28	8:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Mike Apicella)
Wed 29	8:00	† <b>Dorothy Beardsley</b> (Mary Ann Neumann)
	10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs 30	8:00	† <b>Charles Coughlin</b> (Yoshiko Coughlin)
Fri 1	8:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Frances Waska)
Sat 2	4:00	† <b>Justine Haugen</b> (Joey Cuneo)
Sun 3	10:00	† <b>Sigrid Pregent</b> (Jennifer Martinez)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Rich Busalacchi, Michael & Jessica Curtis, Mike Cusack, Rosalie Cushman, Lola Danielli, Mike Dines, Audrey Engen, Pinky Ezekiel, Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Mary Gorrell, Myrtle Gunning, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Lorraine Kowalkowski, Maureen Latimer, Eve Marcucci, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, Lea Nelson, Mark Ochesli, Joyce O’Connor, Karen O’Malley, Tobi O’Neill, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Eileen Poggi, Jill Ramage, Greg Sack, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Amelia Stafford, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Frances Dias, Frank Drews, and Isabel Frimmersdorf.

**Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley**

Saturday, **December 2**, 11:00 a.m.: Frances Dias

**St. Pope Leo the Great**

Ascending to the Chair of St. Peter in the year 440, Pope St. Leo the Great was bold and energetic, and his letters and sermons on the faith were so commendable that they earned him the title Doctor of the Church. His twenty years as pope saw him fight off four major heresies within the Church, but his most famous opponent was from outside the Church. When Atilla the Hun marched on Rome to conquer the city, Pope Leo went out to meet him. After the meeting, Atilla the Hun turned around and left. Legend says that during the meeting, Atilla had a vision of St. Peter holding a sword, threatening to kill him if he didn’t listen to Pope Leo.

Advent is approaching, and an old practice is to treat it as a mini-Lent with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prepare yourself by reading [Sermon 19 by St. Pope Leo the Great](#). — *The St. Challenge, Catholic Treehouse*

	<b>This Weekend — November 25–26</b>		<b>Next Weekend — December 2–3</b>		<b>Friday, December 8</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Blanche Kaiser	Marge Lamb	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Cristina Wadsworth	Don Shelhart
<b>Lector:</b>	Len Marabella	Rosemary Haver	Bob Zeni	Mike Hanlon	Bob Zeni
<b>Server:</b>	Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman	Jan Rosshirt	John Dolan	Bev Shelhart
<b>Greeters:</b>	Gloria Bowers Lisa Munoz Flores	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings	Sherry Rosevear	Mary Bell Elizabeth McKee	NA NA
<b>Ushers:</b>	Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger	Tom Beirne	John Knight	Judy Rodgers

## PARISH EVENTS—NOVEMBER 25—DECEMBER 3

**Sunday, December 3**, Donut Sunday in memory of Bob Flores—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

**Sunday, December 3**, 5:00 Light Up a Life—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

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### Weekly Collection Report

Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Weekly Goal
\$7,153	\$4,383	\$4,128	<b>\$5,365*</b>

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

\*Needed to help meet monthly expenses.

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### Second Collections

This weekend's second collection will be for **Christmas Flowers**.

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### Attention Men!

The Star of the Valley Men's Club is getting ready for next year and has mailed out an invitation to join or renew your membership, as well as attend the **Men's Club Prime Rib Installation Dinner** which will be in January, 2024. If you didn't receive it in your mailbox, or need another to give to a friend, neighbor, or relative, please stop by the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center during the week to pick up the details and Membership Application. Don't miss out. You can't get a better prime rib dinner for this price anywhere else!

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### New Members Needed for the Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory group to the pastor. It assists him in pastoral planning. The planning process includes identifying pastoral needs in the parish, developing pastoral plans, implementing them and periodically evaluating our progress.

Some of our current Pastoral Council members have served longer than their original terms in order to get our parish through the pandemic. They deserve our thanks and a well-earned break. This means we need, and are now looking for, new members.

Inserted in this bulletin you will find a nomination form. If you have a love for Star of the Valley and its people, feel that the Spirit is calling you or some other parishioner to serve the parish in this way, please complete this form and submit it for consideration by **December 15**, 2023. Permission needs to be obtained from a nominee who is not yourself. Nomination forms may be placed in the weekend collection baskets, dropped off at, or mailed to the Parish Office at 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.



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### Donut Sunday—December 3 In Memory of Bob Flores

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz Flores for sponsoring next weekend's Donut Sunday, **December 3**, in loving memory of her husband, Bob Flores.

Please come to the Monsignor Fahey

Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins and donuts.

# Advent

## REFLECTION & PRAYER SERVICE

All parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors, are invited to start the Christmas season with prayer and reflection focusing on the theme:

### *Light in the Midst of Darkness*

Wednesday, **December 6**

3:00-4:00 in the church

4:00-5:30 in the

Monsignor Fahey Parish Center  
for some

## CHRISTMAS CHEER



*Enjoy:*

Oakmont Playreaders

Christmas Carols

Christmas Cookies

Apple Cider, Wine

No Cost/No RSVP

Sponsored by the Women's Circle

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH Day Respite Program

Announcing Council on Aging's new fee-based Flex Care Respite Program. Services are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Contact Council on Aging to enroll: 707-525-0143, and see the flyer on the church bulletin board for more information.

## Toy Donation Drive-Thru

On Saturday, **December 2nd** from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. the Holy Spirit Women's Club will be collecting new unwrapped toys at 1244 St Francis Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Enter off of St. Francis Road, behind the kitchen, to drop off your toy donation and Santa will be there to greet you.

We will be working with several different agencies in our community to distribute these toy donations.

If you cannot attend the "Drive-Thru" (and want to participate,) you may drop your toy donation on the front porch of Nora Ward's Home: 453 Calistoga Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Cell 707-484-0542.

## Christmas Dinner Dance

Holy Spirit Men's Club invites you to their 20th Annual Christmas Dinner Dance, catered by Charlies Bar-B-Que at Holy Spirit Church on Friday, **December 8, 2023**, for adults only. Hors d'oeuvres from 6:00-7:00, followed by a buffet with tri tip, chicken, salad, penne pesto, rolls and butter, plus a dessert table. Complimentary wine will be on the table with dinner. No host full bar and live music. No sales at the door, and no walk-ins.

Reservations are \$65 per person and are limited to 100 guests. Call Loyde Johnson at 707-921-9292.

## Mandated Reporter Training

Reporting Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse, **January 16**, 1:30–2:30 p.m. virtual training via Zoom.

Come learn about the responsibilities of making reports to Adult Protective Services as a mandated reporter. Mandated Reporters include any person who works with elderly and dependent adults in a professional or volunteer capacity. You're welcome to attend if you would like a refresher or if you have never attended before. [Click to Register](#)



## Linkages Care Management

Are you 60+? Do you want to work toward goals for your life with a social worker?

Do you need help at home to stay healthy and safe?

Have you had a recent change in your life (like the loss of a spouse or a new medical diagnosis) that you need help with?

The Linkages Social Worker works with you to create a plan based on the goals you identify to improve your life situation. They help to create action steps and track those goals during a 6-month to 1-year period. They will stay in contact by telephone and will make in-home visits.

Call Sonoma County Human Services Department at [707-565-INFO](tel:707-565-INFO) ([707-565-4636](tel:707-565-4636)) and talk with a social worker about whether Linkages Care Management is the right service for you. There may be other services that can help you as well.

Saying thank you is more than good manners,  
it is good spirituality.

—Alfred Painter

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