

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

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.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday until 9:30 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.



December 30-31, 2023—

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Simeon Says

Luke tells us today that Simeon awaited the consolation of Jerusalem. Like his prophetic ancestor Isaiah, Simeon was acting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. While Isaiah was looking for the geographic return of Israel from its Babylonian exile to Jerusalem, Simeon was looking for the Christ (the anointed one, the Messiah of God) to end forever the exile, the estrangement, between God and humanity. And it is this exile he sees ended when he stands in the outer Temple courts with the Holy Family and sings his song of Israel's consolation, the song of his own departure now at hand with Israel's glory.

A Turning Point

Many people reach a point at which life and death become somewhat interchangeable. Each is as desirable and beautiful as the other. This is part of the wisdom of the elderly. Their experience and understanding of the blessings and the harshness of life permeate Simeon's prayer and his rather dire predictions to Mary today. The canticle Simeon offers is an expression of his standing at the gate of his dismissal from this life to another. This is a reality he has reached because the anointed one of God has been shown to him. We, too, and all those who truly know the promise held in Christ, can confidently come to the same place. Through the grace of the Incarnation, our life on earth, with all its trouble, heartaches, and sorrows, is blessed and beautiful; through the power of the Passion, death, and Resurrection our next life is our most longed-for hope. Only in Christ is this possible.



Sunday, December 31, 2023

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*—
The Lord's promise to Abram and
Sarah is fulfilled.

Responsorial: *Psalm 105*—The Lord remembers his
covenant for ever.

Reading II: *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*—The faith of
Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*—The child grew and became
strong, filled with wisdom.

Happy New Year!

The parish office will be **closed on Monday, January 1**,
to celebrate New Year's Day. We wish you well as you
celebrate, and pray that you enjoy good health in body,
mind and spirit. May God bless you with peace every day
in the year to come.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 2024

Since this Solemnity falls on a Monday this year, the
precept to attend Mass is abrogated. The Holy See
approved the decree of the USCCB effective January 1,
1992. In other words, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God on Monday, January 1, 2024, is not a
Holy Day of Obligation. So, as usual for a Monday, there
will be no Mass at Star of the Valley that day.

If you would like to attend Mass on **January 1**, St.
Rose Church, at 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, will
celebrate Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:30
a.m.; Holy Spirit Church, 1244 St. Francis Road, will
celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m.; and St. Eugene's
Cathedral, 2323 Montgomery Drive, will celebrate Mass
at 8:00 a.m.



Donut Sunday—January 7 In Memory of Justine Haugen

Many thanks to the Women's Circle for
sponsoring next weekend's Donut
Sunday, **January 7**, in memory of their
former treasurer and friend, Justine
Haugen. Please come to the Monsignor
Fahey Parish Center before and after

the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to enjoy some juice, coffee,
muffins or donuts, and visit fellow parishioners.

Women's Circle 

MASS INTENTIONS—DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 7

Sat	30	4:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun	31	10:00	† Mary Lima (Livie Brant)
Mon	1		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	2	8:00	† Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	3	8:00	† Terence McNally
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	4	8:00	† Joyce O'Connor (Barbara & Fritz Spotleson)
Fri	5	8:00	† Dorothy Beardsley (Mary Ann Neumann)
Sat	6	4:00	† Catherine Emery (Harriet Draper)
Sun	7	10:00	† Justine Haugen (Nancy Blake)

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, Marcy Fox, 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 Ochlesli, Karen O'Malley, Tobin
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: Rev. Andrew
Metcalf.

Funeral Mass at St. Francis Solano Church

Saturday, **January 6**, 11:00 a.m.: Dorothy Beardsley,
St. Francis Solano Church, 469 Third Street West in
Sonoma.

Greeters & Ushers Needed

The first impression of our church is how people are
greeted at the door. Anyone interested in the important
job of being a Greeter at Sunday Masses, please contact
Donna Forst at 707-775-9241.

To be an Usher at Saturday, Sunday, or weekday
holiday Masses, please contact the parish office.

Second Collection January 6-7

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish
Repairs and Maintenance**. We repaired some plumbing
issues at the church and also have some fire safety work
to do there, so, please be generous.

This Weekend — December 30–31

EMs:	Dennis Sabourin	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	Sr. Joanne
Lector:	Len Marabella			John Knight
Server:	Connie Montague			Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Lisa Munoz Flores			Esther Dolan
	Sherry Rosevear			Paula Scull
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne			John Knight

Next Weekend —January 6–7

4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Jan Rosshirt	Liz Garcia
Ted Rosshirt	Connie Pearson
Mary Kay Riccioni	John Dolan
Gloria Bowers	Mary Bell
Bob Chapman	Esther Dolan
Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 7

Monday, January 1, Happy New Year!

Monday, January 1, Office Closed—Parish Center

Sunday, January 7, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Weekly Goal
\$5,138	\$5,578	\$3,207	\$5,365*
Christmas	Dec. 25	\$10,164	

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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Blessed Mother Baby Shower—January 11, 2024

To donate new, unwrapped infant items such as: clothes, diapers sizes preemie and newborn up to 24 months, blankets, etc., you may drop them off at Nora Ward's home, 453 Calistogo Road, Santa Rosa, or call her at 707-484-0542. These items will be donated to Catholic Charities and the Living Room.

To attend the Baby Shower Dinner on Thursday, **January 11** at 6:30 p.m., tickets for \$25 each will be sold after Masses at Holy Spirit Church the weekends of December 30-31 and January 6-7. Call Lynne DeCota at 707-981-8619 for more information.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went.
Then it dawned on me.



& SENATE BEAN SOUP

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 9

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

Dinner: \$10

Bingo Cards: \$2 each

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

Dinner: Senate Bean Soup, Garlic Bread, Corn Bread, and Brownies

MEN'S CLUB

INSTALLATION DINNER



All Men Invited

Thursday, January 11

At the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

5:00 Social Hour (Bar Open)

5:45 Annual business meeting

6:00 Scrumptious prime rib dinner

Menu

Green Salad, Rolls, Roast Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert

Dinner Cost: **\$25***

*Includes Men's Club Membership

RSVP by Tuesday, **January 9**, 2024

Membership forms are available by the Men's Club box in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

Membership dues for 2024 are **\$15**. Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682 or Drew Hofmann at 949-279-0011, for more information. Membership applications are accepted year-round.

TEA & TALK

For the women of the
Star of the Valley Parish

2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Thursday
January 18**

Msgr. Fahey
Parish Center

Enjoy
cookies,
treats,
tea, & coffee

*Come,
let us
have
some
tea and
talk
about
happy things*





Christmas Beauty

Thanks to the members of our Flower & Church Décor Ministry, Barbara & Fritz Spotleson, Vi & Dick D'Oliva, Ruth Fulger, Ed Montague, and Connie Pearson, our church was beautiful for Christmas.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH Two Events with Sarah Hart

On Friday, **January 12**, 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 208 Matheson Street, Healdsburg, Sarah will present an evening of song. Free-will donations will be collected.

CDs available for purchase. All are welcome! For more information call 707-433-5536.

A Women's Retreat

Saturday, **January 13**, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Sarah Hart will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to lead us in a day of song, stories, laughter, prayer, reflection, and sharing.

Come at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, snacks and fellowship. Bring yourself, your daughter, sister, neighbor, or friend and be renewed in spirit. \$25 per person includes a pasta and salad lunch. Please call the St. John's Rectory Office at 707-433-5536 to RSVP.

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today! Her songs of faith,

spirit of joy, and love for teaching and leading workshops have touched the lives of thousands. In fact, many of her songs have been sung in the pews of churches in Santa Rosa and beyond.

She is a Grammy Nominee and BMI Winner, an ALA Odyssey Award Winner, and an Audie Awards Nominee. Her music has been recorded by many artists including Amy Grant, Celtic Women, Matt Maher, and The Newsboys.

Passionate Polenta

All are invited to the Holy Spirit Hall on Friday, **January 19**, 2024, for a Polenta dinner. Tickets will be on sale after Masses at Holy Spirit Church, 1244 St. Francis Road, starting December 30, 2023. It's a "family affair" put on by the Holy Spirit Men's Club.

Crab Feed

To benefit their scholarship fund, Ursuline Alumnae Association presents its' 12th annual Crab Feed on Saturday, **January 20** at Cardinal Newman High School Gymnasium, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy, Santa Rosa.

Tickets for to-go or in-person can be purchased at www.ursulinealumnaeSR.org for \$75 per person or \$575 for a group of 8. Curbside pick-up is from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and the doors open at 5:30 p.m. for in-person, all you can eat dining. The menu includes fresh crab, pasta, salad, French bread, dessert, and a no-host bar. There will also be a raffle and live and silent auctions.

Why should you stand on one leg on New Year's Eve? To start the new year on the right foot.



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