

# 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.



## **January 6-7, 2024— The Epiphany of the Lord**

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### **Partners in the Promise**

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a “postpartum” depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression “partners in the promise.” This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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### **Treasures From Our Tradition**

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God's majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in  
(**Treasures From Our Tradition** continued on last page.)



**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

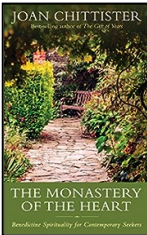
**Reading I:** *Isaiah 60:1-6*—The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 72*—Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Reading II:** *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*—

The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 2:1-12*—We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.



### Spiritual Book Club

Continuing our study of the book *The Monastery of the Heart* by Joan Chittister, lead by Marcy Fox, we will focus on Chapters 13-17 (Our Service) on Tuesday, **January 16**, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the church Quiet Room. All are invited, even if you have never attended before.



## & 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

### MASS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 6-14

Sat	6	4:00	† <b>Catherine Emery</b> (Harriet Draper)
Sun	7	10:00	† <b>Justine Haugen</b> (Nancy Blake)
Mon	8		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	9	8:00	† <b>Michael Milano</b>
Wed	10	8:00	† <b>Frances Dias</b>
		10:30	O.G. <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	11	8:00	† <b>Mary Lou Duxtader</b>
Fri	12	8:00	† <b>Dorothy Beardsley</b> (Mary Ann Neumann)
Sat	13	4:00	† <b>Mary Rodgers</b> (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	14	10:00	† <b>Claire Vincent</b> (Kathy McKeon)

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 Ochesli, 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: Frances Armato.

### Epiphany Blessing

Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together, use the insert in today's bulletin, or visit the USCCB's [Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany](#) for the rite of home blessing.



### Donut Sunday—January 7

#### In Memory of Justine Haugen

Many thanks to the Women's Circle for sponsoring this 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



### This Weekend — January 6-7

**4:00 p.m.**

**EMs:** Jan Rosshirt

**Lector:** Ted Rosshirt

**Server:** Mary Kay Riccioni

**Greeters:** Gloria Bowers  
Bob Chapman

**Ushers:** Judy Rodgers

**10:00 a.m.**

Liz Garcia

Connie Pearson

John Dolan

Mary Bell  
Esther Dolan

Clarence Younger

### Next Weekend — January 13-14

**4:00 p.m.**

Linda Luceti

Judy Rodgers

Connie Montague

Livie Brant  
Lisa Munoz Flores

Kathleen Beirne

**10:00 a.m.**

Cristina Wadsworth

Don Forst

Jim Warman

Tim Burkhard  
Judy Monroe

Tim Burkhard





## PARISH EVENTS—JANUARY 6-13

**Sunday, January 7,** Donut Sunday—Parish Center

**Tuesday, January 9,** 4:00 Bingo—Parish Center

**Thursday, January 11,** 5:00 Men's Club Installation  
Dinner—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

### Weekly Collection Report

Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Weekly Goal
\$5,578	\$3,207	\$3,911	\$5,365*
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>\$2,005</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.

### Second Collections

Today's second collection is for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.

Funds are needed to do tree pruning and removal at the church for fire prevention and safety, as well as other projects to maintain our church, Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, and the rectory, like the electrical-plumbing repair recently made at the church.

Funds for Neighbor-to-Neighbor are needed to keep our Nick's Pantry stocked and to be able to host our next Christmas giveaway in December 2024.

### 9 Days for Life

The coming of Christ is a cause for joy and celebration, but not everyone rejoiced. Similarly, the coming of a baby is a cause for joy and celebration, but some people see a baby as a threat to their way of life. Today, say the Rosary with the intention of an end to abortion.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena **9 Days for Life**, Tuesday, **January 16–24**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### Passionate Polenta



All are invited to the Holy Spirit Hall on Friday, **January 19**, for a Polenta dinner. Tickets are on sale after Masses at Holy Spirit Church, 1244 St. Francis Road. It's 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](http://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.

**MEN'S CLUB**

**INSTALLATION DINNER**



**IMPORTANT:  
DEADLINE  
APPROACHING**

**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

- ♥ Don't let that wonderful Christmas spirit of fellowship fade!
- ♥ Attend the Women's Circle Tea and Talk for the women of Star of the Valley Parish.
- ♥ Take time to renew old friendships and get to know new friends. Enjoy time for Tea and Talk!

**2:00-4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 18**

- ♥ Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
- ♥ Enjoy cookies, treats, tea, coffee, and interesting conversation.



**Women's  
Circle**



### Treasures From Our Tradition (continued)

the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed.

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



#### Walk For Life West Coast 2024

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest

among us at the 20th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, **January 20, 2024**.

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 p.m. in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information visit

[www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793. A flyer is on the bulletin board.

If interested in transportation, a bus will be going from St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Rohnert Park. To reserve a

seat on the bus (\$35 per person) please contact Evelyn Estrella at 707-228-5746.



#### 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**, 2024, 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.

Cost: \$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.

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.



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