

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.

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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

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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 13-14, 2024 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Watching for the Messiah

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made.

John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus.

The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

Honoring the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Do the Right Thing

Even in this day and age, Christians standing up for what is right have been killed for their efforts. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. comes to mind. So does Sister Dorothy Stang, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, of Dayton, Ohio, who was murdered in 2005 for defending the poor and protected lands in the Amazon rain forest in Brazil. Would you allow yourself to be inconvenienced (or more) to do the right thing? Look for a way to stand up for a good cause today, even if it feels inconvenient.

—Take 5 for Faith



Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19—

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Responsorial: Psalm 40—Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20—Your bodies are members of Christ.

Gospel: John 1:35-42—They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.



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.

Pray for World Peace

Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth, we come to you seeking peace in the world.

We ask for your comfort and healing touch for all those affected by war. We pray for the power of prayer, the strength of forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept those consequences of holding on to our beliefs.

Break down the barriers that separate us; tear down the obstacles of indifference and hatred; forgive us the sins that divide us; free us from pride and self-interest; overcome our prejudices and fear; by the power of the Holy Spirit, make us one.

You, O Lord, have called us to live in unity and harmony and yet, we are divided. Grant us your peace and harmony and an end to conflict and division. We ask this in union with our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace. Amen. —*Prospecthillco.com*

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 through Wednesday, **January 16–24**.

MASS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 13-21

Sat	13	4:00	† Mary Rodgers (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	14	10:00	† Claire Vincent (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	15		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	16	8:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Wed	17	8:00	For the People of the Parish
		10:30	O.G. † Frances Armato (Harriet Draper)
Thurs	18	8:00	† Victor Calvi (Maria McCarthy)
Fri	19	8:00	† Frances Dias (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Sat	20	4:00	† Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun	21	10:00	† Charles Coughlin (Yoshiko Coughlin)

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, 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 Armato.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Thursday, **January 18**, 11:00 a.m.: Joyce O'Connor

Help the Dream Awaken in All Hearts and Minds

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a “day on” instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a National Day of Service. The Catholic Church has embraced King’s call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God’s design.” Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

—*Take 5 for Faith*

Honor peace more than anything else. But strive first of all to be at peace in yourself.

—*John of Apamea, Syriac monk and spiritual writer*

This Weekend — January 13–14

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs: Linda Luceti Cristina Wadsworth

Lector: Judy Rodgers Don Forst

Server: Connie Montague Jim Warman

Greeters: Livie Brant Tim Burkhard
Lisa Munoz Flores Judy Monroe

Ushers: Kathleen Beirne Tim Burkhard

Next Weekend — January 20–21

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Eva McGinn Connie Pearson

Len Marabella Rosemary Haver

Bev Shelhart Drew Hofmann

Gloria Bowers Dick D'Oliva
Sherry Rosevear Vi D'Oliva

TBD John Knight



PARISH EVENTS—JANUARY 13-20

Monday, January 15, Office Closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Pray for acceptance and unity among all.

Tuesday, January 16, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—Church

Thursday, January 18, 2:00 Women's Circle Tea & Talk—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Dec. 24	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Weekly Goal
\$3,207	\$3,911	\$6,421	\$5,365*
Christmas	Jan. 7	\$125	

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

This weekend's second collection is for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.

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2023 Contribution Statements

If you would like a Contribution Statement of your donations to Star of the Valley Church in 2023, please contact the office by phone at 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net.



North Coast Catholic Magazine

The January issue of the North Coast Catholic is now available at the back of the church and in the Msgr. Fahey Center. You can also pick up an **America Needs Fatima 2024 Calendar**.

Notice: Men's Club Installation Dinner postponed due to illness. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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.



Honoring the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should!—be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality.

Keep Moving Toward Justice

On April 4 in 1968, the Catholic mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, infamously authorized his police department to use lethal force in the riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the previous day. The event led to a national uproar and also to the founding two weeks later of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. The organization's leaders played a pivotal role in what is now known as the "Black Catholic Movement." Let us also make use of our faith in the holy struggle for justice and solidarity. —Take 5 for Faith

**MEN'S
CLUB**

INSTALLATION DINNER



**Dinner Postponed
New RSVP Deadline**

**All Men
Invited**

Thursday, January 25

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 23, 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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Crab Feed

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 to benefit their scholarship fund.

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.



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**.

For more information visit 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.

Knights of Columbus "All You Can Eat" Crab Feed
Saturday, **January 27**, 6:00 p.m. at Fr. Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center (St. Rose), 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa. \$80 each. Call 707-860-2888 for more information.



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Message From the Department of Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools are a ministry of the Church, they are a means to evangelize. The Diocese of Santa Rosa educates over three thousand students in the Catholic faith.

On Sunday, **January 28th** Catholic Schools kick off Catholic Schools Week. You can support our Catholic Schools by making a donation online at: srdiocese.org/Aquinas-student-scholarships, by sending a check to: Aquinas School Fund; 985 Airway Ct; Santa Rosa, CA 95403, or by scanning this QR code.

Santo Niño Celebration

Please join the Fil Am Ministry in celebrating Santo Niño (Holy Infant Jesus) with Father Andre, pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Calistoga, celebrating the Mass in English at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, **January 21st**. A simple reception will follow in front of the Parish Hall.



Crab Feed Fundraiser in Sonoma

Kolbe-Trinity School's annual crab feed, featuring a silent auction, live music by The Henry Coopers, and dancing will take place on Saturday, **February 3rd** from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Roche Winery on 22097A Bonness Road in Sonoma. Early bird tickets for \$100 are one sale now through 1/15/24 at <https://givebutter.com/c/CrabFeed2024>. Ticket price goes up to \$120 after 1/15/24. All proceeds benefit tuition assistance for the students of Kolbe-Trinity in Napa.

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