

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

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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.**

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.



February 3-4, 2024— Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus cured many who were sick.

Often, we think about the troubles in our lives and cry out, “Woe is me!” Like Job we might look around in despair at the misery in the world. Like Job’s friends we might look backward for something or someone on which to blame our suffering. We may decide that God—or we ourselves—must be to blame. The Gospel today offers a different perspective from which to view earthly suffering. Jesus looked forward in hope. He did not blame the sick and the possessed for their suffering, as many others did. And he did not give up hope, even though he knew he couldn’t cure all the sickness in the world. Jesus tried neither to eliminate human suffering nor to explain it. He simply did what good he could do in the time that he had.

Look Forward In Hope

Above all, Jesus kept preaching the good news of the reign of God, a spiritual reality that triumphs over every form of suffering. This was his purpose. When we believe in this good news we may not be healed of physical illness or understand the reason for human suffering, but we do receive something much more valuable. We are healed of the sickness of despair and freed from the demons of guilt and blame. The Spirit energizes us to do what good we can do in the time that we have. With Paul we will want everyone to know about the healing, liberating reign of God.

Today’s Scriptures encourage us to look forward in hope, to do what we can, and to preach the good news of the reign of God.

Woe Is Me

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Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Job 7:1-4, 6-7*—I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

Responsorial: *Psalm 147*—Praise the Lord, who heals the

brokenhearted.

Reading II: *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*—Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel: *Mark 1:29-39*—Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.

A Guide to Fat Tuesday, AKA Mardi Gras

Fat Tuesday, also known as Shrove Tuesday, Shrovetide, or Mardi Gras, marks the final day of Ordinary Time before the solemn season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday. This day is synonymous with celebration, often seen as the last opportunity to indulge in rich and indulgent foods before the penitential period of fasting and abstinence during Lent. It is a time for revelry and festivities, with people coming together to enjoy sumptuous meals, delicious treats, and vibrant parades. It serves as a joyful farewell to the carefree days of Ordinary Time, emphasizing the imminent spiritual journey of self-reflection and preparation for Easter. Fat Tuesday this year is on **February 13, 2024**.

The traditional name of Fat Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday. *Shrove* is derived from the word *shrive* and means *absolve*. Catholics should spend time examining their conscience as they prepare for the penitential season of Lent. It's a great time to reflect on areas where spiritual growth is needed. Catholic churches burn the palms used during the previous year's Palm Sunday in preparation for the ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday the next day.

The colors purple, green, and gold are associated with Mardi Gras celebrations. Purple represents justice, green represents faith, and gold represents power. These colors were chosen by the Rex, the King of the Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1892. So, while it's fun to decorate with these colors there is not a connection within Catholicism.

While tasty foods are traditional on Fat Tuesday they can vary from culture to culture. Donuts and pancakes are common, as are Polish *Pączki*. Mardi Gras King Cakes are also popular. In New Orleans, so many families eat jambalaya, gumbo, *étouffée*, red beans and rice, and other Cajun dishes.

MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 3-11

Sat	3	4:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	4	10:00	† Agnes Apicella (Cathy & Peter Hardy)
Mon	5		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	6	8:00	† Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	7	8:00	† Joyce O'Connor (Dick & Vi D'Olive)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	8	8:00	† Rose Callori (Diana Mambretti)
Fri	9	8:00	† Claire Vincent (Diana Mambretti)
Sat	10	4:00	† Louise Paolinetti (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	11	10:00	† Joyce O'Connor (Kathy McKeon)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Jeremy Aytes, Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Lisa Bragg, Rich Busalacchi, David Charlton II, 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, 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, Kara Sewale, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Amelia Stafford, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: William Grafe.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m.: William Grafe



Donut Sunday—February 4 In Memory of Claire Vincent

Many thanks to Kathy McKeon for sponsoring this weekend's Donut Sunday, **February 4**, in memory of Claire Vincent. 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.

Men's Club Donation

Star of the Valley Parish has gratefully benefited from the proceeds of fundraising events for which our Men's Club handled the finances in 2023. In January 2024, they donated a check to the parish for \$8,000! Thank you to all who participated in last year's events.

This Weekend — February 3-4

4:00 p.m.

EMs: Jan Rosshirt

Lector: Ted Rosshirt

Server: Connie Montague

Greeters: Gloria Bowers

Marietta Mancuso

Ushers: Judy Rodgers

10:00 a.m.

Connie Pearson

Bianca Bailie

John Dolan

Esther Dolan

Cathy Hardy

Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — February 10-11

4:00 p.m.

Don Shelhart

Judy Rodgers

Bev Shelhart

Livie Brant

Lisa Munoz Flores

TBD

10:00 a.m.

Barbara Spotleson

Bowman Olds

Fritz Spotleson

Judy Monroe

Paula Scull

Tim Burkhard



PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 4-11

Sunday, February 4, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Sunday, February 11, 2:30 Super Bowl Party—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Weekly Goal
\$3,701	\$3,702	\$3,145	\$5,365*

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 Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance.**



Sunday, February 11

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa

2:30 Doors open

3:30 Kick Off

\$8 for all you can eat!

Beer, wine & soft drinks nominal cost

Live Streamed on 8' x 8' Screen

Pre-Game Snacks: Nachos, Chips & Dips

Beer & Wine for additional cost

Food at Half Time & After:
Miller Hot Dogs, Chili & Potato Salad

\$2 & \$5 Pools

Cash Prizes Awarded Each Quarter

Make checks payable to:

Star of the Valley Men's Club

Put payment in the Men's Club Box

at the Parish Center, mail to the address above,
or pay at the door when you come.

Info: Pete Hardy, 707-480-5094

Not a football fan?

Come anyhow for the great food and company!

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STATEMENTS
NOW AVAILABLE**

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.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Star of the Valley Parish has been maintaining and keeping the church, rectory, and Monsignor Fahey Parish Center in good repair due to your contributions to our collections for Parish Repair & Maintenance. These are some projects recently completed or on the "to do" list.

- ▶ Repair church door at circle drive.
- ▶ Repair Parish Center doors.
- ▶ Repair storage closet shelf.
- ▶ Tree work at, and creek cleanup behind, the church.

We will have a second collection next weekend, February 10 and 11, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance.**

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!



Valentine Bingo

**Tuesday, February 13
4:00 p.m.**

Dinner: \$10

Bingo Cards: \$2 each

Valentine Prizes

to the winners of each game.

Please be here between 3:30 and 3:45
so we can start promptly at 4:00.

If you don't play bingo,
come for dinner at 5:20 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner:

Italian Wedding Soup, Garlic Bread,
Corn Bread, & Brownies



Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

You may have already received the mailing about this Appeal from the Diocese of Santa Rosa. The Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA), One Family in Mission, in-pew solicitation will be conducted at Star of the Valley Parish on **February 17 and 18**. Our parish target this year is **\$25,500** (less than last year's target.) Our parish will receive 100% of what we raise over this goal. Thanks to your generosity last year, Star of the Valley received a **\$899** rebate from the diocese for exceeding our 2023 goal.

With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese each year; the Catholic education of our children and Seminarians, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and are restricted funds for the ministries only. No monies collected for the AMA go toward any Diocesan legal or settlement fees.

Whether using the envelope and pledge card from the Diocesan mailing, or the pledge card envelope you will receive at Mass on February 17 or 18, please write **Star of the Valley** on the Parish line. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: www.srdiocese.org.



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Spiritual Book Club

Continuing our study of the book *The Monastery of the Heart*, by Joan Chittister, led by Marcy Fox, we will focus on Chapters 18-25 (Our Promise) on Tuesday, **February 20**, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the church Quiet Room. All are invited, even if you have never attended before.



Downsizing or Moving?

The local St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store welcomes your donation of gently used clothing or furniture. SVdP volunteer Alan can come to your home for pick up. Kindly contact Alan at

Valueralan@aol.com or 707-889-1766. Thank you.

Stop the Traffic

Saint Josephine Bakhita's feast day is February 8. She is the first black female saint of the modern era, and was beatified on May 17 in 1992, part of a push within the Catholic Church to honor both black Catholics and to signify the horrors of human trafficking. This practice, also known as modern slavery, accounts for the bondage of an estimated 50 million people today, spread over every continent and present in every country. Bakhita herself was kidnapped as a child in Sudan and later held against her will in Italy before essentially suing for freedom in 1889 and becoming a nun. Her legacy is now global, as she is the patron of all human trafficking survivors. May she inspire us to recognize the silent suffering of so many and work for the freedom of all God's children.

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