

# 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**

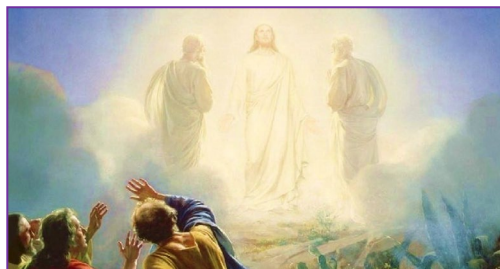
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

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

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



## **February 24/25, 2024—2nd Sunday of Lent**



### **Listen & Follow**

When God called out to Adam in Eden after he had eaten the forbidden fruit, Adam hid

himself from the Lord. When God called out to Abraham in today's first reading, Abraham's first words are, "Here I am!" Adam's disobedience leads to his unwillingness to face God. Abraham's obedience is displayed by his immediate eagerness to respond to God, even without understanding what God asked him to do, sacrifice his own son. But unlike Adam, Abraham placed his trust in God and responded obediently. So, too, did Jesus.

The Transfiguration takes our breath away. It is good that we are dazzled on a yearly basis, because we need this brightness to bring us back to lives of love and purpose. We really want to put Christ first, but the harshness of daily life often pushes him to the sidelines.

Though our tests may not be as severe as Abraham's and our peak experiences not as dramatic as the Transfiguration, we all face the daily challenges of walking "before the Lord in the land of the living." As we follow our varied calls to love and serve, let's be comforted by Paul's reminder to the Romans: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" May our vision be transfigured by the knowledge that the Jesus we see in the least of our sisters and brothers is also the Jesus who suffered and died on the cross and is also now the Jesus of dazzling glory.

How can I transfigure my life this Lent? What will I do to show the transformation Jesus has made in me?



**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Reading I:** *Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18*—I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 116*—I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Reading II:** *Romans 8:31b-34*—If God is for us, who can be against us? If God acquits us, who will condemn?

**Gospel:** *Mark 9:2-10*—This is my beloved Son.

## Choose Joy



Sr. Joann Heinritz



Marcy Fox

As we prepare for the beautiful season of Easter, the Women's Circle will be sponsoring a Lenten Reflection on Thursday, **March 7th** from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Star of the Valley Church for all parishioners, family members and friends.

Our speakers will be Sister Joann Heinritz, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet in the Los Angeles Province, and our fellow parishioner, Marcy Fox.

Sister Joann has ministered in sabbatical programs at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley as spiritual director, retreat director and instructor for over 20 years. She conducts parish missions throughout the United States and has been a

retreat director in Ireland every summer for over fifteen years.

Marcy Fox is a member of Star of the Valley Parish and has presented a series of lectures on the world's religions and led meditations and discussions for the Oakmont community. She has authored several educational workbooks and journals and led professional workshops throughout the United States and Ireland.

We are so fortunate to have Sister Joann and Marcy lead our Lenten reflection, focused on the theme of **"Choose Joy."** Please invite your family members, friends and neighbors. This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your faith, to choose joy in your lives and make Lent a wonderful season of spiritual growth.

## MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 3

Sat	24	4:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Dr. & Mrs. Philip LoVerde)
Sun	25	10:00	† <b>Richard Burkhard</b> (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	26		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	27	8:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Linda Johnson)
Wed	28	8:00	† <b>Tory Bucher</b> (Bill & Terry Cutler)
		10:30	O.G. <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	29	8:00	<b>Intention of David Charlton II</b> (Sharon Charlton)
Fri	1	8:00	† <b>Pete Cavalieri</b> (Angela Saul)
Sat	2	4:00	† <b>Fran Dias</b> (Joey Cuneo)
Sun	3	10:00	† <b>Isabel Frimmersdorf</b> (Kathy McKeon)

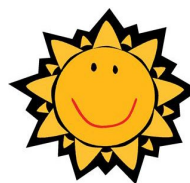
Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Jeremy Aytes, Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Lisa Bragg, Rich Busalacchi, David Charlton II, Michael & Jessica Curtis, Mike Cusack, Rosalie Cushman, Lola Danielli, Mike Dines, Audrey Engen, Pinky Ezekiel, Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Marcy Fox, Mary Gorrell, Myrtle Gunning, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Lorraine Kowalkowski, Eve Marcucci, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, Mark Ochlesli, 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: Lea Nelson.



## Parish Directory Deadline—Friday

You may have recently received a letter in the mail from our Pastoral Council. Please return it by Friday, **March 1**, as directed. If you did not receive the letter and want to be included in our Parish Directory, please contact the office.



## Need a Little Sunshine?

The Women's Circle has a Sunshine Committee that would like to send a card to anyone who needs prayer or a little sunshine in their life due to illness or loss of a loved one. Please call any of our Sunshine Ladies: Terry Cutler at 707-280-9995; Paula Scull at 760-809-2760; Carole Kilgariff at 415-370-2083; or Janet Rosshirt at 707-293-4256.

### This Weekend — February 24–25

	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Blanche Kaiser	Connie Pearson
<b>Lector:</b>	Sherry Rosevear	Martin Kilgariff
<b>Server:</b>	Micki Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Tim Burkhard Paula Scull
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard

### Next Weekend — March 2–3

	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
	Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia
	Karen Schraga	Don Forst
	Bev Shelhart	John Dolan
	Gayle Brinker	Esther Dolan
	Diane D'Ambrogia	Elizabeth McKee
	Kathleen Beirne	Rick Ragan



**PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 24—MARCH 3**  
**Sunday, March 3, Donut Sunday—Parish Center**

**Weekly Collection Report**

Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Weekly Goal
\$4,009	\$5,278	\$4,210	\$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 Collections**

This weekend's second collection will be for **Easter Flowers** for the church. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**.

**2023 EOY  
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](mailto:sov@sonic.net).



**Annual Ministry Appeal 2024**

The work of the *Annual Ministry Appeal* (AMA) is at heart your work, the work to which you are oriented by your Baptism: the service of God through service of your brothers and sisters in Christ. By making a gift to the AMA, you are able to touch souls and change lives throughout our diocese.

Thank you to all who have already pledged or contributed, moving us closer to our goal as a parish community. Our parish target this year is \$25,500 (less than last year's target.). Our parish receives 100% of what we raise over this goal. Every gift is sincerely appreciated!

**Parish Envelope Stuffing Help Needed This Week**

Want to volunteer for an hour or two this Tuesday, **February 27**, in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass? Call the office or come on over!

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

These are some projects on our "to do" list.

- ▶ Tree work at, and creek cleanup behind, the church. Postponed due to rain.
- ▶ Replace 2 sewer pumps at the church: \$14,000–\$18,000.

We will have a second collection next weekend, March 2 and 3, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!



# Irish Dinner

**Thursday, March 21**

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center  
495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m.

## Menu

Green Salad with Rolls  
Corned Beef with Mustard  
Cabbage, Guinness Carrots with Dill  
Colcannon Style Potatoes  
Dessert

**\$25 per Person**

## Full Cash Bar

To reserve a seat:

Mail or drop your check in the Men's Club box at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

To reserve a table for 8 (max.) please put the checks for each person at your table in one envelope and list each name on the outside of the envelope.

**All reservations due by March 15, 2024**

Unfortunately, adding names *after* making the initial dinner reservation will *not* guarantee additional reservations at your table.

## Seating is limited!

Seating is reserved based on the date your reservation and payment is received. Don't wait to sign up. This event always sells out! Questions? Call Jim Warman, 707-230-2682.





### Donut Sunday—March 3 In Memory of Isabel Frimmersdorf

Many thanks to Kathy McKeon and Mardie Hart for sponsoring next weekend's Donut Sunday, **March 3**, in memory of Isabel Frimmersdorf. 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.

If you would like to sponsor a future Donut Sunday to celebrate, honor, or in memory of someone, please contact Drew Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

### Ushers Needed

Anyone interested in the important ministry of Ushers, and wanting to serve at Saturday, Sunday, or weekday holiday Masses, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262. Make it a Lenten almsgiving gift of service.

### Prayers for the Season of Lent

Lent is a time of prayer and reflection. It is a time to examine our lives and see what changes we can make to truly become the best-version-of- Use these prayers for Lent to reflect on your life. You may click on these links: [The Stations of the Cross](#), [Ash Wednesday Prayer](#), [Prayer for Lenten Sundays](#), [Seven Sorrows Rosary](#), [Popular Litanies](#), [Lenten Prayers for Holy Week](#).



"Holiness does not consist in not making mistakes or never sinning. Holiness grows with the capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness." —Pope Benedict XVI



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### Forced Child Labor

In least developed countries, 1 in 4 children ages 5-17 are engaged in labor detrimental to their health and development. Forced labor of children is also in the United States of America.

Please pray for these children.

—Alliance to End Human Trafficking,  
Founded and Supported by US Catholic Sisters

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### Looking For an Accounting Leader

The Diocese of Santa Rosa chancery team is looking for an accounting leader. If you are interested in learning more about the position, call Lori at 707-566-3322 or email [LNorcia@srdiocese.org](mailto:LNorcia@srdiocese.org).



#### Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

Come join the Camino de Sonoma on Holy Thursday, **March 28th** opening with a prayer circle at Star of the Valley Church at 8:30 a.m. and

ending at St. Eugene Cathedral around 3:00 p.m. The pilgrimage is 9.5 miles and will take around 6.5 hours.

We will be reflecting on the Agony in the Garden, the Trione-Annadel History, the Native Tribal History, the Watershed, and a Water Prayer Ceremony.

This pilgrimage is organized by the Santa Rosa Diocese in collaboration with the **Camino de Sonoma**.

To register your spot and for more registration information go to: Santa Rosa Diocese Facebook Events Page, email [dsryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdiocese.org) or call Stephen Morris at 310-849-2342.

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