

# 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.



## **March 2/3, 2024 — Third Sunday of Lent**

John the evangelist uses conversations to reveal Jesus' identity. Individuals often misinterpret what Jesus is saying, thereby offering Jesus the opportunity to correct them and lead them to a deeper insight. One of the reasons people so often misunderstand Jesus is because of the layers of meaning in what he says. Sometimes there is a symbolism underlying his words, and at other times the words themselves have more than one meaning. Another reason for misunderstanding Jesus is that his teaching often turns around cherished belief and behaviors, making a new belief difficult to accept. He crosses boundaries that shock both his disciples and his adversaries. Along with Jesus' words and actions, the narratives in which they are placed can also be filled with symbolism and multiple meanings.

John notes that Jesus "had to pass through Samaria." There is no geographical necessity of passing through Samaria. Jews could cross the Jordan to avoid going through Samaria, the territory of their centuries-long enemy. The necessity for Jesus seems rather to have a divine motivation. Jesus must move beyond the confines of Judaism, bringing his good news even to Samaritans.

Jesus sits by Jacob's well at noon, when both heat and light are at their peak. It is a strange time to draw water from the well; this is ordinarily done in the coolness of morning or evening. Alone, a Samaritan woman comes to draw water. Jesus too is alone. Jesus has crossed one boundary in entering Samaria; now he crosses another in asking the woman for a drink. Not only is he speaking alone with an unknown woman, Jews and Samaritans do not drink from a common cup. The woman knows well the tradition and expresses her surprise and puzzlement.

Her question to Jesus opens the dialogue between them.

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**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Reading I:** *Exodus 17:3-7*—Water flowed from the rock to quench the people's thirst.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 95*—If today you hear his voice, harden not your

hearts.

**Reading II:** *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*—God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:** *John 4:5-42*—The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

*Third Sunday of Lent continued*

Jesus moves the conversation from the tangible, earthly reality of water drawn from a well to unseen, heavenly realities: "gift of God" and "living water." The woman naturally does not understand; she presumes that "living water" refers to flowing water from a spring, not the still water of a cistern. Jesus tells her that those who drink from Jacob's well will indeed thirst again, but the water he will give will become a spring welling up to eternal life. The life that Jesus promises is not ordinary human life, but God's own life, the "gift of God" that will quench the deepest thirst of humanity. The woman still thinks of the water on a physical level. She has not rejected Jesus or his promises, but she has not understood.

Jesus' next words are an abrupt change of subject. We can hear the conversation about her husbands in two ways, one literal and one symbolic: her own multiple marriages, and a symbol for Samaria's acceptance of multiple gods. Samaritan idolatry with the gods of other nations is comparable to marital infidelity. The woman stands for the Samaritan people, to whom Jesus is offering living water. Jesus' knowledge of her leads her first to see him as a prophet and later to invite the townspeople to come and see a man who could be the Christ.

Misunderstanding continues when the disciples return. In a twist of roles, Jesus, who had offered living water to the woman, is now offered ordinary food by his disciples. They too must develop a deeper understanding of Jesus' identity and learn that his food is to do the will of the one who sent him and to finish his work. Many Samaritans come to believe in Jesus, no longer because of the woman's testimony, but because of Jesus' own word. Long before Jews believe in Jesus, the Samaritans know that he is savior of the world.

Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.

**MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 2-10**

Sat	2	4:00	† <b>Fran Dias</b> (Joey Cuneo)
Sun	3	10:00	† <b>Isabel Frimmersdorf</b> (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	4		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	5	8:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Linda Johnson)
Wed	6	8:00	† <b>Rizalina Piñgol</b> (Liza Peters)
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	7	8:00	† <b>Louis Mambretti</b> (Diana Mambretti)
Fri	8	8:00	<b>Intention of Simone Family</b> (Tom & Shirley Simone)
Sat	9	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun	10	10:00	† <b>Louis Muzio</b> (Richard Muzio)

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 Ochesli, Karen O'Malley, Tobin 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: Patricia Violetti.

*Choose Joy*



**A Lenten Reflection**

**Thursday, March 7  
2024, 3:00–4:30 p.m.**

Star of the Valley Church  
545 White Oak Drive



**Featured Speakers:**  
Sr. Joann Heinritz & Marcy Fox

No charge. No RSVP.  
Everyone welcome.

Sponsored by  
SOV's Women's Circle

**This Weekend — March 2–3**

**4:00 p.m.      10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Schraga	Don Forst
<b>Server:</b>	Bev Shelhart	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Gayle Brinker	Esther Dolan
	Diane D'Ambrogia	Elizabeth McKee
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne	Rick Ragan

**Next Weekend — March 9–10**

**4:00 p.m.      10:00 a.m.**

Blanche Kaiser	Barbara Spotleson
Sherry Rosevear	Martin Kilgariff
Connie Montague	Fritz Spotleson
Liza Munoz-Flores	Mary Bell
Jan Rosshirt	Judy Monroe
Jan Rosshirt	Clarence Younger



## PARISH EVENTS— MARCH 2–11

**Sunday, March 3**, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

**Thursday, March 7**, **Choose Joy** Lenten Reflection—Church

**Friday-Monday, March 8-11**, Parish Office Closed

**Sunday, March 10**, Daylight Savings Time begins. Set clocks forward one hour on Saturday night!

### Weekly Collection Report

Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Weekly Goal
\$5,278	\$4,210	\$4,842	\$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 **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Catholic Relief Services & Campaign for Human Development**.

### Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty, over 11% of the population. Funds from this collection support programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities, provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.



### Star of the Valley Mid-Year Report

Inserted in this bulletin is the Star of the Valley 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Financial Report through December 2023.

If you have any question about the report, ask anyone on the Finance Council.

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

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

- ▶ Completed tree work at, and creek cleanup behind, the church: \$5,000.
- ▶ Replaced 2 sewer pumps at the church: \$14,500.

We will have a second collection this 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 payable to **SOV Men's Club** in the Men's Club box at the Parish Center. To reserve a table for 8 (max.), please put the checks payable to **SOV Men's Club** 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 this 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.



### 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!



### 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).

### 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 and walk 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.

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



#### Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10

Turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, **March 9**.



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