

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 9/10, 2024 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

Some early Christians gave the woman at the well from last week's Gospel the name "Photina," which means "she who has received light." We hear another story from John's Gospel today about someone who receives light, is enlightened. The man blind from birth receives the light of Christ by having the barrier of his blindness removed. In Jesus' day, being blind from birth was an important distinction to make: if one were blinded by an accident, it was not necessarily viewed as God's displeasure with one's sinfulness. But birth blindness was thought of as a sign of sinfulness, even a sign of the sinfulness of the individual's parents. Jesus breached the religious code and teaching of his day twice: by removing the obstacle purportedly placed there by God as a sign of the presence of sin, and doing so by committing the "sin" of working on the Sabbath, making mud to heal the blind man.

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."



Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Second Scrutiny

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a—Samuel anointed David to be king of Israel.

Responsorial: Psalm 23—The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14—Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Gospel: John 9:1-41—The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10

Avoid being late for Mass! Turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9.



& CORN CHOWDER

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12

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: Corn Chowder with White Cheddar Cheese & Bacon, Corn Bread, Garlic Bread and Brownies

MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 9-17

Sat	9	4:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	10	10:00	† Louis Muzio (Richard Muzio)
Mon	11		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	12	8:00	† Agnes Apicella (Linda Johnson)
Wed	13	8:00	† Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	14	8:00	† Pete Cavalieri (Angela Saul)
Fri	15	8:00	† Ed Sosnowski (Barbara & Fritz Spotleson)
Sat	16	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	17	10:00	† Charlie O'Callaghan (Bill & Terry Cutler)

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, Tobin O'Neill, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Eileen Poggi, Jill Ramage, 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.

Prayer List

Call the office at 539-6262 if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list above, or to add someone to the list. Each name will remain for four weeks from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise. Thank you.

Lenten Almsgiving Opportunity



Anyone, men and women, interested in the important ministry of Ushers, and wanting to help take collections at Saturday, Sunday, or weekday holiday liturgies, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262.

Fill Us

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.

—Christina Rossetti

This Weekend — March 9–10

4:00 p.m.

EMs: Blanche Kaiser

Lector: Sherry Rosevear

Server: Connie Montague

Greeters: Liza Munoz-Flores
Jan Rosshirt

Ushers: Jan Rosshirt

10:00 a.m.

Barbara Spotleson

Martin Kilgariff

Fritz Spotleson

Mary Bell
Judy Monroe

Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — March 16–17

4:00 p.m.

Jan Rosshirt

Ted Rosshirt

Dennis Sabourin

Cathy Hardy
Pete Hardy

Judy Rodgers

10:00 a.m.

Cristina Wadsworth

Bowman Olds

Jim Warman

Tim Burkhard
Kathy McKeon

Tim Burkhard



PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 9–16

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

Monday, March 11, Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, March 12, 4:00 Bingo—Parish Center

Friday, March 15, Last day to reserve seats for St. Patrick's Irish Dinner at Star of the Valley

Weekly Collection Report

Feb. 18	Feb. 25	March 3	Weekly Goal
\$4,210	\$4,842	\$5,850	\$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 **Catholic Relief Services & Campaign for Human Development**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.

Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Campaign for Human Development

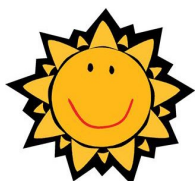
This weekend the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty, over 11% of the population. Funds from this collection support programs that empower people to identify and address the 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.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Star of the Valley's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program supports those in need in our community. From your donations to our six Neighbor-to-Neighbor collections each year, and non-perishable food items dropped off at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, we help individuals and families who come to our Nick's Pantry. And at Christmas time we serve approximately 200 families in need.

Thank You Card

Recently we received a Thank You card from one of our Nick's Pantry guests: "Star of the Valley, Even though you didn't have to do it, you did it anyway. And it was much appreciated. With deepest gratitude to all! Because of you I ate this day. ♥"



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.



Irish Dinner

With Keenan Irish Dancers

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.

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2023 Contribution Statements

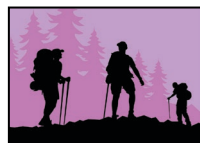
If you would like a Contribution Statement of your donations to Star of the Valley Church in 2023, please contact the office by phone at 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Annual Mass of the Chrism

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate in the Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on Thursday, **March 21**, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year. The bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received. It also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.



Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

Join a healthy walk from Star of the Valley Church to St. Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday, **March 28**, starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. The pilgrimage is 9.5 miles.

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 or call Stephen Morris at 310-849-2342.



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 call

707-889-1766. Thank you.

Locked Mailbox at Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

When depositing envelopes into the locked mailbox outside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, please push the louvered drop slot at the top. Do not pull on the lower portion to open as this weakens the locking mechanism. Thank you.

Funny Church Sign: The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.



Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat—Men & Women

The upcoming retreat will be offered at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos with Pastoral Staff, Friday, **March 22**, 2024, 4:00 p.m. through Sunday, March 24, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call 650-917-4024.



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