

# 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.



## April 6/7, 2023 – Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

### Peace

Throughout the liturgical year we focus on the words, actions, and miracles of Jesus as he moved from town to town. Today we focus especially on the first word of the Risen One as he greeted the disciples on the evening of that first Easter: “Peace.” The first word from the mouth of God’s Son—who had been unfairly tried, who had been beaten and spit upon, whose hands and feet were nailed to a tree, who suffered enormous pain in that torturous death—was the word “Peace.” Not “Revenge!” Not “Retribution!” Not “Kill!” “Peace.”

### Inspired By the Gospel of Peace

After suffering one of the greatest injustices known in history, it would seem that Jesus would have every reason to bring down vengeance upon those who had treated him with such unfairness. But instead of vengeance, he spoke of peace. To some this may seem odd. For many of us, starting at a young age, we are taught that the response to violence must be revenge. But does this have to be the case?

Many of us remember the day when Pope John Paul II was shot in St. Peter’s Square. Did he seek revenge on the one who shot him? No; when the pope recovered, he visited his would-be assassin in prison, bringing with him the peace that comes through reconciliation. When this occurred, many in the world were stunned by what seemed to be an unbelievable gesture, simply not what the world had come to expect. In his gesture of reconciliation, the pope showed himself as an embodiment of the actions of Christ on that first Easter evening. Today is a day to ponder the fact that Jesus Christ sought to exact no revenge for the way he was treated. Instead, he inspired his followers, and inspires within us, a deep commitment to peace.



**Sunday, April 7, 2024**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**Scripture Readings**

**Reading I:** Acts 4:32-35—They were of one heart and mind.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 118—Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his

love is everlasting.

**Reading II:** 1 John 5:1-6—Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God.

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31—Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.



**Ministry to the Homebound**

Eucharistic Minister Home Visitors bring Communion to those in our parish community who are too sick to come to church for Mass on the weekends. Please call the parish

office during the week to request visits from one of our Home Visitors.

**Fun Pun** When life isn't going right, go left. —Haylea S.

**BAKED POTATO BAR &**

**4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9**  
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: Baked Potato Bar & Dessert

**MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 6-14**

Sat	6	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska &amp; †John Robertson</b> (Francis Waska)
Sun	7	10:00	<b>Intention of Joan McCormack</b> (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	8		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	9	8:00	† <b>Donald D'Ambrogia</b> (Diane D'Ambrogia)
Wed	10	8:00	† <b>Frances Smith</b>
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	11	8:00	† <b>Edgardo Pingol</b> (Liza Peters)
Fri	12	8:00	† <b>Connie Lilley</b> (Kathy & Steve Hipson)
Sat	13	4:00	† <b>Joyce O'Connor</b> (Joey Cuneo)
Sun	14	10:00	† <b>Richard Burkhard</b> (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Lola Danielli, Marcy Fox, Roberta McElroy, Nancy McNeill, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.

**Prayer List**

Call the office at 707-539-6262 if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list, 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.

**Pray for Priests in April**

The April calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in church. Please pray for them as well as for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



**Donut Sunday—April 7**

**In Memory of Vic & Maureen Fryling**

Many thanks to Jamie Fryling Flanagan for sponsoring this weekend's Donut Sunday on **April 7**, in memory of her parents, Vic and Maureen Fryling, who

were great assets to our parish. 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.

**Church Ladies with Typewriters**

"Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help."



**Jesus I trust in you**

**This Weekend — April 6-7 — Divine Mercy**

**4:00 p.m.**                      **10:00 a.m.**

**EMs:** Dennis Sabourin      Marge Lamb

**Lector:** Len Marabella      Mike Hanlon

**Server:** Micki Sabourin      John Dolan

**Greeters:** Cathy Hardy      Esther Dolan  
Pete Hardy      Elizabeth McKee

**Ushers:** Judy Rodgers      Tim Burkhard

**Next Weekend — April 13-14**

**4:00 p.m.**                      **10:00 a.m.**

Linda Luceti                      Liz Garcia

Karen Schraga                  Don Forst

Mary Kay Riccioni              Jim Warman

Diane D'Ambrogia              Tim Burkhard  
Jan Rosshirt                      Judy Monroe

Jan Rosshirt                      Rick Ragan

## PARISH EVENTS— APRIL 7–13

**Sunday, April 7**, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Cntr.

**Tuesday, April 9**, 4:00 Bingo— Msgr. Fahey Parish Cntr.

### Weekly Collection Report

March 17	March 24	March 31	Weekly Goal
\$3,439	\$4,478	\$9,827*	\$5,365

**Note:** The amounts consist of First collections, Parish Repair & Maintenance, and Holy Day collections received during the weekend and preceding week.

\*Includes Easter donations.

### Second Collection April 13-14

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



### 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).

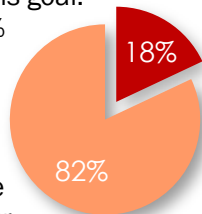
## AMA Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

Our parish target this year is \$25,500 and we will receive as a rebate 100% of what we raise over this goal.

So far, you have helped us reach 82% of our goal with your pledges and contributions to the 2024 AMA.

Approximately \$4,590 to go.

The work of the ministries funded by the 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. 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. Every gift is sincerely appreciated!



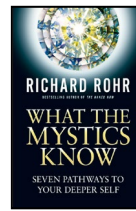
### God Bless the “Irish”—Thanks & Appreciation

We had a very successful Irish Dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The food, drinks, decorations, music, dancers, servers, and all of you who helped during the event made this a very special evening. Dennis did a great job as MC for the evening and Pete, as always, was a master at planning, organizing and cooking a fantastic St. Pat's meal. Cudos to all who helped in the kitchen and especially to Cathy Hardy for the delicious dessert.

Fritz, Barbara and bar staff managed a very busy evening in a highly professional manner, and with Mike and Kar on the door check-in, it was efficient and smooth. Big shout out to Terie, Bianca and the Marthas for making the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center come to life with the festive decorations and table settings. It was just a perfect evening for all who attended.

Financially, it was also a winner. With a full house, it was one of our largest turnouts for a dinner event.

Where flowers bloom so does hope. —Lady Bird Johnson



### Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation led by Marcy Fox using the book *What the Mystics Know, Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self* by Richard Rohr. The first session will focus on Part One, *The Enlightenment You Seek*

*Already Dwells Within You* on Tuesday, **April 16th**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

If you encounter difficulty in obtaining the book, Marcy will have some copies available.

The Spiritual Book Club is sponsored by Star of the Valley's Women's Circle. Questions? Email Marcy Fox at [marcyfox@gmail.com](mailto:marcyfox@gmail.com).



Meg Easter-Dawson



Katie Condie

### Valley of the Moon Children's Center Presentation

Are you aware of the changes and challenges facing one of our neighbors? That neighbor is the Valley of the Moon Children's Center, the county's only emergency shelter for children removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

Come to the Star of the Valley Women's Circle presentation featuring Meg Easter-Dawson, Program Development Manager of Valley of the Moon Children's Center, and Katie Condie, Executive Director of

Programs for Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation, on Tuesday, **April 16** from **2:00–4:00 p.m.**, and find out what challenges and changes our neighbor is facing.

Since 2017, the Valley of the Moon Children's Center has been evolving to respond to the State of California's overhaul of the Foster Care System, known as the Continuum of Care Reform, or CCR. Instead of holding children for up to 30 days, all group homes must place endangered children in a foster home within 10 days. The approach acknowledges a child's traumatic experiences, basically changing the way you look at a youth. “It's not what's wrong with you, it's what's happened to you...we're building a relationship quickly in a different way,” according to Nick Honey, Retired Director of the County's Family, Youth and Children's Services.

Learn about the vital role the Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation plays in supporting the work of the Valley of the Moon Children's Center by awarding \$150,000 in scholarships to 42 foster youth, serving 104 foster youth through the Valley of the Moon Children's Center Dental Program and providing \$41,476 to 40 scholars facing challenging situations that threatened to end their schooling. The foundation has created joy and happiness for 140 current foster youth by providing outings, birthday celebrations, entertainment and holiday events.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors—all free of charge. No RSVP needed. Refreshment provided. Donations to the Women's Circle greatly appreciated.



### Do You Play American Mahjong?

We have a small group that meets every other week at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center for fun and relaxed play. If

interested in more information, call Kar Hofmann at 707-539-2706.



### Planned Giving

Regardless of your current income, with foresight and planning, you can continue to give to Star of the Valley Parish far into the future.

Gifts may be in the form of

cash, property, investments or a portion of an estate. In many cases there can be significant tax advantages.

For more information, pick up a *Heritage Friends* pamphlet and a *Planned Giving Statement of Intent* at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, or go to our parish website. Talk with your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to help you determine the type of gift that is right for you and how you might include Star of the Valley Parish in your estate planning.

### 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 [Valueralan@aol.com](mailto:Valueralan@aol.com) or 707-889-1766. Thank you.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

When Pope St. John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire Church. According to the Pope, all Masses said on this day, the Sunday after Easter, were to be in honor of the Divine Mercy. Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy... be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

### The Image of the Divine Mercy

Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina with rays of red and pale light streaming from the area around His heart. His hand was raised in blessing, recalling the scene of Easter Sunday night (see John 20: 19-23).

He asked Sister Faustina to have this vision painted along with the words, "Jesus, I Trust in You!"

He presented this image to remind people to trust in His mercy, and to come to Him for mercy:

*I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the words: Jesus, I trust in you.*

Jesus explained that the rays represented the blood and water which flowed from His pierced side and taught Sister Faustina the prayer:

O blood and water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in you.

**How to Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** may be found on the Divine Mercy counter in the church.

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