

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

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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 13-14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

Again, “Peace”

Christ appears among his disciples with a greeting of peace. What do we pray for in our Catholic tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict.

Savoring the Experience

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.

Remembering During the Easter Season

The Easter season gives us many opportunities to remember the totality of what God has done for us. Today, two weeks after Easter, the scripture writers urge us to remember the whole event of the paschal mystery—Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. This is important because every one of us who is baptized has a share in that mystery. We are constantly called to die to sin and rise to renewed life in Christ Jesus.



Sunday, April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19—The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead.

Responsorial: Psalm 4—Lord, let

your face shine on us.

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a—Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48—Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

Quail Quip

The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure.

—Tibetan proverb

Calamari Dinner



Saturday, **May 11**

5:00 p.m. Happy Hour

6:00 p.m. Dinner

\$25 per person

At Star of the Valley's Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Dinner Includes:

Salad, Calamari (or Baked 1/2 Chicken), Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert

By reservation only.

All persons will pay at the door in cash or by check at the time of check-in for the dinner.

Reservations: call Pete Hardy at

707-480-5094, leaving a message if needed, with 1) your name 2) number of people in your group, and 3) specify Calamari or Chicken for each person attending.

Reservations close 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

Hosted by the Men's Clubs of Star of the Valley & St. Rose

MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 13-21

- Sat 13 4:00 †Joyce O'Connor (Joey Cuneo)
- Sun 14 10:00 †Richard Burkhard (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
- Mon 15 No Mass—Pray a Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Tue 16 8:00 †Walter George (Carolyn George)
- Wed 17 8:00 †Isabel Frimmersdorf (Virginia Taylor)
- 10:30 O.G. For the People of the Parish
- Thurs 18 8:00 ††Fay & Tony Apicella (Mike Apicella)
- Fri 19 8:00 †Ann Germano (Angela Saul)
- Sat 20 4:00 †Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
- Sun 21 10:00 †Tim Ward (Kathy McKeon)

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

Also pray for those who have died: Nancy McNeill



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.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

Our parish goal this year is \$25,500 and we will receive as a

rebate 100% of what we raise over this goal.

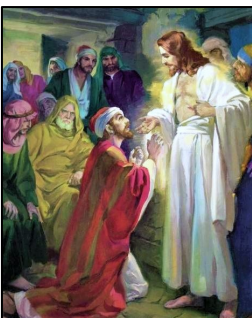
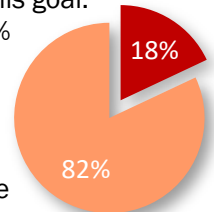
So far, you have helped us reach 82%

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!



This Weekend — April 13-14

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs: Linda Luceti

Liz Garcia

Lector: Karen Schraga

Don Forst

Server: Mary Kay Riccioni

Jim Warman

Greeters: Diane D'Ambrogia

Tim Burkhard

Jan Rosshirt

Judy Monroe

Ushers: Jan Rosshirt

Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — April 20-21

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Jan Rosshirt

Barbara Spotleson

Ted Rosshirt

Bowman Olds

Connie Montague

Fritz Spotleson

Gloria Bowers

Mary Bell

Livie Brant

Marietta Mancuso

TBD

John Knight

PARISH EVENTS—APRIL 13–20

Tuesday, April 16, 10:00—Spiritual Book Club—Church Quiet Room

Tuesday, April 16, 2:00 Valley of the Moon Children's Center Presentation—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

March 24	March 31	April 7	Weekly Goal
\$4,478	\$9,827*	\$5,493*	\$5,365

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

*Includes some Easter donations.

Second Collection April 13-14

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

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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.

Locked Mailbox at Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

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

Act of Adoration

The *Act of Adoration* is said to have come from St. Francis of Assisi when he prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. It is one of the shortest but sweetest prayers of our faith, and easy to memorize:

We adore You, most holy Lord, Jesus Christ, here and in all Your churches of the whole world, and we bless You, because by Your cross You have redeemed the world. Have mercy on us. Amen.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

These are some projects on our "to do" list that you can help complete with your contributions.

- ▶ Updating and replacing lighting in Parish Center to be more cost efficient.
- ▶ Add insulation at Parish Center to increase effectiveness of HVAC system.

We will have a second collection this weekend, **April 13-14**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

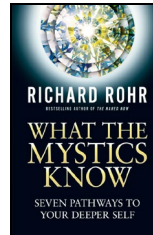
Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!



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.



Spiritual Book Club—This Week

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.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CHILDREN'S CENTER PRESENTATION



Meg Easter-Dawson



Katie Condie

Tuesday, **April 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

All are invited! No charge.

No RSVP needed. Refreshments available.

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 from speakers 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.

Donations to the Women's Circle, sponsors of this event, will be greatly appreciated.



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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Los Altos Jesuit Center—5-Day Guided Retreat

Silent Retreat for Women and Men **April 24-28, 2024.**

This five-day silent directed retreat offers a longer retreat experience of prayer and silence. Guided prayer experiences, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation, and individual spiritual direction are offered. Online deposit of \$600 required by April 23, 2024. To register, click here or go to:

<https://jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=24FDY03787>

Los Altos Jesuit Center—A Retreat for Families & Friends of Alcoholics & Addicts

Non-Silent Retreat for Women and Men **May 3-5, 2024.**

A weekend of welcome, refreshment, and renewal for

friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Led by Fr. Tom Weston, S.J., join with others who use the 12-Steps and the riches of The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to pray, reflect, and rest. Time for quiet, for community, for reflection. Spouses, adult children, and friends are welcome. Go to, or click here to register:

<https://jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=24SON03713>

Victorian Tea at Holy Spirit Church

You are invited to attend the Victorian Tea, hosted by the Holy Spirit Women's Club, on Saturday, **April 20** at 12:00 noon. For \$35 per person, it will include a catered lunch, a raffle, and a hat contest. For reservations call Margie DeMeo at 707-538-3376. Seating is limited.



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