

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

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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

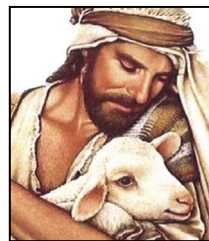
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office
for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest
when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

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



April 20-21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



The Good Shepherd

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the “good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.” It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of “trampling” on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today’s scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. They challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down.

Saint Peter: Example for All

What an extraordinary example we have in the person of Saint Peter. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, it is fitting that the first reading draws our attention to the “rock.” The scene depicted in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles contains an example that can be useful to all of us, whether ordained or lay. Notice that after the miracle of the curing of the crippled person, Peter immediately turns everyone’s attention not to himself, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what we are called to do when we experience the presence of God in the struggles of our own Christian journeys. Like Saint Peter, we can let other people know that it is only through the power of Christ within each of us that we are able to embrace the cross and experience the power of the Lord’s resurrection.



Sunday, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter—
Good Shepherd Sunday
Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts 4:8-12—There is no salvation through anyone else.

Responsorial: Psalm 118—The

stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2—We are God’s children now.

Gospel: John 10:11-18—The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

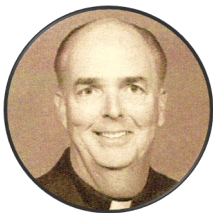
Rooted in Baptism

Today gives us the opportunity to take the time to pray for those who lead us in ordained ministry. In this time of crisis in our diocese and in the Church, our bishops, deacons, and priests need our support as they continue to embrace their vocation to do as Saint Peter did—to point others to the Lord. Since all vocations are rooted in the sacrament of baptism, it is good for us to remember that it was at the moment of our baptism that we became Christ for others. Each of us is called to become more and more like the Good Shepherd as we learn to live out our baptismal call. As we make our way along the Christian journey, we need nourishment and guidance from those appointed to be our shepherds. We need to pray that God will strengthen those who have become weary. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray especially for the ordained and all those called to point us to the Lord.

Quail Quip

Without a shepherd, the sheep are not a flock.

—Russian proverb



Happy Anniversary Monsignor!

Congratulations to Msgr. Pulskamp who celebrates the **57th Anniversary** of his ordination to the priesthood on **April 29, 2024**. We are very grateful for your devoted and caring ministry, and thank you for being our pastor.

May God bless you and be with you in all that you do.

Let Us Pray

We praise You and thank You, most Holy God, for the gift of Monsignor James E. Pulskamp!

We thank You for his years of service and ask You to bless him with good health and peace always.



This Weekend — April 20–21
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Ted Rosshirt	Bowman Olds
Server:	Connie Montague	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Gloria Bowers Livie Brant	Mary Bell Marietta Mancuso
Ushers:	TBD	John Knight

Next Weekend — April 27–28
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Blanche Kaiser	Kar Hofmann
Sherry Rosevear	Rosemary Haver
Judy Rodgers	Drew Hofmann
Gayle Brinker Diane D’Ambrogia	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Kathleen Beirne	Clarence Younger

MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 20-28

Sat 20	4:00	† Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun 21	10:00	† Tim Ward (Kathy McKeon)
Mon 22		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 23	8:00	Intention of the Simone Family (Tom & Shirley Simone)
Wed 24	8:00	† Patrick Dominguez (Angela Saul)
	10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs 25	8:00	† Sarah Firpo (Virginia Taylor)
Fri 26	8:00	† George Hipson (Kathy & Steve Hipson)
Sat 27	4:00	† Patricia Violetti (Diane D’Ambrogia)
Sun 28	10:00	Intention of Lynn Imm (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)

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, Karen O’Malley, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, Bea Wirth, 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.

North Coast Catholic Magazine

The April issue of the North Coast Catholic is now available at the back of the church and in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

Find Hidden Treasures at SOV

Star of the Valley Church has a library in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, inside the multi-purpose room also known as the Fireside Room or Library. You’re welcome to browse, sit and read, and borrow on an honor system from a variety of books and electronic media.

The library is open on weekdays and has a collection of 1,558 books (including two books written by two of our very own parishioners, Magda Shelton and Marcella Fox) and 189 CDs, and DVDs.

Come on in to the library during the week for a treasure hunt.



PARISH EVENTS—APRIL 21–27

Thursday, April 25, 1:30—Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

Weekly Collection Report

March 31	April 7	April 14	Weekly Goal
\$9,827*	\$5,493*	\$5,453*	\$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 27-28

Next weekend's second collection will be for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith-formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Phyllis Dillerisms

- Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- What I don't like about office parties is looking for a job the next day.

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 ½ 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

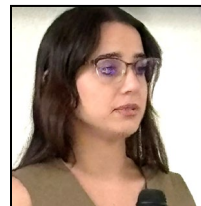
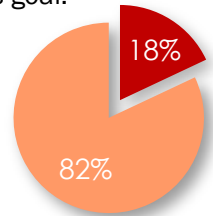


Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

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 \$4,090 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!



Thank You

Thank you to the Women's Circle for sponsoring the Valley of the Moon Children's Center and Foundation presentation last Tuesday afternoon. The presentation was excellent and well-received by at least 50 attendees.

Cheyenne McConnell Not only did we learn about the new programs put in place for abused and neglected children, and how their foundation has successfully developed education and health programs for the children, but we heard from one of the many graduates who has been helped by these programs.

Cheyenne McConnell, a young college graduate, was so inspiring as she related "her story." At just 6 years old she had already lived through tremendous trauma when she entered the Children's Center and the foster care system. Finding her strength in the love of learning, she excelled in school. It was through the help of the Valley of the Moon Children's Center and the Foundation, which gave Cheyenne the needed resources and support, that she recently graduated from Sonoma State University with a degree in psychology. She is now working on a master's degree. Cheyenne was a tangible symbol of the strength, value, and importance of the programs of both the Valley of the Moon Children's Center and its' robust Foundation.

We were also introduced to Our Village Closet, another component of the system put in place for neglected and abused children. The Village Closet is a place where foster care parents and children can meet, shop for clothes and other basic needs, find support and learn about other resources to help them.

A huge thank you to Pat Hendricks and the Women's Circle for bringing us this inspirational program, including, members who set-up, brought cookies, arranged for the tea and coffee and cleaned up. Also, thank you to all who attended and gave donations to the Women's Circle to help cover the cost of refreshments, and support future events at Star of the Valley.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

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>.



Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play Third Weekend in May

This year it will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **May 18 & 19**, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in beautiful Lake County. Visit us on the internet at:

www.lakecountypassionplay.org, call 866-896-5277, or look at our Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Please bring your own chair. New cast members are always welcome!

The Passion Play Grounds are located at 7010 Westlake Road, Upper Lake; off Highway 29.

Events at Christ the King (CTK) Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights

6520 Van Maren Lane in Citrus Heights
Day of Reflection for Divorced Catholics

A team of CTK Presenters invite divorced Catholics to “Come Home to New Beginnings” **May 18**, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. \$50 per person includes lunch.

How do we keep our light in our hearts when no stars appear in sight? For more information go to <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/event/day-of-reflection-for-divorced-catholics/> or [Click Here](#).

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- New Parishioner
- New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.
- I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- I have a question. Please contact me.

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Phone Number: _____



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