

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 27-28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches

Christ the Lord The world's greatest leaders influence people from the outside in; their speech, their ideas, their example, their presence—they move us and motivate; they draw us and stir us. Christ, however, goes much deeper. He not only calls us from the outside, but he also unites himself to us so intimately that his very life flows through our veins. "I am the vine; you are the branches." Where does the vine stop and its branches begin? Their union is too complete to tell. The same sap gives life to the vine and to its branches. He is Lord from within, renewing hearts from the inside, as only God can do. Once again, Jesus Christ stands alone among great historical figures; not only does he excel over all others in their own game, but he plays in an entirely different league; he is a leader, but he is also the Lord.

Christ the Teacher Jesus tells us point blank what the Father wants. God wants us to "bear much fruit" and to "be his disciples." God wants our lives to show forth his goodness, to bring lost souls back into the fold, and to fill human society and culture with the justice and beauty they need to flourish. Our desire to do something with our lives is a gift from God; we are created in his image, and he is the Creator—we, too, yearn to build, to contribute, to make a difference that will last not only in this life, but into all eternity.

Bearing this fruit requires, in the first place, our own efforts to stay united to the vine, through prayer, the sacraments, and loving obedience to God's will. And it also requires our being pruned—the purification of our selfishness that comes through suffering and sacrifice. Love and sacrifice, as all the lives of the saints attest to, and as Christ himself exemplifies, keep the sap flowing.

***I Am the Vine** continued inside...*



Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter—

Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts 9:26-31—Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.

Responsorial: Psalm 22—I will

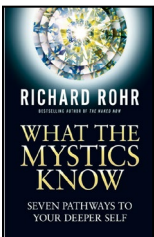
praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24—This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.

Gospel: John 15:1-8—I am the vine; you are the branches.

Collection Gatherers Needed

Do you attend the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass at Star of the Valley Church? We have a shortage of people willing to help take up collections on Saturdays, and could also use more people to help on Sundays and holidays so no one is overly scheduled. Anyone, man or woman, 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.



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. Our second session will focus on Part Two, *God is Found in Imperfection*, Tuesday, **May 21st**,

10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

The Spiritual Book Club is sponsored by Star of the Valley’s Women’s Circle. Questions? Email Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com.

More Richard Rohr

If you are enjoying the book above by Richard Rohr, the SOV Library has three more books written by Rohr: *The Good News According to Luke: Spiritual Reflections*, *Grace in Action*, and *Simplicity: The Art of Living*.



Donut Sunday—May 5

In Memory of Bob Flores

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz-Flores for sponsoring next weekend’s Donut Sunday on **May 5**, in memory of her husband, Bob Flores. Please come to the

Monsignor Fahey Parish Center for fellowship and donuts before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



This Weekend — April 27–28

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs: Blanche Kaiser

Kar Hofmann

Lector: Sherry Rosevear

Rosemary Haver

Server: Judy Rodgers

Drew Hofmann

Greeters: Livie Brant
Peter Hardy

Sue Cummings
Tim Cummings

Ushers: Kathleen Beirne

Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — May 4–5

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Jan Rosshirt

Liz Garcia

Ted Rosshirt

Don Forst

Connie Montague John Dolan

Bob Chapman
Pat Chapman

Esther Dolan
Ron Manning

TBD

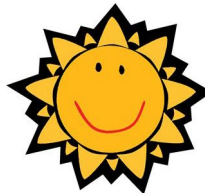
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MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 27-MAY 5

Sat	27	4:00	† Patricia Violetti (Diane D’Ambrogia)
Sun	28	10:00	Intention of Lynn Imm (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	29		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	30	8:00	Intention of Wendy Papera (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Wed	1	8:00	† Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	2	8:00	† Joan Rossetti
Fri	3	8:00	† Angelo Coero
Sat	4	4:00	† Bill Graffe
Sun	5	10:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz-Flores)

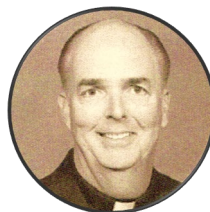
Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Lola Danielli, Marcy Fox, Roberta McElroy, Karen O’Malley, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Bob Kalsey and Bea Wirth.



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.



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.

Happiness

- ☺ Happiness blossoms where seeds of kindness have thoughtfully been planted.
- ☺ All the unhappiness in the world comes about by people seeking their own happiness. And all the happiness in the world comes about by people seeking other people’s happiness. That takes us to the heart of the gospel as well.

PARISH EVENTS—APRIL 28—MAY 5

Sunday, May 5, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

April 7	April 14	April 21	Weekly Goal
\$5,493*	\$5,453*	\$4,173*	\$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

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

Pun Fun A perfectionist walked into a bar... Apparently, the bar wasn't set high enough.

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

I Am the Vine continued from the cover...

They yield the fruit we yearn for most: living a life that resounds with meaning and energy, a life that positively impacts others and exudes joy and enthusiasm, a life that changes this world for the better in as profound a way as Christ's own life did, and a life whose meaning and impact overflow into eternity. This is what God wants for us; this is why Jesus came to earth. Bearing such fruit makes life worth living; without it we are dry, dead branches good for nothing except the fire—pretty simple lesson, pretty dire consequences if we don't learn it well.

Christ the Friend Christ goes on to tell us how to achieve this fruitfulness: "Remain in me... cut off from me you can do nothing." As long as we stay united to the vine, whatever apostolic activities we engage in will yield a harvest—even a small branch dangling near the ground will produce its fruits as long as it's united to the vine. Separated from Jesus Christ, no one can live in communion with God, the only source of lasting fruit. How much we need to learn how to pray and make this the center of our lives! This is Christ's constant refrain from the moment of his incarnation: *Come to me, learn from me, follow me... My heart yearns for you to make my friendship the highest value of your life, so that I can fill you with true peace, meaning, and joy—the kind that you long for but can never achieve on your own. The sacraments, the Church, prayer, the Bible—these are all extensions of my effort to stay intimately united with you, to guide you along the path of everlasting life, and to reveal to you the glories of my love. These were my final words before I went to death on the cross, my last lesson, and I really mean them: remain in me; stay close to me; do not forsake me; trust in me.*

Christ in My Life Lord, Your very life flows through my veins. Why don't I think of this more? Why do I let myself act as if this world were all there is? I know that my life now is a training ground of love, a chance to exercise the virtues of faith, hope, and love that You have grafted into my soul, an opportunity to spread Your Kingdom to those around me. In my fidelity to that mission is Your pleasure; in it is my joy...

No one loves me more than You. No one has given me more than You—no one can. If I succeed on my own, the satisfaction is real, but it passes; I need another success to feel satisfied again. If I possess something nice, I enjoy it for a while, but then it gets old. You want me to enjoy fruit that will last, the undying fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:22)

—Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D

Point to Ponder

A wise man once said:

Hate has 4 letters but so does Love.

Enemies has 7 letters but so does Friends.

Lying has 5 letters but so does Truth.

Cry has 3 letters but so does Joy.

Negativity has 10 letters but so does Positivity.

Life is 2-sided, so choose the better side of it.

—Shehzad Ahmad, Poet

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH 2024 Virtual Senior Rally Day

You are invited to join the California Senior Legislature for Senior Rally Day 2024 on **May 8th** from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This virtual event will feature presentations by Kim McCoy Wade, Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability and Alzheimer's Governor's Office, and Susan DeMarois, Director, California Department of Aging on the Budget and Master Plan for Aging. We have also invited several elected officials to speak to the potential impact budget deficits will have on programs providing services to older adults.

The afternoon program will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Twelve legislators or their representatives will be given an opportunity to present to those in attendance their bill currently before the Legislature that will impact older adults.

This event is open to all. To register, go to or click on <https://4csl.org/senior-rally-day/registration/>.

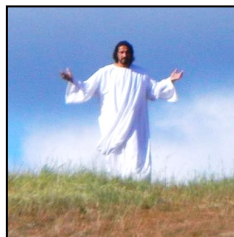
Aging & Disability Resource Expo

The Disability Services & Legal Center presents the Aging & Disability Resource Expo on Friday, **May 17**, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at The Backdrop, 1455 Corporate Center Parkway in Santa Rosa. Featuring: product displays, services, and resources for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, advocates, and the general public. Free admission. For more information, please call 707-528-2745.

New Aging & Disability Resource Directory

The Area Agency on Aging is excited to announce that the new Aging & Disability Resource Directory (formerly

known as the Senior Resource Guide) is now available both in print and online! To order or print a directory click on **Directory (PDF)** or visit their website <https://agingdisabilitysonomacounty.org/>.



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.

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

MERP

Medical Equipment Recycling Program (MERP) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit project of the Sonoma County Section on Aging, that collects and provides used medical equipment at no charge for people who need it. They are now located in the parking lot of the Child Parent Institute, 3650 Standish Avenue in Santa Rosa, and are open on Wednesdays only, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for pick up, and to receive donations of items that are clean and in working condition.

For more information, pick up an information card inside the church, call 707-353-3416 or visit <https://medicalequipmentrecyclingprogram.com/>.

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