

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.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After the **8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday until 9:30 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.



May 4-5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

True Friendship

True friendship takes hard work. Friendship entails walking with another through life's moments of joy as well as moments of deep disappointment and failure. Friendships need constant nurturing. Friends need to be present to one another. Friends need to talk. Friends need to be honestly critical. Friends need time to connect. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus calls his followers "friends." If we count ourselves among the followers of the Lord, this means that in baptism we have entered a friendship with the Lord Jesus. In order to nurture our friendship with the Lord, we commit ourselves to walking with him through life's joys and disappointments. Most of us have people in our lives with whom we have lost touch. We know the experience of the diminished bond of friendship. Most of us can also admit that we really have only so much time and energy to commit to nurturing one or a few real friendships. How do we nurture our friendship with the Lord Jesus?

Nurturing Our Friendship With the Lord

If we believe that Christ is truly present in his word, in the Eucharist, in those who minister to us, and in the gathered assembly of believers, we are assured of finding many opportunities to be present to the Lord. So often, we miss these opportunities and our friendship with the Lord becomes strained. Perhaps today is the day to recommit ourselves to strengthening our friendship with the Lord, who chose us in baptism to be his friend. The root of friendship, of course, is selfless love. Today we are called to bask in the love of God—to feel God's loving presence through the experience of worship and the company of those dedicated to sharing in God's love. Let us rejoice in this love.



Sunday, May 5, 2024

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48—The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Responsorial: Psalm 98—The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10—God is love.

Gospel: John 15:9-17—No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.



Donut Sunday—May 5

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz-Flores for sponsoring this weekend’s Donut Sunday 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 4-12

Sat	4	4:00	†Bill Graffe
Sun	5	10:00	†Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz-Flores)
Mon	6		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	7	8:00	†Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	8	8:00	†Al Bentham
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	9	8:00	†Bob Kalsey
Fri	10	8:00	†Bea Wirth Jimenez
Sat	11	4:00	†Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun	12	10:00	†Charlotte Muzio (Richard Muzio)

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.

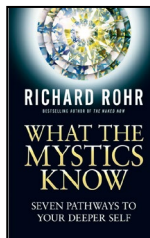
Also pray for those who have died: Al Bentham, Bob Kalsey and Bea Wirth.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, May 11, 11:00 a.m.: Nancy McNeill

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. Any parishioner, 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.

Pun Fun What happens when a strawberry gets run over while crossing the street? Traffic jam!



	This Weekend — May 4-5		Next Weekend — May 11-12	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Liz Garcia	Micki Sabourin	Marge Lamb
Lector:	Ted Rosshirt	Don Forst	Len Marabella	Rosemary Haver
Server:	Connie Montague	John Dolan	Dennis Sabourin	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Esther Dolan Ron Manning	Lisa Munoz-Flores Livie Brant	Tim Burkhard Judy Monroe
Ushers:	TBD	Clarence Younger	Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard

PARISH EVENTS—MAY 5–12

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

Saturday, May 11, 5:00 Calamari Dinner—Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

April 14	April 21	April 28	Weekly Goal
\$5,453*	\$4,173*	\$3,835*	\$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.

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. We have replaced 100 LED lights to date, and we need 150 more.
- ▶ Repair shades in church.

We will have a second collection next weekend, **May 11-12,** for **Parish Repair & Maintenance.**

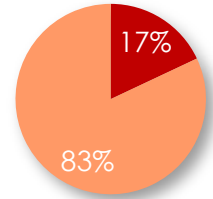
Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!



AMA Annual Ministry Appeal 2024

Thank you to all who have already pledged or contributed to the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA), moving us closer to our parish goal of \$25,500. We will receive as a rebate 100% of what we raise over this amount.

So far, you have helped us reach 83% of our goal with your pledge payments and contributions to the 2024 AMA. Approximately \$4,344 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!

Pray for Priests in May

The May 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.

Point to Ponder

God changes caterpillars into butterflies, sand into pearls, and coal into diamonds using time and pressure. He’s working on you too. —Rick Warren

Hot Dogs & Sundae Bar



4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14

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: Miller Hot Dogs, Potato Salad & Ice Cream Sundae Bar

The Men’s Club is hosting a...



Pancake Breakfast

Where: Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

When: Sunday, May 19, 8:00–Noon

Cost: \$12 per adult, \$8 per child; pay at the door

*Come and enjoy all you can eat:
Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Juice & Coffee*

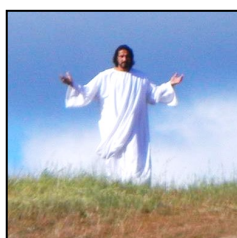
NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

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.

Join the 50,000 Rosaries Challenge

In May we place a special emphasis on the Church's relationship with Mary, we are asking Catholics to join us in praying 50,000 Rosaries for the intention that those who have fallen away from their faith may return to the Church with a renewed understanding of God's love and mercy. To participate go to: wordonfire.org/pray-rosary.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____




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