

# 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 11/12, 2024 — The Ascension of the Lord**

### **Christ's Enduring Presence for All Times**

I have always imagined that the Lord's followers were very deflated, to the point of depression, when he ascended into the heavens before their eyes. This was the man who had completely changed their lives. This was the man whom they had abandoned, yet who brought them the Easter peace of reconciliation and forgiveness. It could have all ended in that place where Jesus ascended. We all know it did not. The Lord Jesus left his followers gifts that would always and forever make his presence known to them. And these gifts are at our disposal to this day. Every time we gather to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we know the presence of the Lord. Christ's presence inspires us to take his final words to his followers very seriously. It is in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit that we continue to make the gospel message known to those we meet. Today is not a day to celebrate the departure of Christ from this world. It is a day to celebrate the enduring presence of the Lord.

### **Proclaim the Gospel**

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, **(Proclaim the Gospel continued inside.)**



**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Reading I:** Acts 1:1-11—As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 47—God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Reading II:** Ephesians 4:1-13—To the extent of the full stature of Christ.

**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20—The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

(Proclaim the Gospel continued.) being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God’s family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.

**A Novena for Life—**

**Honoring the Feast of the Visitation**

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Join us in praying *A Novena for Life* from **May 22-30**. Click on the link below to access the Novena and download it:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/visitation-novena-printable-rev.pdf>. Copies are available in the church.



**Memorial Day Masses**

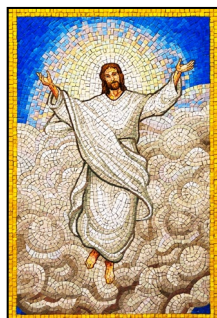
The Department of Catholic Cemeteries invites you to join them in the celebration of Memorial Day Masses on Monday, **May 27** at three

locations. This occasion will join us in prayer for those who have died in war that we might live in peace, and for all who are interred in these cemeteries.

- Calvary Cemetery, 2930 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa: Mass in the chapel at 10:00 a.m.
- Calvary Cemetery, 304 Magnolia Drive in Petaluma: Mass in the mausoleum at 10:00 a.m.
- Holy Cross Cemetery, 2121 Spring Street in Saint Helena: Mass in the chapel at 9:00 a.m.

**Blessed Imelda Lambertini**

The daughter of a count, Blessed Imelda Lambertini was born in Italy in 1322. Her parents were deeply devout, and her mother taught her how to cook and sew and do



**This Weekend – May 11–12**  
**4:00 p.m.                      10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Micki Sabourin	Marge Lamb
<b>Lector:</b>	Len Marabella	Rosemary Haver
<b>Server:</b>	Dennis Sabourin	Jim Warman
<b>Greeters:</b>	Gloria Bowers Livie Brant	Tim Burkhard Judy Monroe
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard

**Next Weekend – May 18–19**  
**4:00 p.m.                      10:00 a.m.**

Don Shelhart	Barbara Spotleson
Connie Pearson	Bowman Olds
Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Gloria Bowers Livie Brant	Dick D’Oliva Vi D’Oliva
Tom Beirne	Rick Ragan

**MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 11-19**

Sat 11	4:00	† <b>Agnes Apicella</b> (Mike Apicella)
Sun 12	10:00	† <b>Charlotte Muzio</b> (Richard Muzio)
Mon 13		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 14	8:00	† <b>Nancy McNeill</b> (Russ Emery)
Wed 15	8:00	†† <b>Robert &amp; Mary Lou Doxtader</b>
	10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs 16	8:00	<b>Intention of the Simone Family</b> (Tom & Shirley Simone)
Fri 17	8:00	† <b>Isabel Frimmersdorf</b> (Virginia Taylor)
Sat 18	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska &amp; †Msgr. Thomas Keys</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun 19	10:00	† <b>Richard Burkhard</b> (Tom & Barbara Burkhard)

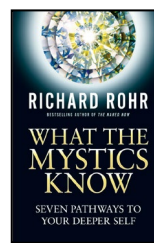
Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Lola Danielli, Marcy Fox, Andy Hoyt, Roberta McElroy, Karen O’Malley, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Tom Sosnowski, Marilyn Warman,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

Also pray for those who have died: Al Bentham and Eve Marcucci.

**Blessed Imelda** (continued)

good works for the poor. Young Imelda quickly developed a love for prayer, and she frequently went to Mass and attended nighttime prayer. At the age of 9 she asked to leave home to go live with the Dominican nuns at a monastery, and her parents reluctantly agreed. She participated with the nuns in every part of their life but one: she was too young to receive the Eucharist, which she longed to receive. On the Vigil of the Ascension, she was seen at Mass bathed in light with the Eucharist suspended above her head. The priest gave her her first Holy Communion, and after a long ecstasy, she was found to have died in prayer, smiling.

Today, pray for the Holy Spirit to enflame the love for the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist in your heart, and in the hearts of others around the world.



**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.

**PARISH EVENTS—MAY 11–19**

**Saturday, May 11,** 5:00 Calamari Dinner—Center  
**Sunday, May 12, Happy Mother's Day!**  
**Tuesday, May 14,** Bingo—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center  
**Sunday, May 19,** 8:00-Noon Pancake Breakfast—Center



**Weekly Collection Report**

April 21	April 28	May 5	Weekly Goal
\$4,173	\$3,835	\$4,530	\$5,365

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

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

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

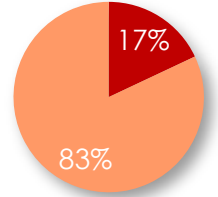
- ▶ Updating and replacing lighting in Parish Center. We have replaced 100 LED lights to date, and we need 150 more.
- ▶ Repair shades in church.

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

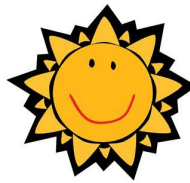
Thank you for your generosity.



**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!



**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.

## 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*

## North Coast Catholic Magazine

The May-June issue of the *North Coast Catholic* is now available in the church and in the Parish Center.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### 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](http://wordonfire.org/pray-rosary).

### Lake County Passion Play—May 18th & 19th

Lake County Passion Play—Located at 7010 Westlake Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485 (off Highway 29, about 7 miles north of Lakeport in Lake County.) Time 4:00 p.m.

Play lasts about 2 hours. More than 150 players re-enact this most touching of dramas. Mounted Roman soldiers sweep across the 1,000-foot stage; sheep wander across the hillside; a powerful sound system carries the dialogue faithfully drawn from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. A talented team of directors, producers, and costume designers work throughout the year to create this experience. See website for more details: <https://www.lakecountypassionplay.org>.



### National Eucharistic Pilgrimage—Sunday, May 19

Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Perpetual Eucharistic Pilgrims for the launch of the **National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage** from the West with

the St. Junipero Serra Route. The day begins with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco, 1111 Gough Street, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a pilgrimage walk through San Francisco and across the Golden Gate Bridge. Distance: 8 miles. A great way to celebrate Pentecost Sunday! For more information, go to <https://www.sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival/>.

### 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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