

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

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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.**

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 18/19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

Remembering at the Door

What was the first thing you did today as you entered the church? The very first ritual gesture we are invited to make is the dipping of our hand in a font or vessel of holy water. We then make a sign of the cross. For so many of us this gesture has become routine and its potential impact passes us by. We make this gesture to remind us that baptism was our entry, our initiation, into the Church. Each time we come to worship, we remind ourselves that we are baptized believers. In order to recover or enhance the meaning of this gesture, when making the sign of the cross with the holy water, consider bringing to mind those who initially brought you to the sacrament of baptism—your parents and godparents.

Baptism As the Root of Vocation

On this great feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the inrushing of the Holy Spirit, it is good for us to recall our own baptism. Baptism is at the foundation of each Christian's call, or vocation, to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ. For some, this means a response to the call to ordained ministry. For the vast majority of us, our vocation is played out in life's relationships and everyday situations. Our ordained leaders have the responsibility of inspiring us to do the work of building the reign of God in those places where our daily routines take us: school, work, the gym, the supermarket, the mall, our dinner tables, around the television, or at the computer. At our baptism, we were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. In confirmation, we were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The power to share in the ministry of Christ is planted within us. Let us be open to rediscovering the power of the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost and throughout the coming year.



Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11—As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

Responsorial: Psalm 104—Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13—The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good.

Gospel: John 20:19-23—On the first day of the week, the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

The Birthday of the Church

Pentecost is often called “the birthday of the Church.” On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ’s mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It’s interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14).

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

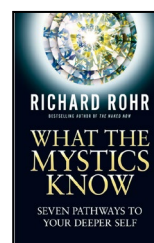
*Come and enjoy all you can eat:
Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Juice & Coffee*

MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 18-26

Sat	18	4:00	† Bob Waska & †Msgr. Thomas Keys (Frances Waska)
Sun	19	10:00	† Richard Burkhard (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	20		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	21	8:00	† Daniel Peter Miroballi (Mike & Bonnie Dines)
Wed	22	8:00	† Jon Stark (Len Marabella)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	23	8:00	Intention of Tom Sosnowski (Barbara & Fritz Spotleson)
Fri	24	8:00	† Sarah Firpo (Virginia Taylor)
Sat	25	4:00	† Claire Vincent (Joey Cuneo)
Sun	26	10:00	† Francisco Hernandez (Mardie Hart and Sue & Mel Sandholm)

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, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Eve Marcucci.



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. 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.

Questions? Email Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com.

Prayer
is the best
wireless
connection

The Presence of Christ

Christ is always present in his church, especially in liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass... in the person of his minister... and most of all in the Eucharistic species.

By his power he is present in his word, (and) lastly, he is present when the Church prays and sings.

Stewardship

The practice of stewardship is integral to Christian life. The challenge is to respond generously; to “Serve one another through love... bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 5:13, 6:2)



This Weekend — May 18–19
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Don Shelhart	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Connie Pearson	Bowman Olds
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Gloria Bowers Livie Brant	Dick D’Oliva Vi D’Oliva
Ushers:	Tom Beirne	Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — May 25–26
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Sr. Joanne Abrams	Cristina Wadsworth
Len Marabella	Mike Hanlon
Judy Rodgers	John Dolan
Gayle Brinker	Mary Bell
Diane D’Ambrogia	Esther Dolan
Kathleen Beirne	Clarence Younger

PARISH EVENTS—MAY 18–26

Sunday, May 19, 8:00-Noon Pancake Breakfast—Center
Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—Quiet Room
Tuesday, May 21, 11:00-Pastoral Council Meeting—Bello Room in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

April 28	May 5	May 12	Weekly Goal
\$3,835	\$4,530	\$4,433	\$5,365

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

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Collection This Weekend



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.
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Octave

From the Latin for “eighth,” a group of eight; in music, the eighth note; in the liturgical year, an eight-day celebration of the highest-ranking feasts, or solemnities, of Christmas and Easter. Some feasts are so central to our Christian faith that a single day of celebration isn’t adequate. Octaves give us time to ponder the greatest mysteries and joys of our faith.

Why is Easter Season so Long?

The Easter Season is determined by the eight weeks it takes to get from the Resurrection to Pentecost. In Lent, we embrace penitential practices in anticipation of Jesus’ Resurrection. What happens next is nothing less than the birth of the church. Easter itself is an octave, or eight-day feast. In liturgical practice, the Octave of Easter is like a week of Easters as we light the Paschal candle, sing the Gloria, and continue to contemplate the wonder that death has a door. Jesus passed through it, and so will we. Is a week too long to ponder this?

After Easter, Jesus continues to appear, teaching more about God’s kingdom for 40 days, a sacred number symbolizing completeness. Then Jesus returns to his Father in the Ascension. The disciples devote themselves to prayer from that hour until Pentecost, when the Spirit comes and the church is launched into prime time. What should we be doing from Easter through Pentecost? Imitating the disciples: celebrating, contemplating, learning, and praying to prepare for the mission ahead.

—Alice Camille, from “Questions Catholics Ask”



A Significant Day

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.”—Acts 2:2. The Holy Spirit’s arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all

know what it’s like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up. Curtains fly, papers become airborne, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated each year at Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly. The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God’s Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us.

The Spirit Is Still at Work

The traditional Pentecost hymn is “Veni Sancte Spiritus” (“Come, Holy Spirit”). It’s called the Golden Sequence—a sequence being a prayer that precedes the gospel reading. It became part of the Pentecost liturgy in the 16th century but was written earlier, probably by Cardinal Stephen Langton of Canterbury around the year 1200. It’s tempting to treat the Mass as something that fell from heaven as is. Liturgy is a collaborative effort, woven across centuries—and evolving still. Put your unique stamp on it.

Sing of Mary

Monday’s celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary is still new for the Catholic Church, having been decreed by Pope Francis in 2018. But Mary’s tender loving care has been sung throughout the ages. Yes, we experience her maternal protection for each and every one of us. But it’s another thing to honor her universally as protectress of the Mystical Body of Christ. That’s why this memorial comes when it does: the day after Pentecost Sunday—the birthday of the church. Let us honor Mary in the manner of the decree, as “Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed”—namely, Christ’s mother and ours.



Planned Giving

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.

How Will the Holy Spirit Work in You?

At Star of the Valley Parish, many ministries are in need of new members, especially those that pertain to celebrating Mass.

For serving in the:

- Usher Ministry, visit or contact the Parish Office, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Mass Collections Counting Ministry, call Barbara Gasparini for information at 707-479-8642



Ministry to the Homebound

Eucharistic Minister Home Visitors bring Communion to those in our 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.

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.

Listen to the Lord's Prayer, contemporary style. Go to YouTube to search, or click on: [As It Is in Heaven](#) by Matt Maher with lyrics (4:07)



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH Lake County Passion Play— May 18th & 19th

The Passion Play is 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.

The 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 this website for more details: <https://www.lakecountypassionplay.org>.



Downsizing or Moving?

The local St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store welcomes your donation of gently used clothing or furniture. SVdP volunteer Alan can come to your home for pick up. Kindly email Valueralan@aol.com or call

707-889-1766. Thank you.

In His Hands

The God I know is good and loving, caring and forgiving. He listens and understands. The God I know is my hope, my faith, my strength. The God I know is for everyone, not just me. He truly has the whole world in His hands.

—Wendy Schreiner, Warsaw, New York



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