

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 25/26, 2024 – The Most Holy Trinity



The Trinity Is Love

Theologians throughout the Christian centuries have spilled much ink (and, on occasion, some blood) in describing and defining the mystery of the Holy Trinity. One of the earliest, most poetic, and beautiful descriptions comes from St. Augustine in *De Trinitas*, wherein he describes the Trinity

as One (the Father) who loves, One (the Son) who is loved, and One (the Spirit) who is love. And these three Ones are also one Three.

It might be wisest for us to leave the technical wranglings to the academic theologians, and focus on the fact that the three Persons of the Trinity are indeed persons; they are best known and understood in their love for each other and for us. We are made in the image of those loving persons, and our best relationships are lived out in the context of love. Truly loving relationships are inexhaustible mysteries to be lived in joy. If this is true of our human relationships, how much more so is it true of our relationship with the Trinity. And how much more does it call upon us to be joyful, loving witnesses of the holy mystery of the One-in-Three. This is the mystery to which we were called when we were chosen to be God's own, baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity.



Sunday, May 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

Reading I: *Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40*—The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below and there is no other.

Responsorial: *Psalm 33*—Blessed

the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Reading II: *Romans 8:14-17*—You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!”

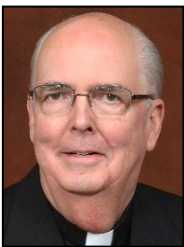
Gospel: *Matthew 28:16-20*—Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Donut Sunday Next Weekend—June 2

Many thanks to parishioner Dr. Mike Apicella for sponsoring next weekend’s Donut Sunday in memory of his wife, Agnes Apicella. Please come to the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center on **June 2**, for

fellowship and donuts before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you would like to sponsor a future Donut Sunday to celebrate, honor, or in memory of someone, please contact Drew Hofmann at 707-539-2706.



Happy Birthday

Be sure to wish Msgr. Pulskamp a happy birthday on Monday, **June 3**.

To our beloved pastor: Your guidance, compassion, and strength are so deeply appreciated. Thank you for your dedication and all the ‘stories.’ God bless you always.



June Prayers for Priests

Let’s all pray for Monsignor, especially on his birthday. Also, please pray for the priests in our Santa Rosa Diocese, as well as for new vocations to the priesthood and

religious life. The June calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in the church. You are welcome to take one.

What is the Day For?

Armed Forces Day is for those still in their uniform.

Veterans Day is for those who hung up their uniform.

Memorial Day is for those who never made it out of their uniform.

MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 25—JUNE 2

Sat	25	4:00	† Claire Vincent (Joey Cuneo)
Sun	26	10:00	† Francisco Hernandez (Mardie Hart & Sue & Mel Sandholm)
Mon	27		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	28	8:00	Intention of the Simone Family (Tom & Shirley Simone)
Wed	29	8:00	† Rev. Al Larkin
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	30	8:00	† Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Fri	31	8:00	† Brian Milano (John & Kathy Byrne)
Sat	1	4:00	† Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun	2	10:00	† Dr. Al Schroeder (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, 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.

Ministry to the Homebound

Eucharistic Minister Home Visitors (aka Home Visitors, for short) bring Communion to those in our community who are too sick to come to church for Mass on the weekends. To request visits from one of our Home Visitors, please call the parish office during the week, Monday-Friday, at 707-539-6262.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Women’s Retreat for Healing After Abortion

“God had already forgiven me. I needed to forgive myself,” explains a woman who attended a past retreat. The pain of an abortion may never completely disappear, but it is possible to let go of the debilitating grief and to experience the Divine Mercy of Jesus, says Father Vito Perrone, Contemplative of St. Joseph, who leads the [Project Rachel Ministry](#) and will lead the **June 14-16 Women’s Retreat for Healing After Abortion** in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The weekend retreat is completely free and confidential, held in a peaceful setting and each woman has her own individual room. Delicious meals are served from Friday afternoon to the retreat’s conclusion on Sunday.

To learn more or to [register for the June 14-16 retreat](#), go to sfarch.org/rachel, or 415-614-5567, or projectrachel@sfarch.org.



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

EMs: Blanche Kaiser
Lector: Len Marabella
Server: Judy Rodgers
Greeters: Gayle Brinker
Diane D’Ambrogia
Ushers: Kathleen Beirne

Cristina Wadsworth
Mike Hanlon
John Dolan
Mary Bell
Esther Dolan
Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — June 1–2
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Jan Rosshirt
Ted Rosshirt
Connie Montague
Bob Chapman
Pat Chapman
Judy Rodgers
Liz Garcia
Rosemary Haver
Jim Warman
Ron Manning
Elizabeth McKee
Tim Burkhard

PARISH EVENTS—MAY 25—JUNE 2

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed

Thursday, May 30, 11:00 Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

Sunday, June 2, Donut Sunday—Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

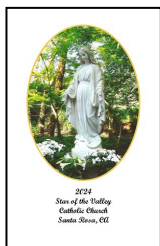
Weekly Collection Report

May 5	May 12	May 19	Weekly Goal
\$4,530	\$4,433	\$3,324	\$5,365

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

Second Collection Next Weekend—June 1/2

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Priest Benefits and Welfare**.



Parish Phone Directories Available

A gift from your Pastoral Council.

If you are a registered parishioner, and you haven't received a 2024 Star of the Valley Parish phone directory (our most recent edition,) you may come to the office to pick one up. Please call us first at: 707-539-6262.



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.

Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Memorial Day

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Moving Forward

Weep not for what you have lost, fight for what you have.
Weep not for what is dead, fight for what was born in you.
Weep not for the one who abandoned you,
fight for who is with you.
Weep not for those who hate you,
fight for those who want you.
Weep not for your past, fight for your present struggle.
Weep not for your suffering, fight for your happiness.
With things that are happening to us,
we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve.
Just move forward.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Elder Law Program
LASC's Elder Law Program serves adults age 60 and over. It provides crisis legal services for seniors at offices in Santa Rosa and off-site for qualifying seniors who live in remote areas throughout the County. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church. You may also go to, or click on: <https://legalaidsc.org/programs/elder>.

Save the Date

This year's Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress (Year 3 of 3 of the National Eucharistic Revival) will be held on **September 20-21**, 2024, at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa.



1st Annual Fundraiser— Spring Healing Festival Occidental Caminata Crawl & Dinner

Please join us on Thursday, **June 13**, 4:00–8:00 p.m. for an afternoon and evening of connection, conversation, and celebration to benefit the Camino de Sonoma's Capacity Building Campaign.

Schedule of Events:

3:30–5:00 p.m.: Occidental Caminata Crawl. 6 tables will be placed around Occidental, each featuring a gift basket containing goodies that represent one of the 6 stages. Pilgrims will be invited to stop at each of the tables and collect a stamp. Once you've completed the tour, you will be entered into a raffle to win a night in one of Alliance Redwood's elegant Tree Houses and two passes for the Sonoma Zip Lines. Each table will be hosted by Camino guides. Fellowship, food, drink, and giddy up!

5:00–6:00 p.m.: Our "Opening Circle" will resemble happy hour at the St. Philip's patio and parking lot.

6:00–8:00 p.m.: Dinner, Raffle, and "Fund the Fall" Presentation.

To get information and tickets go to:
www.caminodesonoma.com/spring-healing-festival

★★★ Happy Memorial Day ★★★

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Valley of the Moon Children Center & Foundation Follow Up

The Women's Circle had a wonderful response to the Valley of the Moon Children's Center presentation last April 16th. One of our own

parishioners, Cathy Hardy, wrote to the Women's Circle Board and said, "I want to tell your board that the presentation was so powerful. Each presenter did a wonderful job. It enlightened so many of us and inspires us to support the Valley of the Moon Children Center ... we need more folks to hear their story."

We also heard from the presenters, who felt that our group was tremendously interested and supportive. They asked us to help them get the word out about their vision and work with children. The foundation, which supports youth that are in foster care and those who are transitioning out of foster care, is now interviewing students to provide scholarships for their education. Our Village Closet, a resource center for the foster care community, is looking for donations and volunteers, and will soon be having a plant sale.

The following websites can be used to learn more about the Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation:

vomcf.org and Our Village Closet:

www.ourvillagecloset.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.

Full-Time 7/8 Grade Teacher for Catholic School

Kolbe-Trinity, a TK-12 Catholic school in Napa, is seeking a full-time teacher for a combined 7/8 grade classroom. Pay ranges from \$50,000-\$60,000 a year, dependent on experience.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to: Phillip Duncan, Principal at pduncan@kolbetrinity.org

Corpus Christi Procession

Annual Corpus Christi Procession Thursday **May 30th**. Start: 5:30 p.m. with Mass at St. Rose (398 10th Street.) After Mass, a two-mile Eucharistic Procession out of St. Rose that concludes at the Cathedral of St. Eugene.

Diocese of Santa Rosa Ordinations

Two ordinations to the priesthood will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Eugene on Saturday, **June 1**, 2024. All are invited to this joyous occasion.

Sacred Liturgy Conference—June 4-7th

Four days with an optional 5th day for a chant workshop. Bishop Robert F. Vasa of the Diocese of Santa Rosa extends a warm welcome to the 12th annual Sacred Liturgy Conference, returning once more to the serene landscapes of Northern California. Under the theme "The Church on Fire in the Sacred Heart of Jesus" this inspiring conference will take place in the charming town of Ferndale, CA. Three sung Gregorian Liturgies and one Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Church of the Assumption, while the conference lectures will unfold at the Tish-Non Center, conveniently located next to the Bear River Resort. For details, see www.sacredliturgy.org.

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