

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.



January 11/12, 2025—Baptism of the Lord

God Made Manifest

An epiphany is a manifestation of God in visible form. Today's scriptures are replete with references to ways that God was made manifest. Isaiah sees "the glory of the Lord... revealed" in the visible form of God renewing the covenant by bringing the Israelites home from exile. Psalm 104 presents God's " manifold works," singing: "When you send forth your spirit... you renew the face of the earth." The reading from Titus takes up this theme of renewal as a manifestation of God. Finally, God was made manifest in Jesus' baptism when "the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove and a voice came from heaven." (Luke 3:22)

Baptized With the Holy Spirit & Fire

What do all these epiphanies have to do with us? Titus assures us that the same Spirit of God who renews the universe, renewed the covenant, and descended upon Jesus has been "richly poured out on us" in "the bath of rebirth." With Jesus, we have been baptized "with the Holy Spirit and fire."

If baptized as infants, we may not remember our baptism; even less might we remember our experience of God made manifest in us that day. Yet every time our community prays the Eucharistic Prayer and shares in Holy Communion the Spirit descends upon us again, pouring out the divine life that renews and "fires" us. As we move into Ordinary Time we will hear how the Spirit propelled Jesus forth to proclaim the Good News. Through our sharing in the Holy Spirit in baptism and Eucharist we, too, are propelled forth to make Christ manifest in the world.

God is manifested in visible form today by the renewal and the "fire" of all the baptized.



Sunday, January 11-12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*—Fear not to cry out...Here is your God!

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 104*—O bless the Lord, my soul.

Reading II: *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*—The

grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires... so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*—One mightier than I is coming to baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

MASS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 11–19

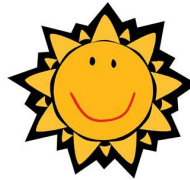
- Sat 11 4:00 †**Anthony Apicella** (Mike Apicella)
- Sun 12 10:00 †**Helena Frieda Moniaga** (Christina The)
- Mon 13 No Mass—Pray a Rosary
- Tue 14 8:00 †**All Souls** (P. Vu)
- Wed 15 8:00 †**Sherry Busterna**
10:30 O.G. **For the People of the Parish**
- Thurs 16 8:00 ††**Bud & Connie Cappa**
- Fri 17 8:00 †**Martin Kilgariff** (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
- Sat 18 4:00 †**Bob Waska** (Frances Waska)
- Sun 19 10:00 †**Martin Kilgariff** (Joey Cuneo)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Pat Daly and Doris Tietze.

Prayer List

Call the parish office, at 707-539-6262, if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list above, or to add someone to the list. Each name will remain for four weeks from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise. Thank you.



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.

Ushers Needed to Help with Collections

We have a shortage that you can help fill.

Any registered parishioner, men and women, interested in the important ministry of Ushers, and wanting to help take the collections at Sunday, or weekday holiday Masses, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262 during the week.

MEN'S CLUB



IMPORTANT:
DEADLINE
APPROACHING

All Men
Invited

INSTALLATION DINNER

Thursday, January 16

At the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

5:00 Social Hour (Bar Open)

5:45 Annual business meeting

6:00 Scrumptious prime rib dinner

Menu
Green Salad, Rolls, Roast Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert

Dinner Cost: **\$25***
*Includes Men's Club Membership

RSVP by Monday, **January 13, 2025**

Membership forms are available in the church & by the Men's Club box in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

Membership dues for 2025 are **\$15**. Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682 or Drew Hofmann at 949-279-0011, for more information. Membership applications are accepted year-round.



This Weekend — January 11-12

- | 4:00 p.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Linda Luceti | Kar Hofmann |
| Sherry Rosevear | John Knight |
| Connie Montague | Drew Hofmann |
| Livie Brant | Mary Bell |
| Lisa Munoz Flores | Judy Monroe |
| TBD | Tim Burkhard |
| TBD | Rick Ragan |

Next Weekend — January 18-19

- | 4:00 p.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Dennis Sabourin | Cristina Wadsworth |
| Connie Pearson | Karen Schraga |
| Micki Sabourin | Jim Warman |
| Gayle Brinker | Cathy Hardy |
| Diane D'Ambrogia | Pete Hardy |
| Judy Rodgers | John Knight |
| TBD | Clarence Younger |

PARISH EVENTS—JANUARY 12–18

Tuesday, **January 14**, 4:00 Bingo—Parish Center

Thursday, **January 16**, 5:00 Men's Club Installation
Dinner—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Dec 22	Dec 29	Jan 5	Weekly Goal
\$5,082	\$15,893	\$8,178	\$5,365

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

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend, **January 11-12**, will be for our **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** programs which help feed those in need in our community.

FYI—No Mail Receptacle

To send postal mail (letters, cards, offertory envelopes, donations, including bank generated checks) to Star of the Valley Church, please use the address: 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. We **do not have a mailbox** at the church address. Using the 495 White Oak Drive address will also help our mail carriers.

To drop off mail or offertory envelopes for Star of the Valley, please use the locked mailbox outside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center by pushing in the louvered slat at the top, or come inside during office hours. Thank you.

Point to Ponder

Barn's burnt down—now I can see the moon.

—Mizuta Masahide, Japanese Poet



Meatball Tortellini Soup

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

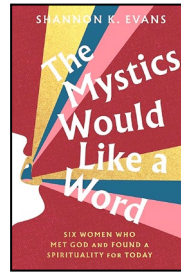
Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

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: Meatball Tortellini Soup, Garlic Bread, and Brownies



Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *The Mystics Would Like a Word: Six Women Who Met God and Found A Spirituality for Today* by Shannon K. Evans. Read Chapter 1: *Teresa of Ávila: Trusting Yourself Doesn't Make You a Heretic*, on Tuesday, **January 21**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

Increasing Christ

Today, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The days, dates, and seasons of the Church's liturgical calendar focus the whole People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So, when "Silent Night" or "We Three Kings" is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you.

Give Every Child A Chance

U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died January 10, 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.



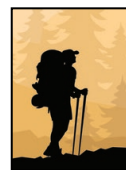
Planned Giving

Regardless of your current income, 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*, 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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Pilgrimage Walk

Join the 2025 Walking Season by celebrating the Patron Saint of Athletes, St. Sebastian. We'll walk from Sebastopol to Occidental after 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Sebastian's Church on Monday, **January 20**,

2025. Fellowship, history lessons, and understanding our land better are promised, but God will deliver much more. RSVP/Info—Stephen Morris 310-849-2342.

New Year's Resolution—Read more. Visit our library!

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Knights of Columbus "All You Can Eat" Crab Feed

Join us at St. Rose, 320 10th Street, for an "All you can eat" Crab Feed, on Saturday, **January 25** with clam chowder, dinner roll, salad, table wine and dessert. Tickets are \$75. Pasta meal for children 6-11 is \$25, 5 and under are free. Doors open at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00 with raffles, music, and "no-host" bar. Purchase tickets at kofc1324.org. Click on Crab Feed, print and bring the receipt or call 707-860-2888.



Prayer Vigil & Walk For Life West Coast 2025

On Friday, **January 24**, Bishop Joseph L. Coffey will lead a Prayer Vigil for

the unborn and protection of the Sanctity of life at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in San Francisco, starting at 5:00 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 21st Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, **January 25th**, 2025.

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. After Mass we will walk to SF Civic Center for the Annual Walk for Life Rally which begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by the

Walk of Life March down Market Street to the Ferry Building at 1:30 p.m. For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com. If interested in bus transportation on the 25th, contact the St. Eugene's Church Office at 707-542-6984.

Crab Feed

Kolbe-Trinity School's annual crab feed, featuring a silent and live auction, live music by The Henry Coopers, and dancing, will take place on Saturday, **February 1st** from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Roche Winery on 22097A Bonness Road in Sonoma. Early bird tickets for \$120 are one sale now through 1/14/24 at <https://givebutter.com/CrabFeed2025>. Ticket prices go up to \$140 on 1/15/24. All proceeds benefit tuition assistance for the students of Kolbe-Trinity in Napa.

An Evening with the Sisters

The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa cordially invite you to attend our annual *Evening with the Sisters*. Please join us for an elegant dinner, a peek into our life and work, a musical presentation by the Sisters, a live auction, fun and fellowship. Hosted at Roche Winery, the event is **February 8**, 2025 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Advance registration is required. \$250 per person; \$1,600 for reserved tables of 8. Please register at www.mariansisters.com/event. For more information, contact us at mssrevents@gmail.com.



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