

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.

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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.

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.



March 15/16, 2025—Second Sunday of Lent

**MASTER,
IT IS GOOD
THAT WE
ARE HERE.**

Transfiguration

Have you had an experience that caused you to see someone in a completely new light? Perhaps you saw your daughter in cap and gown at her graduation. Perhaps your brother held his newborn baby in his arms. Perhaps your father performed an unexpected act of compassion, or your mother revealed courage that had previously had been hidden from you. You may have been tongue-tied, not knowing how to relate to the person who had been transfigured before your very eyes. In the Gospel today the disciples of Jesus see him in a completely new light. His face is “changed in appearance” and they don’t know what to say or do. Before the disciples can respond appropriately to Jesus, they must learn to believe their eyes and ears—that Jesus is the “chosen Son” of God.

Real Presence

We also need to learn to believe our eyes and ears if we are to respond appropriately to Christ. In the second reading today, Paul, who once saw Jesus in a wholly negative light, experienced the real presence of the risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Gradually he learned to believe that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, and it changed his whole life.

The season of Lent invites us to believe more deeply in the Real Presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. When experienced through the eyes and ears of faith, an ordinary community, mere words, simple bread and wine are transfigured before our eyes—and so are we. Little by little we learn how to respond to the chosen Son of God in whom we believe. The more we believe, the more Christ will do in us what he did in Paul and Peter, John and James. He will transfigure us into the real presence of Christ for the world.



Sunday, March 15/16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I: *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*—

In a holy covenant, God promises Abram a homeland.

Responsorial: *Psalms 27*—The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*—Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.

Gospel: *Luke 9:28b-36*—His face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2025

If you have not already pledged or donated to this year's AMA, please do so today. We are counting on you to respond generously. Please use the envelopes available in the vestibule or give online at www.srdiocese.org.

MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 15–23

Sat 15	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun 16	10:00	† Peggy O'Callaghan (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon 17		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 18	8:00	† Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed 19	8:00	† All Souls (P. Vu)
	10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs 20	8:00	† Harvey Hoyt
Fri 21	8:00	† Sr. Mary McGovern
Sat 22	4:00	† Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun 23	10:00	†† Norma & Frank Fitzpatrick (Mary Stone)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Dr. Mike Apicella, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Harriet Draper, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Pope Francis, Randy Hakala, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Merle Reuser, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Marina Crosariol and Harvey Hoyt.



Come to learn and be inspired!

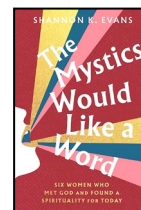
Catholic Social Teaching Workshop

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: March 19 & 26, 2025

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa

Sponsored by Star of the Valley's
Pastoral Council
No charge to attend.



Spiritual Book Club

All 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 3 and join us on Wednesday, **March 19**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

This Lent

- Fast** from judging others.
- Feast** on the Christ within them.
- Fast** from emphasis on differences.
- Feast** on the unity of all life.
- Fast** from apparent darkness.
- Feast** on the reality of light.
- Fast** from thoughts of illness.
- Feast** on the healing power of God.
- Fast** from discontent. **Feast** on gratitude.
- Fast** from anger. **Feast** on patience.
- Fast** from pessimism. **Feast** on optimism.
- Fast** from worry. **Feast** on God's love for you.



This Weekend — March 15-16

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Linda Luceti
Lector:	Connie Pearson
Server:	Connie Montague
Greeters:	Marie Crimaldi Marietta Mancuso
Ushers:	Ed Montague TBD

Cristina Wadsworth
Karen Schraga
Jim Warman
Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy
Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — March 22-23

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Eva McGinn	Kar Hofmann
Len Marabella	Bob Zeni
Mary Kay Riccioni	Drew Hofmann
Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ed Montague Michael Sotak	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger

PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 15–22

Tuesday, **March 18**, 11:00 Pastoral Council Meeting—
Bello Room

Wednesday, **March 19**, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—
Church Quiet Room

Wednesday, **March 19**, 3:00 Catholic Social Teaching
Workshop—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Thursday, **March 20**, 5:00 St. Patrick's Irish Dinner—
Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Friday, **March 21**, 2:30 Finance Council Meeting—Zoom

Weekly Collection Report

Feb 23	Mar 2	Mar 9	Weekly Goal
\$4,344	\$6,629	\$3,929	\$5,365

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

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Easter Flowers**.

Star of the Valley Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program

From your donations to our six Neighbor-to-Neighbor collections each year, and donated non-perishable food items, we are able to help individuals and families with Safeway Gift Cards and at our Nick's Pantry.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say, "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost." Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, Gd of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



Irish Dinner

With Keenan Irish Dancers

Thursday, March 20

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Menu

Green Salad with Rolls
Corned Beef with Mustard
Cabbage, Guinness Carrots with Dill
Colcannon Style Potatoes
Dessert

\$25 per Person

Full Cash Bar

To reserve a seat: Mail or drop off your check payable to **SOV Men's Club** at the Parish Center.

To reserve a table for 8 (max.), please put the checks payable to **SOV Men's Club** for each person at your table in one envelope and list each name on the outside of the envelope.

All reservations due by March 17, 2024

Unfortunately, adding names after making the initial dinner reservation will not guarantee additional seats at your table.

Seating is limited!

Seating is reserved based on the date your reservation and payment is received. Don't wait to sign up. This event always sells out! Questions? Call Jim Warman, 707-230-2682.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



An Evening of Music with Michael John Poirier

Thursday, **March 20**, 6:30 p.m.
at Holy Spirit Church.
All are welcome.

Young Men's Institute #40 Polenta Dinner

Join us on Saturday, **March 22**, 2025, at the Becker Center at St. Eugene's, 2323 Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. For tickets call: Richard Schoenstein 707-892-3374

A Prayer Journey with the Psalms

A silent retreat for women and men led by Sr. Ingrid Clemmensen, O.P. and Ms. Anne Grycz at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, Friday, **March 21**, 3:00 p.m. through Sunday, **March 23**, 2:00 p.m. Call 650-917-4000 for more information.

Catholic In Recovery Retreats

Catholic in Recovery (CIR) provides hope and healing for individuals and families seeking freedom from addiction, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Rooted in the Sacraments and the Twelve Steps of Recovery, CIR supports everyone on their recovery journey, welcoming all into a compassionate, faith-filled community.

CIR will host retreats at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon. The Men's Retreat is **March 28-30**, and the Women's Retreat is **April 11-13**. These retreats offer a chance to encounter God's healing through inspiring talks, personal testimonies, Twelve Step principles, prayer, and the Sacraments, fostering community and deeper healing.

Register online by visiting:

www.catholicinrecovery.com/events. See flyers on the bulletin board for more information.

Advance Care Planning Workshops

The Advance Care Planning workshop program guides individuals through the process of discerning and documenting their healthcare, end-of-life, and financial wishes. Each workshop is a standalone unit and participants may choose to take one, two, or all three. Each one will be on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in Short Hall at Church of the Incarnation, 636 Cherry Street, Santa Rosa. Light refreshments will be served.

1. Advance Health Care Considerations, **April 5**
2. End of Life Considerations, Saturday, **April 12**
3. Property & Financial Considerations, **May 3**

For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board. To register, scan the QR code on the flyer, or go to <https://www.incarnationsantarosa.org/blog/advanced-planning-workshop/>



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