

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

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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.



May 3/4, 2025—Third Sunday of Easter

Witness To the Word

The scene in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles today evokes memories of Jesus' trial in the Gospels. This is the author's intention, so as to show clearly the link between what Jesus did, what the apostles are doing, and what we are called to do for the sake of the Name. Just as Jesus spoke the truth of the message of salvation before the high court, so Peter and the apostles fearlessly proclaim their witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. How easy it would have been to lie, to deny Jesus; they would have escaped with their good name. Yet they understood that denying Jesus meant losing everything. They would lose not only themselves, but also the Christian community that was just beginning to come together. They took their stand to show other members of the church of Christ that the Good News is indeed a truth worth living for—and dying for.

FEED MY SHEEP

Feed My Sheep

John's Gospel today also echoes an earlier Gospel scene, the scene of Peter's denial of Jesus. Jesus goes out with the disciples to fish, as he must have done many times during his life. And they catch so many fish, it seems as if they have caught all the fish in the world. Then Jesus offers Peter another chance, and this time Peter does not fail. "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." And Jesus explains the cost of that love. For Peter is being charged with tending the sheep, catching the fish. Following Jesus means not just living the Good News, but spreading the word. It means forming and tending communities, building and spreading the church of Christ throughout the world. That's Peter's mission, and by virtue of our baptism it's our mission as well. We are called to witness to the world the Christian way of life. **We all have to catch the fish and feed the sheep.**



Sunday, May 3/4, 2025

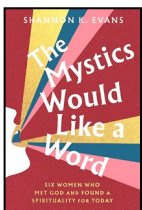
Divine Mercy Sunday

Reading I: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41—God exalted Jesus as leader and savior.

Responsorial: Psalm 30—I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14—To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might.

Gospel: John 21:1-19—When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.



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 5 and join us on Wednesday, **May 21, 10:00–**

11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 3-11

Sat	3	4:00	†Pope Francis
Sun	4	10:00	Intention of Wendy Papera (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	5		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	6	8:00	†Pope Francis
Wed	7	8:00	For the Conclave of Cardinals
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	8	8:00	†Margaret Focha
Fri	9	8:00	†Delia Mansell (Catholic Charities)
Sat	10	4:00	For the Election of a New Pope
Sun	11	10:00	†Charlotte Muzio (Richard Muzio)

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, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Randy Hakala, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Pope Francis.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **May 10, 11:00 a.m.** for Pat Daly.



4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13

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: Chicken Fajitas, Corn Pudding,
Dessert: Ice Cream

Parish Repair & Maintenance

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

- ▶ Prune circle-drive center island tree.
- ▶ Clean gutters in the circle drive area.
- ▶ Remove fallen oak tree from the creek behind Mary's Garden.
- ▶ Repair lighting above the sidewalk from the church to the Parish Center parking lot.
- ▶ Trim back the privets near the handicap parking area.

We will have a second collection next weekend, **May 10-11**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Thank you for your generosity.



This Weekend — May 3-4

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Bob Zeni	Gail Passalacqua
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Marietta Mancuso Sherry Rosevear	Ron Manning Paula Scull
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — May 10-11

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia
Connie Pearson	Bowman Olds
Connie Montague	John Dolan
Livie Brant	Mary Bell
Lisa Munoz Flores	Judy Monroe
Ed Montague	Steve Hipson
Don Nowacki	Clarence Younger

Weekly Collection Report

Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	Weekly Goal
\$5,969	\$8,988	\$5,253	\$5,365

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

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance**. See the article on the previous page.

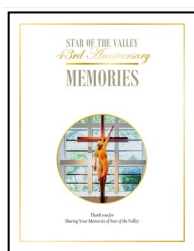
Conclave Begins Wednesday, May 7

Please join the Church in prayer for the cardinals as they gather at the Vatican to elect a new pope. May they all remain open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



STAR OF THE VALLEY 43rd Anniversary

MEMORY BOOK



We are excited to present the 43rd Anniversary Memory book. Several Memory books have been completed over Star of the Valley's 43-year history. This is the latest in that series and reflects memories of those currently in our Parish.

Star of the Valley Catholic Church would not have been possible without the many parishioners who invested their time, energy, and generosity of spirit along with the leadership and spiritual guidance of our Founding Pastor, Monsignor Gerard Fahey. Our Parish is further blessed by the leadership of all the priests that came after Monsignor Fahey up to and including our treasured Monsignor James Pulskamp.

Memory books are available on the Divine Mercy counter at church, and on the literature table at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

The 43rd Anniversary Planning Committee,
Terry Cutler, Leila O'Callahan, & Judy Rodgers

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This half-day education forum, cosponsored by **Star of the Valley Church** and **Tweeten Eldercare Advisors**, will offer insights into identifying the role of caregivers, building a support team, planning for future care changes, and exploring various respite care and housing options.

Complimentary lunch will be served.

Thursday, May 15, 9:00–12:15
Star of the Valley Catholic Church
Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa

AGENDA

- 9:00 **Check-in**
- 9:30 **Welcome**
Shelley Dombroski, Senior Regional Director Alzheimer's Association, Northern CA /Northern NV
- 9:40 **Building Foundations of Care**
Nadine Condon, Alzheimer's Association Volunteer, Community Educator
- 10:25 **BREAK**
- 10:30 **Respite Options**
Informal, Home Care and Day Care
Jamie Escoubas, President & CEO, Council on Aging
- 11:00 **Housing and Care Options for Seniors with Memory Loss**
Eloise Tweeten, Founder & Advisor, Tweeten Eldercare Advisors
- 11:30 **Complimentary Lunch**
- 11:45 **Panel Q&A**
Shelley Dombroski, Jamie Escoubas, Eloise Tweeten and Nadine Condon

**This mini-forum is free
and donations are always appreciated.**
Registration is required by May 12, 2025.
Call 707-573-1210 to register.



Donut Sunday This Weekend!

Many thanks to **Ed and Connie Montague** for sponsoring this weekend's Donut Sunday on **May 4th** in celebration of their **56th Wedding Anniversary!** Come to the Monsignor

Fahey Parish Center to join them and enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit with fellow parishioners. Be sure to check out the parish's first-class, fire-side library (a hidden treasure) while you are there.

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.

Greeters Are Great!

Do you enjoy coming to the Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Mass or the Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass where you are greeted by a friendly parishioner handing you the bulletin at the church door? Then please volunteer to be a Greeter at the Mass you attend. If you are new to the parish, it is a wonderful way to meet people. It is a very small commitment of time but greatly appreciated.

Contact Kathy McKeon, 707-228-8311, to join this worthwhile Parish Ministry.

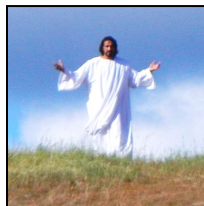
May Prayers for Priests on Divine Mercy Counter

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Five Pillars of a Strong Marriage

See the bulletin board for information about a presentation in San Francisco on Monday, **May 12**.

Lake County Outdoor Passion Play



42nd annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play is drawing near; **May 17 and 18, 2025**, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. each day. Free admission and donations are gratefully accepted. Bring your own chair. See more information on the bulletin board,

visit their website www.lakecountypassionplay.org or call the Passion Play telephone number at 707-263-0349.

Honoring Mary, Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

All are welcome to the Carmelite House of Prayer, 20 Mt. Carmel Drive, off of Oakville Grade Road in Oakville (between St. Helena and Napa) on Sunday, **May 18** at 2:00 p.m. You may join the procession outside on the monastery grounds, praying the rosary, or stay in the chapel. Following the rosary, there will be a crowning of Mary, with adoration and benediction in the chapel. Refreshments will follow in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Center. See the flyer on the bulletin board at church.



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