

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.



February 7/8, 2026— Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Spotlight

Our society loves celebrity. We love people who are celebrated: celebrities. The place we often find them is “in the spotlight.” But in one of his twists on our usual assumptions about what is right and good, Jesus today informs us that we shouldn’t be *in* the spotlight, we should *be* the spotlight. Paul understood this when he was writing to the Corinthians. He did not come to them as a celebrity, as the one to be celebrated; he came weak, fearful, and trembling so that the light of the gospel, and not his own, might shine. Isaiah gives us a bit more information about whom we should shine our light upon: the hungry who need to be fed, the homeless who need shelter, the oppressed who need a voice. Our own little spotlight, then, becomes the very light of the dawning day, as we build lives and communities that live in charity and justice.

Whose Light Is It, Anyway?

But if we are to be that spotlight, or the beacon on a hill as Jesus states it, our light needs a source of power. Paul informs us that the Spirit and power of God are what we need to energize the light we shine for all to see. Our individual and community lives need to be placed in a curious kind of “loop” wherein we receive the power to shine from God alone, so that we might shine it on the poor, weak, and lowly, the “little ones” whom Christ will one day call to our attention. And so, we place God, the one we celebrate, back into the spotlight. It is through this continual “loop” of our turning and re-turning again and again to the Lord that we walk the path of the Christian disciple. Today, as we near the season of Lent, we can get a head start on the journey.



Sunday, Feb. 7/8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I: *Isaiah 58:7-10*—When your fasting feeds the hungry, a new day dawns.
Responsorial: *Psalms 112*—The just man is a light in darkness to the

upright.

Reading II: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*—Paul's message doesn't rest on his own wisdom but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: *Matthew 5:13-16*—You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Memorial of Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop—February 14

Speak The Language of Love

More than 1,000 years before Vatican II—with its directive to translate the Latin liturgy into the vernacular—two missionary siblings, Cyril and Methodius, got the blessing of their pope to do the same for the Slavic people. In doing so, they created the Cyrillic alphabet. And as Pope John Paul II noted, they impacted not only the “history of the church, but also the civil and the political history of a great part of the European continent ... Cyril and Methodius [are] not only the apostles of the Slavic peoples but also the fathers of their culture.” On this Valentine's Day, how can you translate love into your vernacular?

Prayer on St. Valentine's Day

Loving Father, I pray for an open heart and mind, so that I may recognize and be grateful for all the love in my life. I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness, joy and peace in your love. Remove all obstacles so that I may grow in love throughout my life. Give me the grace to trust in your loving plan for me, so that whatever my circumstances over the course of my life, I may know that I am not alone, that I am loved by You, my Loving Father, who is full of tenderness, mercy and compassion. Amen.

Valentine Blessings from Jesus

This Valentine's Day remember that you have a special place in My heart. I love you and will always care about you. Happy Valentine's Day!

 Jesus

Let your smile change the world,
but never let the world change your smile.

MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 7-15

Sat	7	4:00	† Louise Paolinetti (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	8	10:00	† Rebecca Curto (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	9		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	10	8:00	† Barbara Nowacki (Donald Nowacki)
Wed	11	8:00	Intention of Barbara Botta
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	12	8:00	† Kevin Barry (Bonnie & Mike Dines)
Fri	13	8:00	Intention of Lola Danielli
Sat	14	4:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	15	10:00	† Dan Erlach (Lynette Erlach)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Dr. Mike Apicella, Jeremy Aytes, Gail Barrett, Irene Beagle, Fran Benton, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Shirley Collins, Lola Danielli, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Dr. Leonard Klay, Marietta Mancuso, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Richard Muzio, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Marilee Cortez, Michael Cusack, and Bob Spaulding.

Donut Sunday February 8



Thanks to Kathy McKeon for sponsoring **Donut Sunday** on **February 8** in memory of Rebecca Curto. Plan on coming to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center this weekend, before and after the 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass for some juice, coffee, donuts, muffins, and fellowship. 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.



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.

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.

	This Weekend — February 7-8		Next Weekend — February 14-15	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EM:	Jan Rosshirt	Cristina Wadsworth	Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann
Lector:	Bowman Olds	Mike Hanlon	Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
Server:	Judy Rodgers	Jim Warman	Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mardie Hart Judy Monroe	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John McCarthy Clarence Younger	Bev Shelhart Michael Sotak	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 8–14

Sunday, **February 8, Donut Sunday**—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Tuesday, **February 10, 4:00 Bingo**—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Weekly Goal
\$3,767*	\$3,328	\$4,939	\$5,365

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

Second Collection February 7/8

This weekend, the second collection will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. See below.



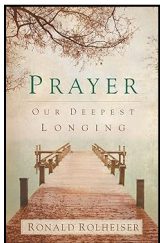
Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through online giving, please scan this QR code or go to our website's **Donate Here** page: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch. If you have questions or need help, please call Anna in the parish office M, T, Th, F at 707-539-6262.

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2025 Contribution Statements

If you would like a Contribution Statement of your 2025 donations to Star of the Valley Church, please contact the office by phone at 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net.



Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser. Our discussion will be on Chapter 5, Wednesday, **February 18, 10:00–11:00 a.m.** in the Quiet Room at the church.

Pun Fun Turning vegan would be a big missed steak.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Your donations help maintain our buildings and make repairs, which include:

- ▶ Repair wood rot at Parish Center
- ▶ Trim privets on the edge of church lawn
- ▶ Fix church & parish center roof leaks
- ▶ New siding for the church

We will have a second collection this weekend, **Feb. 7-8**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**. Thank you for your generosity.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2026

Thanks, again, to all who contributed to last year's AMA.

73 Star of the Valley donors contributed \$35,491 which will provide over \$12,000 to the parish as a rebate!

The 2026 Annual Ministry Appeal, *One Family in Mission*, will be conducted at Star of the Valley next weekend. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we are deeply connected with the other parishes in our diocese. The programs supported by the AMA provide services that no one parish could supply on its own. Once a year, we are asked to make a commitment to support the valuable work of these ministries. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for our Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us.

Completed AMA pledge/contribution envelopes may be mailed directly to the diocesan office with the appropriate postage affixed. Or, you may put them in the collection basket at Mass.

Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law, and are restricted funds for the ministries only.

Watch Now: *Forming the Hearts of Future Priests*

See how our seminarians of the Diocese are being formed through prayer, study, fraternity, and daily sacrifice as they discern God's call to the priesthood. This short film offers an intimate look at seminary life and the men preparing to serve Christ and His Church. Watch now and keep our seminarians in your prayers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qorc3vGsC4c>.

Valentine Bingo

**Tuesday, February 10
4:00 p.m.**

Dinner: \$10
Bingo Cards: \$2 each
Valentine Prizes

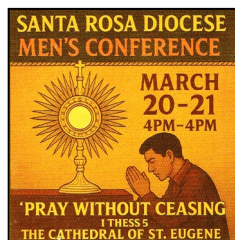
to the winners of each game.

Please be here between 3:30 and 3:45
so we can start promptly at 4:00.

If you don't play bingo,
come for dinner at 5:20 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner:
Italian Wedding Soup, French Bread,
& Brownies

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Catholic Men's Conference—Pray Without Ceasing

Men need help but they won't ask for it. Men quietly long for purpose, strength, and a deeper connection with God. They want to be better men, husbands, and fathers. The Diocese Men's Conference will

offer that while improving on a Man's "prayer tool box" and fraternity. **March 20th–21st.** Join us for a session or all twenty-four hours. Registration open:

www.srcatholicmen.org or, contact Stephen Morris at dsryouth@srdiocese.org.

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage—Save the Date

Join Fr. Raul Lemus this coming October 19-29 on a Marian Shrines Pilgrimage to France. Visit sacred sites, celebrate daily Mass, and grow in prayer and devotion. To learn more and register, go to <https://siccotati.org/> or contact 707-795-4807 ext. 113 or email Fr. Lemus at pastor@siccotati.org. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



CSL Elections Are Currently Open

The [California Senior Legislature](http://www.seniorlegislature.org) has been working to improve the lives of California's seniors since

1981. This nonpartisan organization has sponsored over 200 new laws helping seniors with financial abuse, health care, transportation, housing, and more.

CSL members advocate diligently during each legislative session to have state lawmakers carry and support the CSL's top State Legislative proposals.


- Are you 55 or older?
- Involved and aware of senior issues in your local area?
- Driven to make a difference in the lives of aging Californians?
- Willing to volunteer?
- Interested in representing your local community at the State Level?
- If you answered Yes, visit the California Senior Legislature website at <https://4csl.org/become-a-senior-legislator/>, or reach out to Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging at 707-565-5800 to get an application! Applications are due by March 31, 2026.


See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information on how to get an application.

Parents & Grandparents: Your Mission Isn't Over

Our Lady of Loretto Parish, 1806 Novato Blvd., Novato, CA 94947, is hosting a special morning with guest speaker Astrid Bennett, Catholic speaker, pregnancy center leader, and EWTN host on Saturday, **February 28, 2026, 10:00–11:30 a.m.** Please register at sfarch.org/event/howgodcalls/ or call 415-897-2171.


A Valentine's Day Prayer

God, our Loving Father, thank You for giving me the gift of Your love. Thank You, too, for all the people in my life who love and care for me. Teach me to share Your gift of love with everyone I meet on Valentine's Day and always. Amen. Saint Valentine, pray for me. 



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