

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

Contact Numbers

Parish Office Phone: 707-539-6262
Answering service when the Office is closed.

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Website: www.starofthevalley.org

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.



February 21/22—First Sunday of Lent

Bishop Vasa on the Stations of the Cross

Written over many years and inspired by prayer in Saint Mary's Chapel in Powell Butte, Oregon, Bishop Vasa's meditations on the Stations of the Cross invite us to walk more deeply with Christ. These reflections offer spiritual encouragement for our Lenten journey and call us to seek the grace to become more like Him. We invite you to read the full digital flipbook and prayerfully reflect on each Station. Digital Flipbook—<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/b1f2648c52.html#page/8>. For a 32 page pdf file to print— <https://files.ecatholic.com/26315/documents/2026/2/Stations%20of%20the%20Cross%20Booklet%20.pdf?t=1771311430000>

Lent

Lent is a 40 day season of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in **prayer** by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by **giving alms**; and we practice self-control through **fasting**. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2446.



Sunday, Feb. 21/22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Reading I: *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*—The Lord God planted a garden in Eden.

Responsorial: *Psalms 51*—Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading II: *Romans 5:12-19*—In

Adam all die. In Christ all live.

Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*—Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights.

An Idea for Lent

I have always believed that it is so much more enriching to do something positive during Lent rather than fasting from a pleasure. A priest once said, “Don’t give up wine or chocolate for Lent if that makes you grumpy and unpleasant to the people around you.” One possibility to consider is attending a weekday, 8:00 a.m. Mass. Yes, I know that’s early, but is a beautiful way to start the day. And, your morning coffee and breakfast will taste so much better. Try it once a week, you might even want to make weekday Mass a habit to continue.

—A Parishioner



Annual Ministry Appeal 2026

The work of the AMA is at heart your work, the work to which you are oriented by your baptism: the service of God through service of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Our parish goal this year is \$22,500.

By making a gift to the AMA, you are able to touch souls and change lives throughout our diocese. Thank you to all who have already pledged and contributed, moving us closer to our goal as a parish community. Every gift is sincerely appreciated!

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. Please remember to write **Star of the Valley** on the Parish line of the envelope or pledge card.

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Parish Parroquia	_____
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Pray for Priests

The March calendar of *Prayers for Priests* is on the bulletin board in church and on the counter under the Divine Mercy painting. Please pray for the priests in the Diocese, and for more vocations to the priesthood.

MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 21—MARCH 1

Sat	21	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	22	10:00	† Gayle Brinker (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	23		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	24	8:00	Intention of Mary Kennedy
Wed	25	8:00	Intention M. & C. Gough (Livia Brant)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	26	8:00	† Kevin Barry (Bonnie & Mike Dines)
Fri	27	8:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Carole Kilgariff)
Sat	28	4:00	† Mary Rodgers (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	1	10:00	† Michael Toomey (Kathy McKeon)

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, Suzanne Ciernick, David Charlton II, Bambi Clark, Shirley Collins, Lola Danielli, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Marietta Mancuso, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Richard Muzio, Karen O’Malley, Carol Pascoe, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died: Virginia Shubel and Bob Spaulding.



Join us on a
LENTEN JOURNEY

**Wednesday,
March 4, 2026
4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Men and women of the parish are invited to join us on this spiritual journey to get to know Pope Leo XIV.

Enjoy a simple meal of soup, rolls, and water, and watch a YouTube movie titled **Leo from Chicago**.

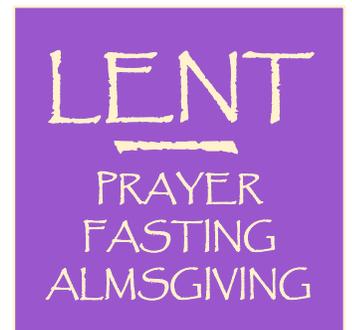
Marcy Fox will lead the event and discussion about the movie.

The event, sponsored by the Women’s Circle, is free for all parishioners and their guests.



	This Weekend — Feb. 21-22	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Sr. Joanne	Marge Lamb
Lector:	Connie Pearson	Karen Schraga
Server:	Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Livia Brant Marie Crimaldi	Mary Bell Kathy McKeon
Ushers:	Ed Montague Michael Sotak	Steve Hipson Clarence Younger

	Next Weekend — Feb. 28-March 1	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Linda Luceti	Liz Garcia
	Karen Schraga	Len Marabella
	Connie Montague	Jim Warman
	Marie Crimaldi Diane D’Ambrogia	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Steve Hipson Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 22—MARCH 1



March Donut Sunday Postponed

Due to our Donut Sunday Coordinator's out-of-town traveling, Donut Sunday for March will be on March 15 instead of the first Sunday of the month.

Weekly Collection Report

Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Weekly Goal
\$4,939	\$6,796	\$3,504	\$5,365

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

Second Collections

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Black and Indian Missions** which helps local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs 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.



Three Dinner Servers (men and/or women) are needed for our **St. Patrick's Irish Dinner**. Join the fun and contact Leila O'Callaghan at 707-888-8794 to volunteer.

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 next weekend, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Thank you for your generosity.



Irish Dinner

50/50 Pot of Gold Raffle

Music by Mellow Tones

Keenan Irish Dancers

Thursday, March 19

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
Prepared by Chef Karl Turner

\$30 per Person

Full Cash Bar

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

To reserve a table for 8 (max.), put all checks paying for each person at your table in one envelope, and list each name on the outside of the envelope.

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.

All reservations due by March 16, 2026

Questions?

Call Leila O'Callaghan at 707-888-8794.

Opportunities to Help Star of the Valley Parish

Please consider volunteering for at least one of these, just for Lent, as a Lenten offering.

- 👉 Three **Dinner Servers** (men and/or women) are needed for our upcoming St. Patrick's Irish Dinner on Thursday, **March 19**. Join the fun and contact Leila O'Callaghan at 707-888-8794 to volunteer.
- 👉 A **parish telephone tree coordinator** is needed to continue this valuable ministry. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Leila O'Callaghan at 707-888-8794.
- 👉 **Servers, Ushers, and Lectors** are urgently needed for weekend Masses. Please call the parish office at 707-539-6262 to volunteer.
- 👉 **Greeters** are needed for our Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses. Can you stand at an entrance for 30 minutes before Mass to hand out bulletins? Please call Kathy McKeon at 707-228-8311 for more information and to volunteer.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

A Lenten Opportunity—Sacraments

Lent begins February 18th with Ash Wednesday. Starting Monday, **February 23rd**, St. Rose parish will be offering a Lenten program on Sacraments. Learn about what sacraments are, and the Big Seven given to us by Jesus. It will be on six consecutive Monday nights from 6:30–

8:30 p.m. in the Chapel Room of the Old Convent. Come join the always lively discussion and camaraderie while learning more about our magnificent faith. No reservations are necessary. You do not need to be present for every session. Come anytime. For more information or how to find the Chapel Room, contact Bernard Ciernick at 707-321-6882.

Parents & Grandparents: Your Mission Isn't Over

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

Holy Spirit Grief Group

Are you alone and isolating because of a loss of a loved one? Do you have thoughts and feelings about your mourning, but have no one to share them with? The Holy Spirit Grief Group is a group of friendly, compassionate, down-to-earth people who use Scripture as an anchor to make sense and find comfort in our grief. Feel free to drop by and check us out. We will meet on Wednesday, **March 4** from 2–3:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 1244 St. Francis Rd. For more information, call Deanna Bowers at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

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 <p>DANIELS CHAPEL OF THE ROSES Funeral Home & Crematory</p>	<p>1225 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa 707-525-3730 danielschapeloftheroses.com FD #209/CR #92</p> <p>Serving Catholic families since 1875 Onsite Cremation</p> 
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 <p>YOUR AD SPACE IS WAITING FOR YOU HERE!</p> <p>If you would like to place an ad in this bulletin please call Sharon at 707-539-6262.</p>

	<p>Mary McCammon Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist 707-545-8264 659 Cherry Street Suite 101, Santa Rosa mary@marymccammonlmf.com website: marymccammonlmf.com</p> <p><i>Supporting those experiencing grief, loss & change. Lic. 124805</i></p>
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<p>FOUNTAINGROVE DENTISTRY</p> <p>Robert W. Erlach, DDS MAGD Implant & Restorative Dentistry 707-525-1500 2305-A Mendocino Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95403 www.fountaingrovedentistry.com</p> 

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