

# 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**

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Answering service when the Office is closed.

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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.



## **February 28/March 1—2nd Sunday of Lent**



## **The Journey of Transfiguration**

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.”

This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.



**Sunday, Feb. 28/Mar. 1, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent**

**Reading I:** *Genesis 12:1-4a*—The call of Abraham.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 33*—Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Reading II:** *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*—Bear your share of hardship for the gospel.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 17:1-9*—Jesus is transfigured.

**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*

**Invest In Your Parish and Be A Gift**

There are many opportunities to share your time and talents at Star of the Valley. You are needed to help keep our parish a vibrant faith community. Without all of our wonderful volunteers, we would cease to exist, so it is vital, and our responsibility to contribute, not only financially, but our skills as well.

Please see the list of Parish Committees & Ministries that is printed on the back of each monthly calendar and posted on the bulletin boards. If you can lend a hand in a certain ministry, please call the person on the list and get more information. They will be happy to welcome you and train you if needed.

You may also call the parish office at 707-539-6262 for more information or to volunteer. Most of the opportunities are infrequent, only require small commitments of time, and scheduling is based on your availability.

Join the fun of participating, perhaps in a new way; enhance your spiritual life by allowing God to work through you; be a gift to your parish and become closer to your family of faith.

**Opportunities to Help Star of the Valley Parish**

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

	<b>This Weekend — Feb. 28-March 1</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Linda Luceti	Liz Garcia
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Schraga	Len Marabella
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	Judy Rodgers
<b>Greeters:</b>	Marie Crimaldi Diane D'Ambrogia	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Steve Hipson Clarence Younger

	<b>Next Weekend — March 7-8</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
	Connie Pearson	Cristina Wadsworth
	Bob Zeni	Mike Flanagan
	Connie Montague	Judy Rodgers
	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mary Bell Judy Monroe
	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John McCarthy Clarence Younger

**MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 8**

Sat	28	4:00	† <b>Mary Rodgers</b> (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	1	10:00	† <b>Michael Toomey</b> (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	2		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	3	8:00	† <b>Lincoln McCarthy</b> (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	4	8:00	†† <b>Emilio &amp; Carol Ricci</b> (Maryellen Birkland)
		10:30	<b>O.G.—For the People of the Parish</b>
Thur	5	8:00	Intention of <b>Mike Hanlon</b> (Maryellen Birkland)
Fri	6	8:00	† <b>Msgr. John Brenkle</b> (Dolores & Bob Zeni)
Sat	7	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun	8	10:00	† <b>Barbara Nowacki</b> (Donald Nowacki)

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, Gloria Márquez, Millie McKay, Richard Muzio, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died: Emilio Ricci, and Virginia Shubel.

👉 **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. 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. Thanks to Mary Montague and Paula Scull for volunteering as Sunday Mass Greeters!

**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**Holy Spirit Grief Group**

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.



## PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 1-7

Wednesday, **March 4**, 4:00 Lenten Journey—Msgr. Fahey  
Parish Center



### 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 8	Feb 15	Feb 22	Weekly Goal
\$6,796	\$3,225	\$3,497	\$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 **Parish Repairs and Maintenance**. See below.

Next weekend, the second collection will be for **Easter Flowers** to decorate the church.



### 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](http://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.

**2025 EOY  
STATEMENTS  
NOW AVAILABLE**

### 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](mailto:sov@sonic.net).

**AMA**

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in this year's **Annual Ministry Appeal**, you are warmly invited to do so. Simply pick up a donation/pledge envelope at church, fill it out with "Star of the Valley" on the parish line, put a postage stamp on it, and put it in the mail.

## 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, 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.



Join us on  
**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.




**4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10**  
Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

**Dinner: \$10**  
**Bingo Cards: \$2 each**

All are welcome. If you don't play bingo, come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

**Creamy Butternut Squash Soup,  
French Bread & Brownie**




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