

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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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.



March 7/8—3rd Sunday of Lent

Thirsting for Life-Giving Waters

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition, he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

What's In a Name?

Early Christians gave a name to the woman at the well from today's Gospel passage: Photina. It means "she who is enlightened" or "she who has received the light." This follows the biblical tradition of bestowing names upon characters to help us understand their role—and ours—in experiencing God's saving power. Like all of us, Photina doesn't "get it" at first. It takes a dialogue with Jesus for her to admit who she is to herself, and for Jesus to help her discover where she might find the true streams of eternal, live-giving water. By the end of the encounter, she is enlightened. Her enlightenment is the reason the early church chose this as one of the gospels always to be read for those newly seeking Christ, who will be enlightened and initiated in the new pascal light of the Easter Vigil.



Sunday, March 7/8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: *Exodus 17:3-7*—Water flowed from rock to quench the people’s thirst.

Responsorial: *Psalms 95*—If today you hear his voice, harden not your

hearts.

Reading II: *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*—God’s love is poured into our hearts in the gift of the Spirit.

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*—The water Jesus gives is the wellspring of eternal life.



Donut Sunday Next Week!

Donut Sunday on **March 15** will be in honor of parishioner Marcy Fox. Join us in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit with fellow parishioners.



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**

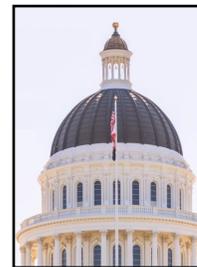
MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 7–15

Sat	7	4:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	8	10:00	† Barbara Nowacki (Donald Nowacki)
Mon	9		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	10	8:00	† Louis Mambretti (Diana Mambretti)
Wed	11	8:00	Intention Jim & Marilyn Warman (Maryellen Birkland)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	12	8:00	† Carole Williams (Bonnie & Mike Dines)
Fri	13	8:00	† Msgr. John Brenkle (Dolores & Bob Zeni)
Sat	14	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	15	10:00	† James Kennedy (Mary Kennedy)

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, Bob & Wendy Curtis, 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, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died: James Kennedy, Craig Muzio, and Emilio Ricci.

Join the Altar Linens Ministry

If you would like to help with the laundering of altar linens, please join the team by contacting Mardie Hart at 408-313-8862.



**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH
Catholics at the Capitol**

Join Catholics from across California for *Catholics at the Capitol* on Wednesday, **March 25, 2026**, at the Plaza of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento.

This special day will include prayer, a rally, formation in Catholic social teaching, a Marian Rosary procession for the Feast of the Annunciation, Holy Mass, and opportunities to meet with legislators. All are invited.

Transportation will be available for a fee from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati.

Register for the event and bus transportation at www.cacatholic.org/capitol. Let us come together as one Catholic family to be a joyful witness of faith, unity, and peace.

This Weekend — March 7-8

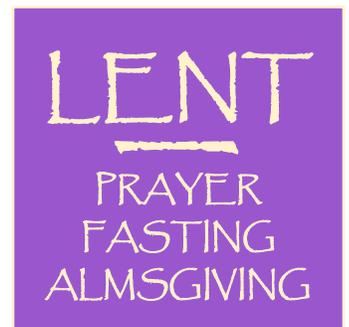
4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

EMs:	Connie Pearson	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Bob Zeni	Mike Flanagan
Server:	Connie Montague	Judy Rodgers
Greeters:	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mary Bell Judy Monroe
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John McCarthy Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — March 14-15

4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia
Judy Rodgers	Bowman Olds
Bev Shelhart	Mike Flanagan
Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Mardie Hart Ron Manning
Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John Knight Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 8–15

Tuesday, **March 10**, 4:00 Bingo & Soup—Msgr. Fahey
Parish Center

Thursday, **March 12**, 1:30 Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

Friday, **March 13**, Office Closed

Next Sunday, **March 15**, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey
Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Weekly Goal
\$3,225	\$3,497	\$7,011	\$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 **Easter Flowers** to decorate the church. Next weekend, the second collection will be for a twofold purpose—**Catholic Relief Services** and the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**.

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. Funds from this collection provide food for the hungry, supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities, supports displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the second collection and reveal Christ's love to those in need.



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.

AMA

Fr. Fergal 2026 AMA Video

See a white envelope in your pew?
Or, at the church entrances?

That's your invitation to be part of something greater. The Annual Ministry Appeal supports vocations, faith formation, and ministries across our Diocese. *One Family in Mission*. See the 1:06 minute video by clicking on or visiting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qy7Z7mGePbE>

Each parish goal supports seminarians, ministries, and faith formation across our Diocese. When we reach our goal, additional gifts come back to benefit our own parish. Thank you for helping us move forward together as *One Family in Mission*.



St. Patrick's 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.

Thank You for Prayers

My name has appeared, with many others in the SOV Sunday Bulletin, for about 6 weeks requesting prayers for my recovery.

A couple of days before Christmas I had a terrible fall in my garage and hit my head on the firm and hard concrete floor! Somehow, I had the presence of mind to call my daughter who came to my rescue and called the EMTs who came just as quickly and took me to the hospital. I remember nothing for about 3 weeks after the fall. I believe God—or His hand-picked angels—came to my rescue!

Turns out, that hard fall caused a brain bleed, which necessitated a transfer to the hospital in Vacaville that specializes in this type of injury. After further examinations, they determined I was already healing (without the hospital having to drill a small drainage hole in my skull).

So, off to the physical rehab hospital I went where I was counseled on how to walk, talk, and even how to think logically. Meanwhile, the swelling in my head continues to shrink. My walking, thinking and logic are now almost at 100%!

Long story short, God heard all your prayers for my recovery, and I am soooo grateful to all of you! My prayers will now include all of you as well.

Appreciatively,
Marietta Mancuso

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Retreat—Journey from Lent to Pentecost: Transforming our desert experiences into new life

Saturday, **March 14**, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Short Hall at Church of Incarnation, 636 Cherry Street, Santa Rosa. \$50 per person. Scholarships available. Register at <https://www.journeycentersantarosa.org/calendar>.

The retreat, led by Natalie Gould, includes simple body-based practices, journaling, guided meditation, and small and large group discussions.



Mass of Chrism

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate in the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene on

Thursday, **March 26**, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

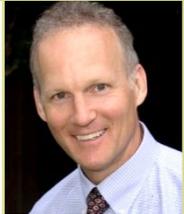
The Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year. The Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick, and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received. It also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who share in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass, the Diocesan and religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.

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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@mariamccammonlmtf.com website: mariamccammonlmtf.com</p> <p><i>Supporting those experiencing grief, loss & change.</i> Lic. 124805</p>
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