

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

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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.



March 14/15—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Children of the Light

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

Living As Children of the Light

After the man born blind was healed, he could have done any number of things. He could have used his newly-received sight for good or for ill, or he could have just said "thanks" and gone on his way. When we receive the light of Christ in baptism, as well as God's anointing Spirit, we join the community of faith that professes Jesus Christ as the Light from Light, true God from true God. We are part of the Body of Christ—the church—who glorify God and worship Christ, as does the man born blind today. But we are called upon to do more. Ephesians tells us that we, who were blind but now see, are called to live, day by day, as children of that light. We don't just say "thanks" for our baptism.

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Sunday, March 14/15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a—Samuel anointed David to be king.

Responsorial: Psalm 23—The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall

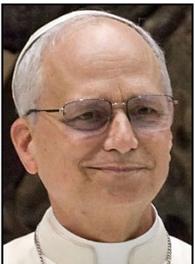
want.

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14—Rise from the dead, children of light.

Gospel: John 9:1-41—I know this much: I was blind, but now I see.

(Living continued.)

Rather, our vocation is to live out that thanks by doing deeds of light; by spreading the gospel of the joy, justice, beauty, and peace we find in Jesus. This is one of the intentions of our Lenten disciplines, to help us leave behind the deeds of darkness and to live out the light of the Good News.



Successful Lenten Journey

About 35 parishioners joined our journey to get to know and appreciate our wonderful Pope, Leo XIV.

After introducing ourselves with the ice breaker—"Where are you from?"—we enjoyed delicious homemade soup and dinner rolls. We then watched a documentary about

Pope Leo XIV, titled "Leo from Chicago" (available on YouTube.) It was a wonderful video that emphasized what a normal American boy Pope Leo was, and how he grew up in a typical midwestern Catholic home. Yet, Pope Leo always seemed to be special even as a young child and student. Included were lots of interviews with friends, relatives and past parishioners who had always sensed the unique spirituality of Pope Leo as a sibling, friend, and pastor.

Marcy Fox led the event and did a wonderful job of talking about our topic of interest. She is so well-read about Pope Leo that she was able to conduct an expert lesson on him, despite technical problems. Marcy shared about how Pope Leo is an Augustinian priest and how Augustinian principles impact his thinking and guide his actions. He follows the precepts of Catholic Social Teachings, and makes those principles the focus of his actions as Pope. (Journey continued next column.)

MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 14–22

Sat	14	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	15	10:00	† James Kennedy (Mary Kennedy)
Mon	16		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	17	8:00	† Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Wed	18	8:00	Intention of Ted Rosshirt (Anonymous)
		10:30	O.G.—†Silvestre Piñgol (Liza Peters)
Thur	19	8:00	Intention of Russ Emery (Anonymous)
Fri	20	8:00	For the People of the Parish
Sat	21	4:00	† Jane O'Toole (Maria Crimaldi)
Sun	22	10:00	† Lucinda McLean (Bill & Terry Cutler)

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, David Reuser, Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Craig Muzio.

(Journey continued) We also heard about Leo's missionary time in Peru and how he ministered to the poor and marginalized as a bishop in Peru. He thus brings a deep understanding of the needs of the poor and marginalized to his position of Pope.

We all left our "Lenten Journey" grateful for the tasty soup and having gained a much deeper understanding of our wonderful Pope Leo XIV.

Thank you to all who attended and to the Women's Circle for providing the homemade soup, the rolls, and especially to Marcy Fox who chose the documentary and taught us so much about Pope Leo XIV.

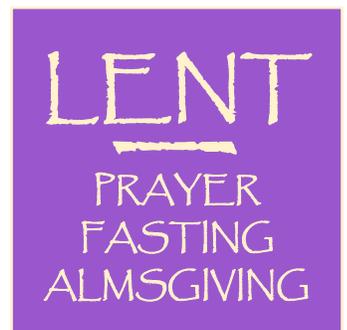


Donut Sunday This Weekend!

Marcy Fox, in appreciation for all that she does, will be honored at Donut Sunday on **March 15** 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. Be sure to check out the parish's first-class, fire-side library (a hidden treasure) while you are there.

	This Weekend — March 14-15		Next Weekend — March 21-22	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Don Shelhart	Cristina Wadsworth	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Bowman Olds	Blanche Kaiser	John Knight
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Mike Flanagan	Mary Kay Riccioni	Mike Flanagan
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Mardie Hart Ron Manning	Livie Brant Sherry Doran	Kathy McKeon Paula Scull
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John Knight Clarence Younger	Bev Shelhart Michael Sotak	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 15–21

Sunday, **March 15**, Donut Sunday—Parish Center
Tuesday, **March 17**, 1:00 Pastoral Council Mtg.—Bello Room
Thursday, **March 19**, 5:00 Irish Dinner. Reservations required. No walk-ins permitted.—Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Weekly Goal
\$3,497	\$7,011	\$5,079	\$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 the second collection is for **Catholic Relief Services** and the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world.

Next weekend’s second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.



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.



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.



2026 Annual Ministry Appeal—One Family in Mission

As of March 1, 45 Star of the Valley parishioners have given pledges and/or contributed \$18,969 to this year’s AMA, bringing us to 84% of our goal of \$22,500.

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*.

If you haven’t contributed yet this year, will you help us reach our goal? Completed AMA pledge/contribution envelopes may be mailed directly to the diocesan office with the appropriate postage affixed. Please remember to write **Star of the Valley** on the Parish line of the envelope or pledge card.

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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.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Catholic Men's Conference
 The Santa Rosa Diocese Men's Conference will be **March 20-21, 2026** at St. Eugene's Cathedral. A time for increased purpose, challenge, and fraternity. More information

and registration: www.srcatholicmen.org.

Men, reserve your spot! Come for all 24 hours or just one session: Friday, March 20, 4:00-10:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil 10:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



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**, 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.



Holy Week Pilgrimage

Walking the Camino offers a time to step away from distractions, listen for God's voice, and encounter Christ

through prayer, fellowship, and the beauty of creation. Especially during Lent, pilgrimage becomes a sign of conversion, turning our hearts back to God and walking together in faith, repentance, and hope.

The Camino de California is hosting pilgrimages around the Bay Area for Holy Week. The Diocese of Santa Rosa will partner with them:

- Tuesday, **March 31st**: Napa Marina to St. Francis, Sonoma
- Wednesday, **April 1st**: St. Francis to San Rafael (via Petaluma SMART Train)

Register to join by visiting <https://forms.gle/MaAnhgn4iqBfz1Uc6>. For more information, contact Stephen Morris at dsr youth@sr diocese.org. For the full itinerary, visit <https://bv900.my.canva.site/holyweekpilgrimage>.

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