

# 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.  
E-mail: sov@sonic.net

Website: [www.starofthevalley.org](http://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.



## March 28/29, 2026— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



### Seeing Christ Clearly

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of

joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the Church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

### Who Will Christ Say That I Am?

Ultimately, we—who are the Body of Christ through our baptism—must identify with Jesus Christ at the end of this Lenten trek. We must be witnesses to the humility and compassion he showed, even in the face of adversity, suffering, hatred, and rejection. Like him, with renewed energy, we must turn away from any desire to seek or justify revenge; instead, we must continually extend our hands in forgiveness, healing, and tenderness. As Christ, our reconciling embrace must stretch wide open, until we resemble him, arms stretched wide on the cross of our salvation.



**Sunday, March 28/29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

**Reading I:** *Isaiah 50:4-7*—The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.

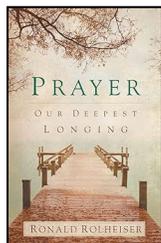
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 22*—My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Reading II:** *Philippians 2:6-11*—Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 26:14-27:66*—They came to a place called Golgotha and crucified Jesus there.



This week, on Wednesday, **April 1** in the church, Maryellen Birkland will hold a walk-through for all liturgical ministers scheduled during the Triduum.



**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 after Easter, on Chapter 6, Wednesday, **April 15**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

**MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 28–APRIL 5**

Sat	28	4:00	†Alan Hendricks (Pat Hendricks)
Sun	29	10:00	†Ed Schudel & †Phyllis Robertson (Robin Schudel)
Tue	31	8:00	††Frank & Delia Mansell (Theresa Ely)
Wed	1	8:00	Intention of Gretchen (Mary Kennedy)
		10:30	<b>O.G.—No Mass</b>
Thur	2	4:00	†Msgr. Gerard Fahey (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Fri	3	1:30	<b>Good Friday Liturgy</b>
Sat	4	7:30	†Bob Waska & †John Robertson (Frances Waska)
Sun	5	10:00	†Dorene Musilli (John Musilli)

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, 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: Suzanne Borgert Ciernick, Kevin Konicek, Craig Muzio, and Cheryl Pappin.

**This Weekend — March 28-29 — Palm Sunday**

	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Blanche Kaiser	Kar Hofmann
<b>Lector 1:</b>	Bob Zeni	Mike Flanagan
<b>Lector 2:</b>	Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
<b>Lector 3:</b>	Karen Schraga	John Knight
<b>Server 1:</b>	Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann
<b>Greeters:</b>	Mary Bell Marie Crimaldi	Kathy McKeon Mardie Hart
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ed Montague Tim McCammon	Steve Hipson Clarence Younger

**Next Weekend — April 4-5 — Easter**

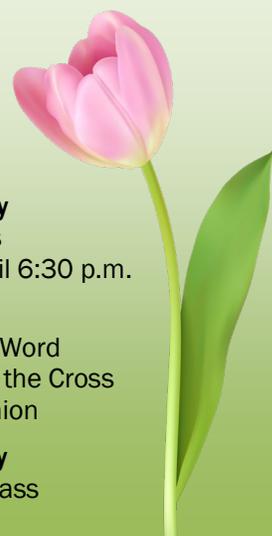
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Bev & Don Shelhart	Kar Hofmann
<b>Lector 1:</b>	Judy Rodgers	Bowman Olds
<b>Lector 2:</b>	Karen Schraga	
<b>Lector 3:</b>	John Knight	
<b>Server 1:</b>	Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann
<b>Server 2:</b>	Don Shelhart	
<b>Server 3:</b>	Maryellen Birkland	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger

**April 2  
Holy Thursday**

	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>April 3 Good Friday</b>
		<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Sr. Joanne Abrams
<b>Lector 1:</b>	Len Marabella	Blanche Kaiser
<b>Lector 2:</b>	Blanche Kaiser	Bob Zeni
<b>Lector 3:</b>		Mike Hanlon
<b>Servers 1:</b>	Kar Hofmann	Judy Rodgers
<b>Servers 2:</b>	Judy Rodgers	
<b>Thurifer:</b>	Drew Hofmann	
<b>Candle Bearers:</b>	Kar Hofmann	Sr. Joanne Abrams Kar Hofmann
<b>Cross Bearer:</b>	Judy Rodgers	
<b>Procession With Oils:</b>	Kar Hofmann Sr. Joanne Abrams Judy Rodgers	<b>Ushers:</b> Michael Sotak Clarence Younger

*Our Holy Week Schedule*

<b>March 31</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mass
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mass
2:30-4 p.m.	Confessions
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
4:00 p.m.	Evening Mass
	Adoration until 6:30 p.m.
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
1:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word
	Veneration of the Cross
	Holy Communion
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
7:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass



## PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 29—APRIL 4

Wednesday, **April 1**, No 10:30 Mass at the Gardens

Wednesday, **April 1**, 1:30 Triduum Liturgical Ministers' Walk-through—Church

Wednesday, **April 1**, 2:30-4:00 Confessions—Church

Thursday, **April 2**, 4:00 Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration until 6:30 p.m.—Church

Friday, **April 3**, Office Closed for Good Friday

Friday, **April 3**, 1:30 Good Friday Liturgy—Church

Saturday, **April 4**, No 4:00 Mass

Saturday, **April 4**, 7:30 Easter Vigil Mass—Church

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### Weekly Collection Report

Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Weekly Goal
\$5,079	\$2,524	\$4,405	\$5,365

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

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### Second Collection

There will be no second collection this weekend on Palm Sunday. The **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** will be taken at the Good Friday liturgy, **April 3**, for the Holy Land.

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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](mailto:sov@sonic.net).

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### Annual Ministry Appeal 2026

#### Thank you from Bishop Vasa

Thank you for the many ways you support the life of our Diocese. Joined with that of our diocesan family, your generosity to the Annual Ministry Appeal contributes to the building up of our local Church, ensuring that essential ministries remain strong and present in our parishes and communities.

Because of this generosity:

- ❖ Seminarians continue their formation for the priesthood
- ❖ Parishes receive support for ministry, catechesis, and pastoral outreach
- ❖ Young adults are evangelized and receive spiritual support from Newman Centers

Each gift, no matter the amount, is truly valued and important. Please know how deeply grateful I am for your support and for the role you play in strengthening the life of our local Church.

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### Divine Mercy—Jesus I Trust in You

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, **April 12**. The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday, **April 3**. To help you participate in the Novena, please use the two inserts: Divine Mercy Novena, and How to Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Help yourself to a

Divine Mercy holy card on the back counter in the church.

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## Sláinte!

Everyone had a wonderful time at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner last week. The event was a sell-out with over 140 parishioners and friends attending. Everyone was wearing green and in high spirits. Mike O'Callaghan outdid himself as MC, getting everyone to sing and participate.

The food was superb. The evening started with Chef Karl's delicious appetizers. Chef Karl Turner cooked an authentic Irish dinner of corned beef, colcannon potatoes, carrots and cabbage. The dessert was fantastic—carrot cake topped with a fondant carrot and shamrock.

The Mellow Tones provided lovely Irish music, and a real highlight of the evening were the four fantastic dancers from the Keenan Irish Dance School. The girls were so talented and entertained us with Irish reels, jigs and step dancing. Each dancer was poised and engaging. It was nice to have their teacher and the school's owner, Fidelma Keenan, there to introduce the dancers and explain the various dances. One of the girls, Rosie, is the granddaughter of Leila and Mike O'Callaghan, who are so proud of her.

Thank you to so many people who at the last minute pulled everything together and organized such a wonderful event. First of all, thanks to Chef Karl Turner and his wife Patty, who helped him in the kitchen for several days. We are very grateful for Karl's expertise and willingness to cook for Star of the Valley Parish. Thanks to the two event co-chairs, Drew Hofmann and Leila O'Callaghan, who helped organize the many details that are involved in putting on such a big event.

Thanks to Karl and Patty's friend, Giovanna Desmond, from St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Drew Hofmann and Tom Beirne who helped in the kitchen, and to the Marthas, under the supervision of Mardie Hart, who set the tables. Four servers, Judy Rodgers, Linda Green, Mary Montague and Paulette McHugh did a great job of getting the food to the tables.

A big thank you to Peter Hardy and his wife Kathy who stepped up to organize and run the bar. They were assisted by Tom Redmond and Mike Flanagan. Leila, Pat Hendricks, Kar Hofmann and Ruth Fulger did a great job decorating, setting up the room and assigning tables. The Msgr. Fahey Parish Center looked fabulous—all decked out in green and Irish decor. Everyone commented on the adorable Irish top hat table centerpieces.

Terry and Bill Cutler organized and ran a very successful 50-50 raffle that brought in over \$1,200. Congratulations to Charlene Grimm who won the jackpot! Thanks also to Cristina Wadsworth and Carole Kilgariff who greeted everyone and let them know where they were sitting. Lastly, thank you to all who helped in small and big ways to make the St. Patrick's Day Dinner a memorable and successful event.

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### Pray for Priests

The April calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the bulletin board in church. (Guess, who's on the 27th?)

## Opportunities to Help Star of the Valley Parish

- 👉 **Altar Servers, Ushers, and Lectors** are still needed for weekend Masses. Please call the parish office at 707-539-6262 to volunteer.
- 👉 **Greeters** are needed for weekend Masses. Please call Kathy McKeon at 707-228-8311 for more information and to volunteer.
- 👉 **Parish Librarian** Contact the parish office at 707-539-6262 to volunteer.
- 👉 **Marthas Coordinator:** For more information and to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262.
- 👉 **Parish telephone tree coordinator:** For more information and to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262.



## 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.

Gifts may be in the form of cash, property, investments, or a portion of an estate. 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.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



### Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos

Retreat: *Healing, Friendship, and Hope: Embracing an Embodied Spirituality*

**April 17-19.** Info and register at

[https://jrc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:2:::::PO\\_EMBED,PROGRAM\\_ID:0,4543](https://jrc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:2:::::PO_EMBED,PROGRAM_ID:0,4543)

Married Couples Retreat, **April 24-26**

[https://jrc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:2:::::PO\\_EMBED,PROGRAM\\_ID:0,4515](https://jrc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:2:::::PO_EMBED,PROGRAM_ID:0,4515)

## St. Vincent de Paul



Neighbors helping neighbors.®

## Downsizing or Moving?

The local St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Thrift Store welcomes your donation of gently used clothing or furniture. SVdP volunteer Alan can come to your

home for pick up. Kindly email [Valueralan@aol.com](mailto:Valueralan@aol.com) or call 707-889-1766. Thank you.

**Blessings** Have a spiritually enriching Holy Week.

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