

# 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

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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.



## April 4/5, 2026 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter.

### Triduum History

Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Lord remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

—Rev. James Field

### St. Mary Magdalen

#### The First to See the Risen Christ on Easter Morning

From a homily by St. Pope Gregory the Great: "Though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought, she wept; burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away." Do you long for Christ in your heart? Today, contemplate the great gift you receive in the Eucharist, and long to receive it.



**Sunday, April 4/5, 2026  
Easter Sunday**

**Reading I:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43—Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 118—This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8—Christ our Passover is sacrificed: Out with the old, in with the new.

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9—Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John, respond to the empty tomb.

**Remember**

Fifty years or so ago, it was popular the teach that every Sunday is a “Little Easter.” Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a “Big Sunday.” On every Sunday of the year, the church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, anamnesis, as the antidote to “amnesia,” the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God’s most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God’s eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a “Big Sunday,” today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord’s Day. We wear “Sunday best” today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a “Big Sunday,” and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives.

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**New Church Sign!**

Thanks to parishioner **Mike Flanagan**, of *Signs Par Excellence*, for saying “Happy Easter” to our parish by donating the new sign in front of the church!

Such a welcome improvement over the old, outdated one. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 5–12**

Sat	4	7:30	† <b>Bob Waska &amp; †John Robertson</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun	5	10:00	† <b>Dorene Musilli</b> (John Musilli)
Mon	6		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	7	8:00	† <b>Pat Marabella</b> (Len Marabella)
Wed	8	8:00	† <b>Msgr. Pat Browne</b>
		10:30	<b>O.G.— For the People of the Parish</b>
Thur	9	4:00	Intention of <b>Mike Hanlon</b> (Maryellen Birkland)
Fri	10	8:00	Intention of <b>Edgardo Piñgol</b> (Liza Peters)
Sat	11	4:00	† <b>Velma Rodgers</b> (Judy Rodgers)
Sun	12	10:00	† <b>James Brady</b> (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, 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, Helen Grieve McGonagle, and Cheryl Pappin.

**Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley**

Saturday, **April 11**, 11:00 a.m.: James Kennedy

**Happy Birthday!**

Elaine Smith turned 100 last month, on 3/27/2026. God bless you, Elaine!



**Donut Sunday Next Week!**

Thanks to Dr. Mike Apicella, Donut Sunday will be in memory of his wife, Agnes Apicella, on **April 12** 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 — April 4-5 — Easter  
7:30 p.m.                      10:00 a.m.**

<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

**Next Weekend — April 11-12 — Divine Mercy Sunday  
4:00 p.m.                      10:00 a.m.**

Linda Luceti	Sr. Joanne Abrams
Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
Connie Montague	Mike Flanagan
Josie Peluso	Mary Bell
Sherry Doran	Judy Monroe
Kathleen Beirne	Steve Hipson
Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger



**Jesus I trust in you**

## PARISH EVENTS—APRIL 4-12

Monday, **April 6, Office Closed**

Sunday, **April 12, Donut Sunday—Parish Center**

### Weekly Collection Report

Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29	Weekly Goal
\$2,524	\$4,405	\$6,190	\$5,365

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

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Our collection for **Parish Repair and Maintenance** will be taken next weekend. See below.

**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.

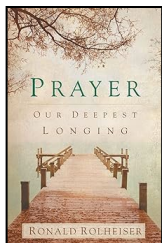
### Thank You For Volunteering!

We are very grateful for all who have recently volunteered to be Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. There are still openings for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers, but we also need the following:

👉 **Parish Librarian,** 👈 **Marthas Coordinator,**

👉 **Parish Telephone Tree Coordinator**

For more information and to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262.



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

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

Your donations help maintain our buildings and grounds, and make repairs which include:

- ▶ Repair wood rot at Parish Center
- ▶ Repair broken irrigation pipes
- ▶ Fix parish center roof leaks
- ▶ New siding for the church

We will have a second collection next weekend, **April 11/12**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance.**

Thank you for your generosity.



## The Transformation of Easter

Once again, we have lived through the glory that is Easter. We heard the stories of our faith tradition, going all the way back to creation. One theme that runs through all of these readings is that of transformation. From the spirit of God transforming the primordial chaos into a world that is “very good,” to the resurrection early on Easter morn, we heard again and again how God works through the world and our lives to offer us the chance to be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

Just as Jesus was transformed into his fully resurrected body by the resurrection, we too, can go through resurrection moments of being transformed. This is the Pascal mystery. This can happen at different times and places in our lives. When this happens, we experience first-hand the verse from the Book of Revelation, “Behold! I make all things new!”

Perhaps we gain a new insight into how to approach a great tragedy or failing in our life. Perhaps we uncover a memory that helps us understand a pattern in our present self. There are many different ways transformation can take place. Sometimes it’s through great insight, sometimes it’s through great pain. But, if we can find the strength, courage, and grace to lean into this transformation we can become, “born again.” We can, “become like the little ones,” and see the world through a child’s eyes, at least in one aspect of our lives.

However, just as the Risen Christ still bore the wounds on His hands, feet and side, we continue to bear the wounds from our pre-transformation lives. And sometimes, they continue to ache. This can act as a humbling reminder and helps us to have compassion for others on the path.

My prayer for this Easter season is that we find that courage, strength, and grace that we need to lean into God’s plan. And that we bear humbly those wounds that have gotten us to where we are.

—Talib Huff

*Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center*

# AMA

### Support Vocations— 2026 Annual Ministry Appeal

The priests who will baptize, preach, hear confessions, and celebrate the Eucharist tomorrow are being formed today. Your gift to the Annual Ministry Appeal supports their formation and sustains vocations in our Diocese. Together, we help raise up shepherds for the Church. Give today. *One Family in Mission.*

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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When Mass is celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar.  
—St. John Chrysostom

**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**  
**Employment Opportunity**

St. Rose Catholic Preschool is looking for new team members. If you have ECE credits and are interested in learning more, contact the Preschool Director at: [srpdirector@sonic.net](mailto:srpdirector@sonic.net)



**Flame of Love Conference**

Join us for a full day Flame of Love conference lead by Fr. James Blount and Fr. Michael Barry at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 6404 Washington Street, Yountville, on Saturday, **May 2**,

8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$50 plus \$16.50 for lunch, or bring your own. Light breakfast provided. For more information and to register, see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit [www.sjacp.com](http://www.sjacp.com).



**Outdoor Passion Play**

43rd annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play is drawing near; the weekend after Mother's Day, **May 16 and 17**, 2026, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. each day. Free admission but

donations are gratefully accepted. Bring your own chair. See more information on the bulletin board, visit their website [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org) or call the

Passion Play telephone number at 707-263-0349.

**Point to Ponder**

Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not to impress. Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt. —Unknown

**Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church**

We're glad you're here and celebrating with us.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- New Parishioner
- New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.

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