

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.



April 18/19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter



On the Road

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of

your sojourning." When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination, eternal life with God, in heaven (point B). Unfortunately, we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of our humanness and sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

Finding God in Broken Things

The two disciples were having trouble, as many of us still do today, finding the presence of God in broken things.

The body of their Lord had been broken on a cross. They were confused at the broken seal on the tomb—not yet understanding what this meant. Their dreams of the reign of God that Jesus had preached were broken, too. Luke tells us they were "downcast." But as they continued on their journey with the unrecognized traveler, his sharing of the scriptures inspired them to keep him as a companion, and at their table he became the host. Then grace was present, known, seen, and believed in the broken bread. Their joy overcame their fear, and they sped to Jerusalem to share their good news.



Sunday, April 18/19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-33—It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

Responsorial: Psalm 16—Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21—We were saved with the precious Blood of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35—They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Are you still celebrating Easter?

The Easter Season on this year's Liturgical Calendar is from Easter, April 5th through Pentecost, May 24th.

What is the Easter Season?

The Easter season is fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ to Pentecost Sunday. The first eight days of the Easter season make up the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

During the Easter season the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the Altar or Ambo until Pentecost Sunday.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and the Easter Season is the most important of all liturgical seasons, the celebration of the Lord's, our Savior's, Resurrection from the dead.

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ occurred forty days after his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. At His Ascension, the Lord Jesus ascended Body and Soul into heaven.

Pentecost Sunday occurs fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses of Christ who went out to spread the Good News and baptize those who believed.

The liturgical color of the Easter Season, for priest's vestments and altar cloths, is white—the color of light—a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). This is the reason for putting Easter lilies in the church, since they symbolize rebirth, new beginnings, and hope.

MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 11–19

Sat	18	4:00	Intention of John Ellis (Josie Peluso)
Sun	19	10:00	† Charlie O'Callaghan (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	20		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	21	8:00	† Don Schulte
Wed	22	8:00	† Frank & Intention of Elvera Seghesio (Dianne Seghesio)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	23	8:00	† Roberta McElroy
Fri	24	8:00	† Harriet Draper
Sat	25	4:00	† James Stephen Kennedy (Marie Haverson & Marilyn Vevene)
Sun	26	10:00	† Ken Begelam (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: Charles Gresalfi.

Reward for Lost Gold Cross Necklace

I lost my gold cross necklace at the Easter Sunday Mass. It was designed by my late husband with a star of David, diamonds and rubies. Shirley Collins 707-543-6688.

Patron Saint of Lightning

Saint Barbara is the Catholic patron saint of **lightning**, thunderstorms, fire, and sudden death. A 3rd-century virgin martyr, she is often invoked for protection against being struck by lightning and is also the patroness of artillerymen, miners, and firefighters due to her association with explosives and fire.

O Saint Barbara, I offer this prayer to you in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. With a sword bearing your illustrious name, Saint Barbara, I make a sign of the Cross over my heart. I pray that your spirit by my faith, that your protection and justice be my guide, and from all my heart I beg that you grant this petition. I hope to obtain this help through your grace. Amen.

	This Weekend — April 18-19		Next Weekend — April 25-26	
	7:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia	Blanche Kaiser	Kar Hofmann
Lector:	Connie Pearson	John Knight	Karen Schraga	Mike Flanagan
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman	Judy Rodgers	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Livie Brant	Ceal Geurts	Marie Crimaldi	Cathy Hardy
	Mary Montague	Ron Manning	Mary Mickelsen	Peter Hardy
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers	Rick Ragan	Ed Montague	John McCarthy
	Michael Sotak	Clarence Younger	Bev Shelhart	Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—APRIL 18-25

Tuesday, April 21, Bingo—Cancelled

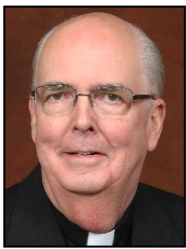
Weekly Collection Report

Mar 29	April 5	April 12	Weekly Goal
\$6,190	\$12,166	\$5,421	\$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

The collection for **Catholic Home Missions** will be taken next weekend. In nearly 75 dioceses in the United States and its territories, funds from Catholic Home Missions are a lifeline for churches in rural areas where small Catholic populations are unable to sustain basic pastoral ministries without outside assistance.



59 Years Coming Up

On April 29, 1967, James Edward Pulskamp was ordained into the priesthood. This year he will celebrate an amazing 59-year anniversary! Thank you, Monsignor, for your dedication and service to us and God's flock. May God keep you in good health.

Thank You For Volunteering!

Now, more than ever, your help in all the ministries at Star of the Valley is allowing the parish to continue while we recover from the damage sustained at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

Lightning Strike

Our Monsignor Fahey Parish Center and office space has been impacted by the Redwood tree behind the property that was struck by lightning on early Friday morning, April 10, 2026. Pieces of the shattered tree penetrated the roof in several places, causing rain water damage to ceilings, walls and floors. Clean up has begun in the Center and offices. Insurance appraisers are due today (Wednesday, April 15, 2026.)

Parish groups are meeting at homes and in the back of the church. There will be no use of the Parish Center until further notice.

Fortunately, the church was not impacted, so Masses and other services are continuing as scheduled.

—Msgr. James E. Pulskamp, Pastor

Updates

Bingo, Donut Sunday, and other meetings and events may resume or be rescheduled after the Parish Center is repaired, which could take two-to-five months. Please be patient and read our bulletin for updates.

The parish office staff may be called at 707-539-6262, if necessary or to schedule Mass intentions, but no one is allowed to enter the Parish Center without permission. It is restricted to official construction repair workers, city authorities, and diocesan insurance agents only.

Please pray for us!



One of three, a redwood tree splinter penetrates the roof of the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. *Photo by Kurt Amman*



Roof truss/joist, above the women's bathroom, sheared by Redwood tree spear. *Photo by Kurt Amman*



Ceiling and insulation of the women's bathroom all bagged up. *Photo by Kathy McKeon*

Welcome

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

We're glad you're here and celebrating with us. If you'd like to register as a parishioner, receive offertory envelopes, or are interested in obtaining more information about this parish, please sign the Newcomers Register on the stand in the back of the church.

AMA Annual Ministry Appeal 2026
The Annual Ministry Appeal strengthens our Catholic Schools by supporting faith-centered formation and professional development for teachers and staff. Your participation helps ensure our children receive an education rooted in faith, excellence, and truth. Together, we invest in the next generation. *One Family in Mission.*

Give today. We've reached 98% of our goal so far! 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.

Telephone Teléfono _____
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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: srpredirector@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.



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 or call 707-263-0349.



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