

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

Closed/Red Tagged 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

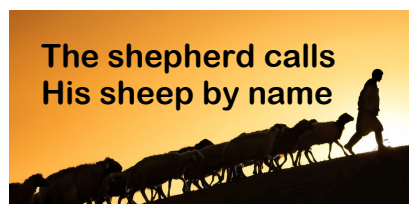
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Call the office to arrange visits by a Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion when someone is homebound.



April 25/26, 2026—4th Sunday of Easter



The shepherd calls His sheep by name

The Call of the Good Shepherd

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the

psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Called By Name

In today's Gospel we hear the Lord Jesus tell his followers that sheep learn to recognize the voice of the shepherd. They will not follow a stranger's voice. In the Rite of Baptism, the very first question put to the parents is, "What name do you give your child?" And just before the words "I baptize you..." the priest or deacon calls the one to be baptized by name. In a sense, we learn to hear our name called by God from the moment of our rebirth in the waters of baptism. This is the root of all vocational calls, whether to marriage, holy orders, or the consecrated life. On a day when we remember that Jesus is our caring shepherd, let us listen once again to the Lord calling us each by name into loving service.



Sunday, April 25/26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings

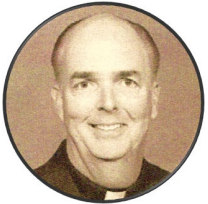
Reading I: Acts 2:14a, 36-41—The promise is made to all.

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

shall want.

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25—Jesus bore our sins upon the cross.

Gospel: John 10:1-10—Jesus is the gate for the sheep.



Happy Anniversary Monsignor!

Congratulations to Msgr. Pulskamp who celebrates the **59th Anniversary** of his ordination to the priesthood on **April 29, 2026**. We are very grateful for your devoted and caring ministry, and thank you for being our pastor.

May God bless you and be with you in all that you do.

Let Us Pray

We praise You and thank You, most Holy God, for the gift of Monsignor James E. Pulskamp! We thank You for his years of service and ask You to bless us with many more years with our beloved pastor. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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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What did lightning say to the tree? *You're grounded!*

MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 25—MAY 3

Sat	25	4:00	†James Stephen Kennedy (Marie Haverson & Marilyn Vevene)
Sun	26	10:00	†Ken Begelman (Mary Kennedy)
Mon	27		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	28	8:00	†Barbara Botta
Wed	29	8:00	Intention of Msgr. James Pulskamp on his 59th Anniversary (People of the Parish)
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	30	8:00	†Cheryl Pappin
Fri	1	8:00	†Mary Lumpkins
Sat	2	4:00	†Lorraine Wallace (Barbara Wallace)
Sun	3	10:00	Intention of Mary Pilo (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: Barbara Botta and 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.

Need 🙋 Parish Librarian & 🙋 Marthas Coordinator

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

Saturdays Belong to Mary

For more than a thousand years, the Catholic Church has dedicated most Saturdays to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The reason for choosing Saturday above all other days has been lost to antiquity. But according to tradition, Saturday has been set aside to celebrate the maternal example of Mary and witness to her dedicated discipleship as a woman of God and a follower of Jesus. The weekly memorial serves as a reminder that she is continuously present and operative in the life of the Church. Reflect on how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been present and active in your life.



This Weekend — April 25-26

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Connie Pearson	Kar Hofmann
Lector:	Karen Schraga	Mike Flanagan
Server:	Judy Rodgers	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Marie Crimaldi Mary Mickelsen	Cathy Hardy Peter Hardy
Ushers:	Ed Montague Bev Shelhart	John McCarthy Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — May 2-3

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Blanche Kaiser	Liz Garcia
Gail Passalacqua	Mike Flanagan
Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Bob Chapman	Ron Manning
Pat Chapman	Paula Scull
Ed Montague	Timm Cummings
Tim McCammon	Steve Hipson
Tom Basile	Clarence Younger

PARISH EVENTS—APRIL 25-MAY 3

Wednesday, **April 29**, Happy Anniversary, Monsignor!
Donut Sunday in May has been cancelled.

Weekly Collection Report

April 5	April 12	April 19	Weekly Goal
\$12,166	\$5,421	\$3,900	\$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

The collection for **Catholic Home Missions** will be taken this 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.



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](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch) 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.

Monsignor Fahey Parish Center Update

Phase One (Demolition) of the recovery process, due to the damage caused by the lightning strike, is complete. The holes in the roof were immediately patched to prevent further rain from entering. This past week, ceilings, portions of walls, cupboards and cabinets, damaged light fixtures and a skylight were removed. Multiple fans and dehumidifiers in each room affected (both bathrooms, library, offices, hallway, and Bello Conference Room) have been running 24/7.

Phase Two, Reconstruction is next, but we are waiting for permits that will allow the construction workers to begin. Please continue praying for us.

Before and after tree clean up. The shadow is 1 foot left of property line.



Phase One—Demolition



Library Closets



Men's Bathroom



Sinks/Women's Bathroom



Stalls/Women's Bathroom



Main Office



Bello/Conference Room

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Night of Peace Concert

Join Sarah Hart and Francesca LaRosa for a beautiful evening of songs and stories as they bring their *Night of Peace* concert to

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Rohnert Park on Sunday, **May 3** at 4:00 p.m. \$31.29 per person includes a credit card processing fee. See the bulletin board in church.

For more information or to reserve your spot, email sesreled@gmail.com or call 707-888-9672.

After the concert, you are invited to stay for fellowship and dinner from Pasta King. Free will donations will be accepted, but please RSVP!

Grief Group Gathering at Holy Spirit Church

On Wednesday, **May 6** beginning at 1:00 p.m., the Holy Spirit Grief Group will gather for a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Ron Serban. Those attending are asked to bring a photo or memento of their loved one to share. After Mass, we will enjoy a light luncheon of pizza and salad, followed by Scripture reading, sharing and fellowship to conclude at 3:30 p.m. It would be helpful if

those who plan to attend would make reservations so we will have sufficient pizza and salad for all. For further information, or for reservations, please call Deanna at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.



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.

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center


Weekend retreats coming up at 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA:

- A Silent Directed Retreat, **July 6-10**, 2026.
- A Married Couples Retreat, **July 17-19**, 2026

For more information on these and other retreats visit <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>.

Women's Retreat—Save the Date—July 18, 2026

\$50 (Early Bird) per person by May 31, \$75 after June 1. Contact Crisarlín Vázquez at familylife@srdiocese.org.




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