

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.

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Website: www.starofthevalley.org

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.



May 2/3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter



Treasures from Our Tradition— Sanctuary Lamp

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or “eternal flame” burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word “tabernacle” itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for “tent,” and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope

by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally “pitched his tent with them” in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of “ark” or “tent” to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God's presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.



Sunday, May 2/3, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts 6:1-7—They chose Stephen.

Responsorial: Psalm 33—Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our

trust in you.

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9—The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Gospel: John 14:1-12—Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.

The Way

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus tells them that he is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.



Entering A New Phase—Mitigation

At this time, Servpro, the water cleanup and restoration company, is awaiting confirmation from our insurance carrier regarding mold coverage. During the mitigation process in the library, suspected

microbial growth was observed on drywall and cabinetry that has since been removed. As a result, mold remediation and clearance testing will be required for this area. This will fall under Phase 2 (Mitigation), pending insurance authorization. We are hopeful to proceed with remediation once confirmation is received.

Servpro will send us the necessary documentation for Phase 1, including the final invoice, and will continue to keep us updated regarding Phase 3—Reconstruction, as the project progresses.

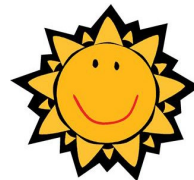
MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 2-10

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| Sat | 2 | 4:00 | †Lorraine Wallace (Barbara Wallace) |
| Sun | 3 | 10:00 | Intention of Mary Pilo (Mary Kennedy) |
| Mon | 4 | | No Mass—Pray a Rosary |
| Tue | 5 | 8:00 | †Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy) |
| Wed | 6 | 8:00 | †Barbara Botta |
| | | 10:30 | O.G.—For the People of the Parish |
| Thur | 7 | 8:00 | †Vivian Tarango |
| Fri | 8 | 8:00 | †Angelo Coero |
| Sat | 9 | 4:00 | †Pat Marabella (Len Marabella) |
| Sun | 10 | 10:00 | †Peggy O'Callaghan (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, 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 (sister of Msgr. Pulskamp), Liz Brosnan, and Alan Gould (husband of Marcy Fox.)

Altar Linens Ministry Needs You

Six volunteer parishioners have been taking turns, one month-at-a-time, laundering and ironing our altar linens. If you would like to help or be the chair of this ministry, please contact the parish office for further information: 707-539-6262 or sov@sonic.net.



Need a Little Sunshine?

The Women's Circle has a Sunshine Committee that would like to send a card to anyone who needs prayer or a little sunshine in their life due to illness or loss of a loved one. Please call any of our Sunshine Ladies: Terry Cutler at 707-280-9995; Paula Scull at 760-809-2760; Carole Kilgariff at 415-370-2083; or Janet Rosshirt at 707-293-4256.

Wednesday/Thursday Helper Needed

We need someone who will roll out the trash cans (blue, gray, & green) at the church each week. Please contact the parish office to offer your help, 707-539-6262.

| | This Weekend — May 2-3 | | Next Weekend — May 9-10 | |
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| | 4:00 p.m. | 10:00 a.m. | 4:00 p.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| EMs: | Blanche Kaiser | Liz Garcia | Jan Rosshirt | Cristina Wadsworth |
| Lector: | Gail Passalacqua | Mike Flanagan | Ted Rosshirt | Bowman Olds |
| Server: | Connie Montague | Jim Warman | Judy Rodgers | Judy Monroe |
| Greeters: | Bob Chapman Pat Chapman | Ron Manning Paula Scull | Tom Basile Sherry Doran | Judy Monroe Mary Bell |
| Ushers: | Ed Montague Tim McCammon Tom Basile | Clarence Younger Steve Hipson Rick Ragan | Ed Montague Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne | Clarence Younger John McCarthy Michael Montez |



PARISH EVENTS—MAY 3-?

Donut Sundays on Hiatus

While we wait for the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center to be repaired, Donut Sundays will be postponed, *saving us all a few calories.*

Bingo Break

Once the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center is repaired and reopened, Bingo Dinner events will resume.

Weekly Collection Report

| April 12 | April 19 | April 26 | Weekly Goal |
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| \$5,421 | \$3,900 | \$5,143 | \$5,365 |

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

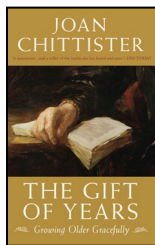
Second Collection

The collection next weekend will be for **Parish Repairs and Maintenance.** The estimated repair costs of the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center are \$500,000. We are hoping that insurance will cover most of it, but we haven't heard yet. Thank you, in advance, for all your contributions toward this recovery effort.



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](https://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.



Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. Our discussion will be on the introduction and Chapter 1, Wednesday, **May 20**, 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
- ▶ New siding for Church
- ▶ Fix parish center roof leaks
- ▶ **& Lightning Damage**

We will have a second collection next weekend, **May 9/10**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance.**

Thank you for your generosity.



St. Vincent,
Pray for Us

Patron Saint of Builders

In 1350, St. Vincent Ferrer was born in what is modern-day Spain to an Anglo-Scottish nobleman and his Spanish wife. At 17 he joined the Dominicans, and he quickly embarked on a life of service and miracles. He taught theology and was an advisor to both the King of Aragon and Pope Benedict XIII. He also worked to end the Western Schism.

But that's not all: he was given many supernatural gifts. He worked over 800 miracles, including bringing a murdered man back to life and healing a hospital full of patients just by praying in front of it. And while St. Vincent Ferrer only spoke Spanish, the gift of tongues caused all who heard him to understand him. As a missionary he converted thousands of people throughout Europe, the Netherlands, and the British Isles before dying at the age of 69 of natural causes.

St. Vincent Ferrer worked so hard to build up the Church that he became the patron of people in building trades. Today, pray about the gifts God has given you. Then ask your pastor how you can help build the Church through evangelization, or by repairing or enhancing the church building.

Losses

The insurance adjuster has advised us of the status of the claim submitted to our insurer, Catholic Mutual Insurance. They are evaluating and investigating the reported structure damage to our Msgr. Fahey Parish Center that resulted in water damage. They have inspected the damaged interior, and are waiting to complete their initial report after receiving additional information and estimates.

Since the electricity had to be turned off for a period of time, part of our loss was food items kept in our refrigerator and freezers for Donut Sunday, Bingo dinners, and Nick's Pantry guests: ground beef, whole chickens, turkeys, hot dogs, cheese, green beans, mixed vegetables, sausage links, muffins, orange juice, etc.



Unfortunately, since the Parish Center is closed, our Food Pantry guests cannot enter to do their "shopping" from Nick's Pantry. (However, we are still able to provide them with Safeway gift cards.) Further status reports will be forthcoming.

Photo Left: Tearing out the parish office ceiling and walls.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



The Community Table Lunch Program

The Community Table Program by Council on Aging provides Sonoma County seniors with a welcoming space to enjoy nutritious meals. Our service encourages socialization and community participation through food, activities, and conversation. Local dining sites available in Santa Rosa, Sonoma, Rohnert Park, Healdsburg, Sebastopol, and Windsor. Reservations are required one week in advance. Suggested \$4 per meal contributions accepted. For more information, call 707-525-0143 x128. See flyer on the bulletin board.

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.



From Brokenness to Redemption: A Life-Changing Testimony



Join us for a powerful morning with Patricia Sandoval, an internationally known speaker and co-author of Transfigured. She will share her moving testimony of healing, faith, and God's mercy. Saturday, **May 23**, 2026, 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Eugene Becker Center. (Light refreshments will be served.) All are welcome—invite a friend!

Sponsored by the Cathedral of St. Eugene's Women of the Word and the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

The Living Room Where Women Rise & Communities Thrive

We are a collaborative community supporting women and their children during times of housing insecurity and urgent need. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information on donating items to them.

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|  <p>SANTA ROSA HILLS SENIOR LIVING</p> <p>Independent & Assisted Living Personalized Memory Care</p> | <p>OPENING SOON!</p> <p>Full-Service Spa • Restaurant-Style Dining Organized Activities • Transportation Services & More!</p> |  <p>707.607.8003 3737 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 SantaRosaHills.com</p> |
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|  <p>DANIELS CHapel OF THE ROSES <i>Funeral Home & Crematory</i></p> | <p>1225 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa 707-525-3730 danielschapeloftheroses.com FD #209/CR #92</p> <p>Serving Catholic families since 1875 Onsite Cremation</p>  |
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YOUR AD SPACE IS WAITING FOR YOU HERE!

If you would like to place an ad in this bulletin please call Sharon at 707-539-6262.

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|  | <p>Mary McCammon Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist 707-545-8264 659 Cherry Street Suite 101, Santa Rosa mary@marymccammonlmft.com website: marymccammonlmft.com</p> <p><i>Supporting those experiencing grief, loss & change.</i> Lic. 124805</p> |
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| <p>FOUNTAINGROVE DENTISTRY</p> | |
| <p>Robert W. Erlach, DDS MAGD Implant & Restorative Dentistry 707-525-1500 2305-A Mendocino Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95403 www.fountaingrovedentistry.com</p> |  |

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| <p>LAFFERTY Colonial</p> |  <p>FD356</p> | <p>SMITH Chapel</p> | <p>4321 Sonoma Highway Santa Rosa, CA 95409</p> | <p>707-539-2921 www.LaffertyandSmith.com CA Lic. # FD356</p> |
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