

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 is taking all calls until further notice.

E-mail: sov@sonic.net

Website: www.starofthevalley.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center—**Closed**
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 23/24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday



Send Out Your Spirit

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we

hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!"

Draw Strength from the Gifts

Everyone who has been confirmed has received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Too often these gifts lie dormant. Can we even imagine what the world would look like if we shook off our stupor and awoke to the reality of these gifts? Take a moment to reflect on each of them. Every one of us, at sometime or another, needs to put into practice one of these gifts. When faced with a difficult decision, draw strength from the gifts of wisdom, understanding, and counsel. When striving to overcome addictive behavior or when working through a difficult marriage issue, draw strength from the gift of fortitude. When asked about your faith, don't be afraid to turn to the Spirit's gift of knowledge. Draw strength from the gifts of piety and fear of the Lord as you nurture your faith life through prayer. Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognize the fact that God has generously poured forth the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Let's not forget the tremendous potential of the gifts of God's Spirit.



Sunday, May 23/24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11—As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

Responsorial: Psalm 104—Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of

the earth.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13—The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good.

Gospel: John 20:19-23—On the first day of the week the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church—May 25, 2026

Waiting For Your Call

“Mother of the Church” is one of Mary’s many titles, first appearing in the writings of Saint Ambrose in the fourth century. But it wasn’t until 1964 that the title was made official by Pope Paul VI. Pope Francis made this title a movable feast in 2018, placing it the day after Pentecost, as a reminder that Mary was with the disciples as the Holy Spirit descended. As the mother of Jesus, the head of the Church, and given to humanity as a mother by Jesus at the foot of the cross, her presence at the event that is known as the “birthday” of the church affirms her role as Mother to the Church as a whole and to each Christian individually.

You can call on Mary.

Parish Office Update—We Moved, Again

The Star of the Valley office staff is working remotely as we wait for the Red Tag to be removed from the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Our answering service is taking all calls to 707-539-6262, and forwarding messages to us by email. For more direct communications, please send us an email at sov@sonic.net. It may be a while before we move the office back into our Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Meanwhile, we regularly check the locked mailbox at the Parish Center, in case you have something to drop off for us.

Locked Mailbox at Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

When depositing envelopes into the locked mailbox outside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, **please push** the louvered drop slot at the top. Do not pull on the lower portion to open as this weakens the locking mechanism.

MASS INTENTIONS—MAY 23–31

Sat	23	4:00	† Barbara Botta (Altar Committee)
Sun	24	10:00	† Cathy Doyle Quinn (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	25		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	26	8:00	† Margaret Focha
Wed	27	8:00	†† Dick & Carol Larsen
		10:30	O.G.—For the People of the Parish
Thur	28	8:00	†† Stan & MaryJo Henrikson
Fri	29	8:00	Intention of Ron Charlton (Sharon Charlton)
Sat	30	4:00	Intention of Liza Peters (Liza Peters)
Sun	31	10:00	† Madonna Sisko (Kathy McKeon)

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, Diane D’Ambrogia, 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: Paul Valente.



Happy Birthday

Be sure to wish Msgr. Pulskamp a happy birthday on Wednesday, **June 3**. To our beloved pastor: Your guidance, compassion, and strength are so deeply appreciated. Thank you for your dedication to us at Star of the Valley Parish. God bless you always.

Why Memorial Day Matters

Memorial Day traces its roots back to the aftermath of the Civil War when communities across the United States began holding ceremonies to honor fallen soldiers. Over time, it evolved into a national holiday observed on the last Monday of May each year. It serves as a poignant reminder of the cost of freedom and the debt of gratitude we owe to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This day is not merely about barbecues, beach trips, or sales events. It’s a time for solemn reflection, remembrance, and reverence. It’s a day to pay homage to the men and women who gave their lives in service to our Nation, ensuring that their legacy of courage and sacrifice endures for generations to come.

This Weekend — May 23-24

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Cathy Hardy	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Mary Mickelsen
Server:	Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Livie Brant Josie Peluso	Sue Cummings Mary Montague
Ushers:	Ed Montague Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger Michael Montez John McCarthy

Next Weekend — May 30-31

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann
Len Marabella	Mike Hanlon
Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann
Livie Brant	Mardie Hart
Marie Crimaldi	Kathy McKeon
Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger
Josie Peluso	Steve Hipson
Michael Sotak	Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—MAY 23-31

Monday, **May 25**, Happy Memorial Day—**Church and Parish Office Closed**



Holiday Status: It is a federal and state holiday, meaning government offices, banks, and post offices will be closed.

Memorial Day Masses in Our Diocese—May 25

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Helena
2121 Spring Street
- 10:00 a.m. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Santa Rosa
2930 Bennett Valley Road
- 10:00 a.m. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Petaluma
304 Magnolia Drive

RSVPs appreciated at 707-546-6290.

Weekly Collection Report

May 3	May 10	May 17	Weekly Goal
\$5,143	\$7,286	\$3,059	\$5,365

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

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**. Your donations help us buy Safeway gift cards and food to give to families in need. Your support will enable us to help those in need once we get back inside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center and have access to Nick's Pantry.



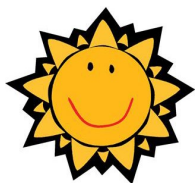
Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through online giving, please scan this QR code or go to our website's online giving page by clicking on **Donate Here** on our website home page:

www.starofthevalley.org. If you have questions or need help, please email Anna in the parish office M, T, Th, F at sov@sonic.net.

The Vine—E-News to the Pews

The weekly publication called The Vine is available for you to receive by email. It is sent each Tuesday from the diocese of Santa Rosa (mail@flocknote.com) and contains news and events from different diocesan departments, schools, and parishes. To sign up, go to <https://srdiocesecommunications.flocknote.com/>



Need a Little Sunshine?

(We have/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. 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.

Pentecost Sequence

Come Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine.

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.



You, of comforters the best,
You, the soul's most welcome guest,
Sweet refreshment here below.

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed light divine,
Shine within these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew.
On our dryness pour your dew.
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will.
Melt the frozen, warm the chill.
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you evermore,
In your sevenfold gift descend.

Give them virtue's sure reward.
Give them your salvation, Lord.
Give them joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia.

Ways to Celebrate Memorial Day

1. Attend a Memorial Day Ceremony: Many communities organize Memorial Day ceremonies at local cemeteries, memorials, or Veterans' organizations. Participating in these events provides an opportunity to pay tribute to fallen soldiers alongside fellow citizens and Veterans.
2. Visit a Military Cemetery: Take a moment to visit a Military cemetery in your area and place flowers or flags on the graves of fallen soldiers. This simple act of remembrance is a powerful way to honor their memory and show appreciation for their service.
3. Moment of Silence: At 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, observe a moment of silence to honor the fallen. This simple yet profound gesture is a way to collectively pause and reflect on the sacrifices of those who gave everything for our country.



Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.

—Unknown

Honoring Americans Who Died Defending Our Nation & Its Values

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Job Opportunities

A small Calistoga parish has part-time positions available in the parish office and in faith formation. For more information, please email LNorcia@SRdiocese.org or call 707-566-3322.



Disaster Preparedness Trainings

EPH Prepares Seniors for Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies. Participants receive an emergency go-bag and supplies. In this popular FREE two-part series, we bring together local

experts to provide you with essential education on how to stay safe in an emergency.

What you'll learn:

- How to prepare emergency go-bags
- Where to go, what to do in an evacuation
- Steps to take in extended power outages
- Pet care in an emergency
- Earthquake safety
- Basic equipment and provisions needed
- Sign-ups for emergency alerts and radios

Register online: www.emergencyprephelp.org/events

Email: info@emergencyprephelp.org

Phone: 707-241-3280

Two locations:

Council On Aging, Santa Rosa: **June 1 and 15**, 11:00-1:00 Lunch included with Workshop.

St. Patrick's Church, Kenwood: **June 9 and 23**, 10:00-12:00.

Corpus Christi Procession—Thursday, June 4


Join members of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, starting with Mass, 5:30 p.m. at St. Rose Church. Afterward, we will walk up Sonoma Avenue with Jesus and many others, pausing for prayer and reflection at significant locations, and end at the Cathedral of St. Eugene for final benediction and exposition. For more information contact Stephen Morris at dsyouth@srdiocese.org.

You Are Invited

The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa invite you to the Perpetual Profession of Vows of Sister Maria Consolata of Our Lady, Spouse of the Holy Ghost, on Saturday, **June 6**, 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. Mass will be celebrated with a light reception to follow.

What is Perpetual Profession of Vows?

The Perpetual Profession of Vows is a lifelong commitment a religious sister makes to God through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. After years of formation and discernment, she freely gives her life completely to Christ and His Church.


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