

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.

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*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.



February 1/2, 2025— The Presentation of the Lord



Predicting His Future

Today's Gospel describes a meeting between a young couple and their infant child with Simeon and Anna, both of them well on in years. Simeon's response when he met the infant Jesus was to pray; he blessed God. His prayer has become part of the official night prayer of the church.

Anna's response on meeting the child Jesus was to speak about Jesus to others, especially to those who were waiting for God to visit them in a special way. Whereas Simeon lifted up his heart in prayer, Anna bore witness to Jesus before others. Simeon's meeting with Jesus and his parents led him to look towards God in prayer; Anna's meeting with Jesus and his parents led her to look towards others in witness. Simeon and Anna have each something to say to us about how to receive the Lord.

We too are called to receive the Lord in prayer and in witness. We bless God, we thank God, in prayer for the gift of his Son, the light to enlighten all people, and we proclaim God's gift to others, by witnessing to the Lord in our lives, by what we say and do. The Lord who entered the temple in Jerusalem as the light of the world has entered all our lives; today we look to Simeon and Anna to show us how to respond to his gracious coming.



Sunday, February 1/2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord
Reading I: *Malachi 3:1-4*—I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.
Responsorial: *Psalm 24*—Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

Reading II: *Hebrews 2:14-18*—Because Jesus himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*—Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Comfort Food for The Soul

Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today, served because of a special connection this day has to January 6, the Epiphany. On Epiphany, *La Rosca*, a cake in the shape of a crown, is shared by family and friends in honor of the Magi, a.k.a., the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2025

The Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, will be conducted **February 15 and 16**. Our parish target this year is \$23,000. Our parish receives 100% of what we raise over this goal. (We received \$4,566 back from last year's AMA.) With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese each year, including the Catholic education of our children and Seminarians, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and restricted funds for the ministries only. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: www.srdiocese.org.

Diocesan Catholic Schools

More information about all the parochial and Catholic schools in our diocese may be found at: <https://www.srdiocese.org/catholic-schools>

MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 1-9

Sat	1	4:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Harriet Draper)
Sun	2	10:00	† Carolyn Bettencourt (Larry Bettencourt)
Mon	3		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	4	8:00	Intention of Alan Hennessy (Cheryl Hennessy)
Wed	5	8:00	† Brian Barthelow (Iz Campbell)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	6	8:00	Intention of Alan Hennessy (Cheryl Hennessy)
Fri	7	8:00	Intention of Mike Apicella (Frances Waska)
Sat	8	4:00	† Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun	9	10:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Kathy McKeon)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Dr. Mike Apicella, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died.

Pray for Priests in February

The February calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in church. Please pick one up and pray for them, and for more vocations to the priesthood.



Donut Sunday—Next Week

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz Flores for sponsoring next weekend's Donut Sunday in memory of her husband Bob Flores. Please come to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center for fellowship and donuts before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on **February 9**, and you may also visit our library while you're there.

If you would like to sponsor a future Donut Sunday to celebrate, honor, or in memory of someone, please contact Drew Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

Catholic Schools

National Catholic Schools Week (January 26-February 1) may be past, but it's never too late to support them and their students with your donations.

	This Weekend — February 1-2		Next Weekend — February 8-9	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Micki Sabourin	Barbara Spotleson	Linda Luceti	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Connie Pearson	John Knight	Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
Server:	Dennis Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson	Connie Montague	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Tim Burkhard Paula Scull	Marie Crimaldi Lisa Munoz Flores	Ron Manning Judy Monroe
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers TBD	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John Knight Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 1–8

Winter Quiet Time—No Events again this week. Zzzzz

Weekly Collection Report

Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26	Weekly Goal
\$4,511	\$3,627	\$5,936	\$5,365

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

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend, **February 8-9**, will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**.

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2024 Contribution Statements

If you would like a Contribution Statement of your donations to Star of the Valley Church in 2024, please contact the office by phone at 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net.

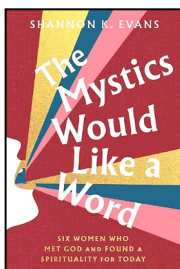


Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through electronic giving, please scan the QR code or go to our website's

Donate Here page:

giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch.



Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *The Mystics Would Like a Word: Six Women Who Met God and Found A Spirituality for Today* by Shannon K. Evans. Read Chapter 2: *Sensuality, Sexuality, and Living as a Person in a Body*, on Wednesday, **February 19**,

10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Thanks to you, we can maintain our parish buildings and properties. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!

Projects recently completed, or on our list to complete, include:

- ▶ Chair repair & cleaning at Parish Center
- ▶ Refrigerator repair in Parish Center kitchen
- ▶ Ballard light timing adjustment at church
- ▶ Kitchen pot filler installed

We will have a 2nd collection next weekend, **February 8-9** for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



Planned Giving

Regardless of your current income, with foresight and planning, you can continue to give to Star of the Valley Parish far into the future.

Gifts may be in the form of cash, property, investments, or a portion of an estate. In many cases there can be significant tax advantages.

For more information, pick up a *Heritage Friends* pamphlet and a *Planned Giving Statement of Intent*, or go to our parish website. Talk with your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor to help you determine the type of gift that is right for you and how you might include Star of the Valley Parish in your estate planning.

Memorial of John Bosco—January 31 Celebrating A Lovely Education

Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest, was an educator ahead of his time. He understood the power of positive reinforcement long before modern psychology came along—and he applied this theory to teaching poor kids who had rough lives. His method? Quite simply, love. Rather than punish kids, he was kind. During Catholic Schools Week, offer a prayer of thanks for the educators who nurtured you through your formative years. Whether you went to Catholic schools or not, those special teachers were reflecting Christ's love back to you. Remember how their good works shaped the Christian you are today.

Valentine Bingo

Tuesday, February 11
4:00 p.m.

Dinner: **\$10**

Bingo Cards: **\$2 each**
Valentine Prizes

to the winners of each game.

Please be here between 3:30 and 3:45
so we can start promptly at 4:00.

If you don't play bingo,
come for dinner at 5:20 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner:

Italian Wedding Soup, French Bread,
Corn Bread, & Brownies

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Workshop: Introduction to Ignatian Discernment

A non-silent retreat for women and men led by Fr. Kevin Leidich, S.J. at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, Friday through Sunday, **February 14**,

3:00 p.m.–February 16, 1:00 p.m. Call 650-917-4000 for more information.

A Prayer Journey with the Psalms

A silent retreat for women and men led by Sr. Ingrid Clemmensen, O.P. and Ms. Anne Grycz at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, Friday, March 21, 3:00 p.m. through Sunday, March 23, 2:00 p.m. Call 650-917-4000 for more information.



Christ the King Weekend Retreat Season

All weekends are open to members of any parish group and individuals.

■ **Men's Retreats:** February 28–March 2, April 4–6, May 2–4

■ **Women's Retreats:** February 21–23, March 7–9, March 28–30, April 11–13, April 25–27
Call 916-725-4720 ext. 301 or visit

<https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>

For more information on having a great marriage or fixing a broken one—see booklets on the Divine Mercy counter.



National Marriage Week

WE VALUE MARRIAGE • EVERY FEB 7-14

Celebrate Marriage Week

National Marriage Week is **February 7-14**. World Marriage Day is Sunday, **February 9**, and this year's theme is *Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursuing a Lasting Love*. Resources, for married and engaged couples, are available for supporting marriage relationships and to help celebrate and live the great gift of married life.

Go to  **SMARTLoving**

<https://smartloving.org/marriageweek/> for a free Intentional Couple's Micro-Course, Marriage Enrichment, and support for Spouses in Troubled Marriages.

Go to *For Your Marriage* at

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/> for a free at-home couples' retreat, Lectio Divina, and recorded resources.

Go to <https://srdiocese.org/radiate-love> for powerful livestreams each night of National Marriage Week.

All livestreams will be at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) via National Marriage Week YouTube Channel. A special viewing link will be sent to you before the event.



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