

# 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**

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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

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.



## **January 4/5, 2025—Epiphany of the Lord**

### **Light of the World**

We believe that Jesus is the Light of the World. To say this about Jesus is to say something about ourselves. Christ's light is meant to illuminate every corner of the earth and gather all people together. Today's scriptures reveal what that means.

In the Gospel story of the magi from the East we see Jesus, even as an infant, gathering people of different religions and races to his light. The magi bring the child their finest gifts and tell others of the light that they have seen. The reading from Ephesians reminds us that all Christians are "members of the same body, and copartners" in divine life. There ought not to be divisions among us: all should gather together under the light of Christ. Finally, Isaiah paints a picture of what the people of God, the Church, should look like. We are to reflect the Light of the World so that all nations can walk by Christ's light and rulers by his shining radiance. When we do, all people will be gathered to Christ, bearing their finest gifts and "proclaiming the praises of the Lord."

### **Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh**

The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh portend the manner in which Jesus' light is to spread to the whole world. Myrrh, a perfume used for burial, foreshadows his death. Gold is a gift for royalty, and frankincense signifies holiness. Together they indicate that, through his suffering and death, Jesus will become both the afflicted King, in whose service we are to offer our gifts to the afflicted, and the eternal Priest, whose sacrifice we are to make known as the source of light uniting Christians and all humanity. By our unity, our witness, we are to reveal that Jesus Christ is indeed the Light of the World.



**Sunday, January 4-5, 2025**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Reading I:** *Isaiah 60:1-6*—Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 72*—Lord,

every nation on earth will adore you.

**Reading II:** *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*—The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 2:1-12*—Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews.

**MASS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 4-12**

Sat	4	4:00	†Mike Carey (Diane Carey)
Sun	5	10:00	†Agnes Apicella (Dick & Vi D’Oliva)
Mon	6		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	7	8:00	†Fr. Paul Perry
Wed	8	8:00	†Lincoln R. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
		10:30	O.G. <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	9	8:00	†Patricia Daly
Fri	10	8:00	†Margo Chicoine
Sat	11	4:00	†Anthony Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun	12	10:00	†Helena Frieda Moniaga (Christina The)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Hoyt Family, Millie McKay, Karen O’Malley, Carol Pascoe, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Tom Sosnowski, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Pat Daly

**It Was a Beautiful Christmas**

Thank you to a great team decorating the church for Christmas. It cannot be done without all of our altar decorating committee. Thank you: Ruth Fulger, Barbara Spotleson, Connie Pearson and Michele Osmon. Thank you to Gary Montague and Fritz Spotleson for setting up the Nativity scene. Enjoy our church with color again to celebrate the Birth of Christ.



♥ Mary Montague, Decorating Lead



**MEN'S CLUB**

**INSTALLATION DINNER**



**All Men Invited**

**Thursday, January 16**

At the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

**5:00** Social Hour (Bar Open)  
**5:45** Annual business meeting  
**6:00** Scrumptious prime rib dinner

**Menu**  
 Green Salad, Rolls, Roast Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert

Dinner Cost: **\$25\***  
 \*Includes Men’s Club Membership

**RSVP** by Monday, **January 13, 2025**

**Membership forms are available in the church & by the Men’s Club box in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.**

Membership dues for 2025 are **\$15**. Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682 or Drew Hofmann at 949-279-0011, for more information. Membership applications are accepted year-round.



**This Weekend — January 4-5**

<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Jan Rosshirt	Liz Garcia
Ted Rosshirt	Bowman Olds
Judy Rodgers	John Dolan
Bob Chapman	Tim Burkhard
Pat Chapman	Paula Scull
Kathleen Beirne	John Knight
Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger

**Next Weekend — January 11-12**

<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann
Sherry Rosevear	John Knight
Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann
Livie Brant	Mary Bell
Lisa Munoz Flores	Judy Monroe
TBD	Tim Burkhard
TBD	Rick Ragan

## PARISH EVENTS—JANUARY 4–11

Sunday, **January 5**, Donut Sunday

Thursday, **January 9**, 1:30 Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

### Weekly Collection Report

Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29	Weekly Goal
\$7,759	\$5,082	\$15,893	\$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, **January 11-12**, will be for our Neighbor-to-Neighbor programs which help feed those in need in our community.

## Parish Repair & Maintenance

Projects recently completed, or on our list, include:

- ▶ Door opener/closer repaired at the church
- ▶ Parish Center parking lot light repair
- ▶ Toilet leak repaired

We will have a 2nd collection this weekend, **January 4-5** for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



## Meatball Tortellini Soup

**4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14**

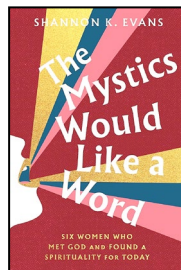
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**Dinner: \$10**

**Bingo Cards: \$2 each**

All are welcome. If you don't play bingo, come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner: Meatball Tortellini Soup, Garlic Bread, and Brownies



### 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 1: *Teresa of Ávila: Trusting Yourself Doesn't Make You a Heretic*, on Tuesday, **January 21**,

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

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “**20 + C + M + B + 25.**” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the Magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalking blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

### The Sanctity of Home

“Home is where the heart is” is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the *hearth* is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or use ***The Blessing of a Home on Epiphany***, inserted in this bulletin.

### Happy 2025

2025 is a jubilee year for the Catholic Church. The 2025 Jubilee Year has the theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” and that is a beautiful thought to reflect on as we enter the new year. Start the new year in prayer for all those who need an increase in hope, perhaps by offering a Holy Hour or praying a Rosary for that intention.

## Happy 100th Birthday!

Eileen Poggi turns 100 on January 11, 2025. Congrats!



### We Value Your Input! Connecting Hearts Together

Please help the Diocese Communications Team by taking a short survey to share your thoughts and feedback by scanning the QR code here,

or visiting [www.connecthearts.org](http://www.connecthearts.org).

Your voice makes a difference! See the December *North Coast Catholic*.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Job Opportunity

Catholic School seeking an HR Generalist to join their team! For more information please email:

[Lnorcia@srdioocese.org](mailto:Lnorcia@srdioocese.org).

### Pilgrimage Walk

Join the 2025 Walking Season by celebrating the Patron Saint of Athletes, St. Sebastian. We'll walk from Sebastopol to Occidental after Mass at St. Sebastian's Church on Monday, **January 20**, 2025. Fellowship, history lessons, and understanding our land better are promised, but God will deliver much more. RSVP/Info—Stephen Morris 310-849-2342.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



### Walk For Life West Coast 2025

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest

among us at the 21st Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, **January 25th**, 2025.

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. After Mass we will walk to SF Civic Center for the Annual Walk for Life Rally which begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Walk of Life March down Market Street to the Ferry Building at 1:30 p.m. For more information visit

[www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com).

If interested in **transportation**, the Knights of Columbus are organizing a bus trip to San Francisco. Two buses will begin boarding at 7:45 a.m. to leave St. Eugene's at 8:00 a.m. and drop passengers off at San Francisco's St. Mary's Cathedral for 9:30 a.m. Mass. We will board our bus at the end of the walk around 3:30 p.m. and we will arrive back at St. Eugene's around 5:00 p.m. Bus tickets can be purchased at the St. Eugene's Church Office on a first come/first serve basis. The cost for the bus is \$28. Be aware, in past years the bus tickets to this event have sold out quickly.



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