

# 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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Answering service when the Office is closed.

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**Website: [www.starofthevalley.org](http://www.starofthevalley.org)**

## **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.



## **February 15/16, 2025— Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **The Great Discourse**

Imagine the comfort and affirmation felt by the crowd when Jesus tells them that they will be blessed in their weakness, their hungers, and their tears. Imagine the surge of courage that courses through them when he tells them that to be hated, ostracized, and insulted in his name will be honorable, a blessing, and a reason to rejoice.

If we can place ourselves on that plain at midday, part of the large crowd surrounding Jesus and the apostles, we may feel some of the excitement and anticipation that they must have felt. Imagine reaching out your hand to touch his cloak. Look into his eyes and sense his energy and his compassion. Hear him speak the words that you know by heart, for the first time.

Like the apostles and the crowd on the plain, we are also commissioned in the Beatitudes to choose life. By our baptism, we are given the choice of being that tree whose “leaves stay green” and that “fears not the heat when it comes,” for the heat will surely come if we choose this path. If we “delight in the law of the Lord,” we will be able to withstand life’s dry spells and still remain fruitful, and our fruits will be savored long after we have “fallen asleep in Christ.”

### **Blessed**

Today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel contains the “Beatitudes,” as does the Gospel of Matthew. In fact, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels as in Jeremiah, today’s psalm, and John’s Gospel. They are short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!



**Sunday, February 15/16, 2025**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** *Jeremiah 17:5-8*—Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 1*—Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

**Reading II:** *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-*

*20*—Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Gospel:** *Luke 6:17, 20-26*—Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing.



**Annual Ministry Appeal 2025**

The work of the AMA is at heart your work, the work to which you are oriented by your Baptism: the service of God through service of your brothers and sisters in Christ. By making a gift to the Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, you can touch souls and change lives throughout our diocese. Thank you to all who have already pledged, moving us closer to our goal as a parish community. Every gift is sincerely appreciated!

Again, our parish goal is \$23,000 this year. Please write **Star of the Valley** on the Parish line of your pledge envelope and return it in the collection basket or mail it. Extra AMA pledge envelopes are available in the church and the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

**Parish Office Closed for Presidents' Day**

Monday, **February 17**, the parish office will be closed in honor of Presidents' Day.

**Dedicate a Donut Sunday—Who's Next?**

If you would like to sponsor a future Donut Sunday at Star of the Valley, to honor a special occasion or to celebrate the memory of someone, please contact Drew Hofmann of our Men's Club at 707-539-2706.



**Flu Season Recommendation**

Wearing a face covering is optional at Star of the Valley Church, but since it's flu season, and with RSV and all the new variants of COVID out there, it is suggested that you consider wearing an N95 (or equivalent) face covering, depending on your risk factors and vulnerability. Please stay safe and healthy. And, please stay home if you're sick.

**MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 15–23**

Sat	15	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun	16	10:00	† <b>Martin Kilgariff</b> (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Mon	17		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	18	8:00	† <b>Pat Marabella</b> (Len Marabella)
Wed	19	8:00	† <b>Lincoln R. McCarthy</b> (Maria McCarthy)
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	20	8:00	† <b>Paul Feyen</b>
Fri	21	8:00	† <b>Rev. Balaswami Govindu</b>
Sat	22	4:00	† <b>Bob Waska</b> (Frances Waska)
Sun	23	10:00	† <b>Bishop John Cummins</b>

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, Sharon Charlton, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Harriet Draper, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Carol Pascoe, Merle Reuser, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Bill Boorman, Patricia Daly, Fr. Balaswami Govindu, and Pricilla Peralejo.

**What's in the Fireside Room?**

All kinds of fabulous books and other media are in the Star of the Valley Fireside Room, aka the library, including books written by some of our very own parishioners—*Magda's Memoirs* by Magda Shelton; *Once Upon A Time: Tales from Fifty Years of Teaching* by Marcella "Marcy" Fox; and *A Collection of Poems* by M.H. "Andy" Andrew.

Come on in to the library, inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, any weekday during office hours.



**Lost & Found**

Please look in the Quiet Room of the church to retrieve lost articles left in the church. Check the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center to retrieve lost articles left there. Anything not claimed after one month will either be discarded or considered a donation.

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness. —John Steinbeck

**This Weekend — February 15-16**

**4:00 p.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Blanche Kaiser	Kar Hofmann
<b>Lector:</b>	Sherry Rosevear	Mike Hanlon
<b>Server:</b>	Micki Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
<b>Greeters:</b>	Gayle Brinker Diane D'Ambrogia	Mary Bell Marietta Mancuso
<b>Ushers:</b>	Judy Rodgers TBD	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger

**Next Weekend — February 22-23**

**4:00 p.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

Jan Rosshirt	Marge Lamb
Ted Rosshirt	Bob Zeni
Judy Rodgers	John Dolan
Cathy Hardy	Sue Cummings
Pete Hardy	Tim Cummings
TBD	John Knight
TBD	Rick Ragan



## PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 16–22

Monday, **February 17**, Office Closed—Presidents' Day

Wednesday, **February 19**, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—  
Church Quiet Room

Thursday, **February 20**, 1:30 Finance Council Meeting—  
Zoom

## Weekly Collection Report

Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Weekly Goal
\$5,936	\$4,341	\$5,041	\$5,365

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

## Collections

You will have an opportunity to contribute or make a pledge to **the 2025 AMA, One Family in Mission** this weekend.

**2024 EOY  
STATEMENTS  
NOW AVAILABLE**

## 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](mailto:sov@sonic.net).



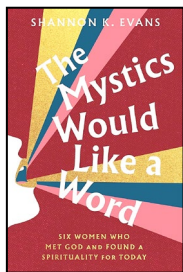
## Electronic Giving

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

[giving/starofthevalleychurch](http://giving/starofthevalleychurch).



## Spiritual Book Club

All 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 and join us on Wednesday, **February 19**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

## Nick's Pantry Needs

Currently, Nick's Pantry needs grocery bags. Paper or plastic bags may be dropped off at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center during the week. Thank you.

## It's A Long Road to Freedom

Justice feels good—if we're on the side of the angels when it's meted out. Which means in most cases, the struggle for justice will cost us. This was certainly true for Frederick Douglass (1818-95), born enslaved yet becoming the first black American to gain a vote for president of the United States. As he wrote in his 1852 July Fourth speech: "The . . . conscience of the nation must be roused . . . the hypocrisy of the nation must be exposed; and its crimes against God and man must be denounced." On *Feb. 20, World Day of Social Justice*, consider the price you're willing to pay for justice.



# Irish Dinner

**Thursday, March 20**

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center  
495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m.

## Menu

Green Salad with Rolls  
Corned Beef with Mustard  
Cabbage, Guinness Carrots with Dill  
Colcannon Style Potatoes  
Dessert

**\$25 per Person**

## Full Cash Bar

To reserve a seat: Mail or drop off your check payable to **SOV Men's Club** at the Parish Center.

To reserve a table for 8 (max.), please put the checks payable to **SOV Men's Club** for each person at your table in one envelope and list each name on the outside of the envelope.

*Unfortunately*, adding names *after* making the initial dinner reservation will *not* guarantee additional seats at your table.

## Seating is limited!

Seating is reserved based on the date your reservation and payment is received.

**All reservations due by March 17, 2024**

Don't wait to sign up. This event always sells out!  
Questions? Call Jim Warman, 707-230-2682.



**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**  
**Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Vasa**  
 Sunday, **February 16**, 2025 at the  
 Cathedral of St. Eugene, 10:30 a.m.

**Medical & Financial Advocacy**

Paige Yahya, a healthcare advocate and RN, and Sandra Dexter, an attorney and professional fiduciary, will be discussing these and other issues on Wednesday, **February 19**, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church in Kenwood. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Learn more about medical, legal, and financial help at the February 19 presentation. RSVP by February 16 to 707-833-4228 or email [mack.saintpatricks@gmail.com](mailto:mack.saintpatricks@gmail.com).

It’s always better to do your research before you find yourself in an emergency situation. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



**Lenten Fish Fry**

Knights of Columbus Council 1324 is holding a Take-Out-Only Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, **March 7**, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Becker Center of St. Eugene’s Cathedral. \$30 per meal of a fish fillet, baked potato, and coleslaw may be purchased before March 3rd online at <https://kofc1324.org/>. Click on *To Go Fish Fry*, then

print the receipt and bring it with you when picking up your dinner.

**Chancery News—Schools & Parish Safety Meeting**

Register for our Monday, **March 17** Safety Meeting for schools and parishes! This event at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Rohnert Park will be from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and will feature presentations from the FBI, Catholic Mutual Group, and Derek Gaskin, Project Manager.

Topics include:

- Proactive disaster preparedness strategies.
- A detailed FBI presentation on intruder profiles and handling critical situations.
- Insights from Catholic Mutual on insurance perspectives and post-crisis steps.

This is a valuable chance to enhance your parish’s safety protocols.

RSVP by Monday, March 3rd using the link below!

[RSVP to Meeting](#)

**The Vine—Free Diocesan E-News**

The new Diocese of Santa Rosa’s Director of Communications, Daniel Muniz, has created a new weekly publication, called *The Vine*, that is available for you to receive by email. It is sent each Tuesday and contains news and events from different diocesan departments, schools, and parishes. To sign up, go to <https://srdiocesecommunications.flocknote.com/>



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