

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

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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

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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 22/23, 2025— Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do No Harm

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

The Measure You Will Measure

The readings today all resonate with the message of today’s Gospel, urging us to have compassion for others and to treat them as we would wish to be treated. David spares Saul’s life because he refuses to play God and condemn his adversary.

Paul urges his followers to recognize themselves as spiritual beings, capable of responding in a Christ-like way in all situations.

Jesus, understanding human nature, gives us good reason to follow his difficult commands. Those who do so will be blessed beyond imagining! “Good measure packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.” It’s a promise—the same promise given to David in the desert of Ziph, to Paul in the blinding light at his conversion, and to Jesus on the cross. We have no choice but to believe it, too, if we are to save ourselves—and our world.



Sunday, February 22/23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23—David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him.
Responsorial: Psalm 103—The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49—We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38—Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back

Feast of the Chair of Peter the Apostle
Please be seated

The topic of papal infallibility relates to February 22's feast. A pope only makes infallible statements of faith when he speaks *ex cathedra*—Latin for “from the chair.” *Cathedra*, from which we also get the word “cathedral,” refers to a bishop’s throne, a visual symbol of authority and governance harkening back to monarchical times. It’s symbolic of a bishop being the seat of government for a particular locality. In this case, the pope is actually bishop of Rome, as Saint Peter was... and the Roman Catholic Church recognizes Rome’s bishop as having authority over all the rest. Pray for Peter’s successor today.

Good Advice

When we find ourselves in company with quarrelsome, eccentric individuals... we should take refuge in silence, and the wisest plan is not to reply to people whose behavior is so posterous. —St. Ambrose



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/>

MASS INTENTIONS—FEBRUARY 22–MARCH 2

Sat	22	4:00	†Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	23	10:00	†Bishop John Cummins
Mon	24		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	25	8:00	†Fr. Bala Govindu
Wed	26	8:00	††Al & Helen Maggini
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	27	8:00	Intention of Harvey Hoyt (Anna Jean)
Fri	28	8:00	†Don Schulte
Sat	1	4:00	†Mary Hanson (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Sun	2	10:00	†Ed Schudel (Robin Schudel)

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, Pope Francis, 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: Fr. Balaswami Govindu.

AMA Annual Ministry Appeal 2025

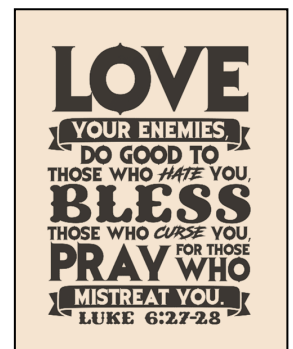
If you have not already pledged or donated to this year’s AMA, please do so today. We are counting on you to respond generously and to give for the spiritual benefit of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Funds provided through the AMA help to bring Christ’s love and hope to others. Effectively continuing His mission requires a united effort by every Catholic throughout our Diocesan Church. To date, \$7,920 has been pledged, bringing us to 34% of our goal. Thank you! It is not too late to participate. Please use the envelopes available in the vestibule or give online at www.srdiocese.org.

Flu Season Recommendation

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.

How old would you be if you didn’t know how old you are?

	This Weekend — February 22-23		Next Weekend — March 1-2	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Marge Lamb	Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia
Lector:	Ted Rosshirt	Bob Zeni	Connie Pearson	John Knight
Server:	Judy Rodgers	John Dolan	Mary Kay Riccioni	John Dolan
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mary Bell Paula Scull
Ushers:	TBD TBD	John Knight Rick Ragan	Judy Rodgers Michael Sotak	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—FEBRUARY 23—MARCH 2

Relax and enjoy this nice quiet week.

Weekly Collection Report

Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Weekly Goal
\$4,341	\$5,041	\$3,243	\$5,365

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

Second Collections

The second collection next weekend, **March 1-2**, will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**.

Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week on Ash Wednesday, **March 5**, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.

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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.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Projects recently completed, or on our list, include:

- ▶ Parish Center HVAC maintenance
- ▶ Parish Center parking lot light repair
- ▶ Chair repair in Parish Center
- ▶ Ballard Lights timing adjustment

We will have a 2nd collection next weekend, **March 1-2** for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



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



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.

Schools & Parish Safety Meeting

Register for the 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.–noon 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 clicking on this link [RSVP to Meeting](#)

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.

Catholic In Recovery Retreats

Catholic in Recovery (CIR) provides hope and healing for individuals and families seeking freedom from addiction, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Rooted in the Sacraments and the Twelve Steps of Recovery, CIR supports everyone on their recovery journey, welcoming all into a compassionate, faith-filled community.

CIR will host retreats at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon. The Men's Retreat is **March 28–30**, and the Women's Retreat is **April 11–13**. These retreats offer a chance to encounter God's healing through inspiring talks, personal testimonies, Twelve Step principles, prayer, and the Sacraments, fostering community and deeper healing.

Scott Weeman, CIR's founder, shared the program's mission on *Relevant Radio's Morning Air*. Listen to the 16-minute interview here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxv2UNOZwd8>.

Register online by visiting www.catholicinrecovery.com/events. See flyers on the bulletin board for more information.



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