

# 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

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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.



## March 1/2, 2025— Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BE FULLY  
DEVOTED  
TO THE WORK  
OF THE LORD



### Give Me A Break

After last week's rather involved and intense readings, we get a chance to settle back today and deal with images that are a little bit more commonplace and common-sense.

We also have some goals set for us that are a bit more realistic, perhaps;

at least they seem more within our reach. Jesus even turns a bit of wry humor on us, speaking of the planks in our own eyes that we cannot see because we are so focused on the splinters in another person's eye. And, no matter what the vocation to which we have been led, we can take heart in Paul's words today: "Your labor is not in vain."

### The Fruitful Christian Community

There are multiple metaphors in both Sirach and Luke's Gospel that give us some easy-to-follow cautions and ways to evaluate our own vocations. The fruitful tree described in the first reading and Gospel today will only be fruitful when various things work together: the sun and rain, soil and the creatures that keep it fertile, the farmer weeding and pruning. So it is with the Christian community. During Lent our parish journey with each other will help us renew the working together of our lives and vocations to be fruitful for the life of the world. We will take the opportunity to ask our brothers and sisters to help us examine our eyes for the splinters of sin, and will continue to seek to be, as Paul says, always devoted to the work of the Lord. We also hear, in the Gospel verse, yet one more metaphor to lead us in our daily vocations and bring us to that day when death is swallowed up in victory: "Shine like lights in the world."



**Sunday, March 1/2, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Sirach 27:4-7*—In tribulation is the test of the just.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 92*—Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.  
**Reading II:** *1 Corinthians 15:54-58*—

In the Lord, your labor is not in vain.

**Gospel:** *Luke 6:39-45*—Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?



**2025 Lenten Regulations**

The Lenten Season is to prepare the faithful to be ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, and to prepare themselves by

penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises.

The current discipline is as follows:

- Ash Wednesday, March 5, and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, that is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat.
- The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- The law of fasting permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of their sixtieth (60) year are obligated to fast.
- The law of abstinence from meat applies to all persons who have completed their fourteenth year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages seven to fourteen years also follow the law of abstinence.
- All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Penance so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery.
- The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social."

**MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 1-9**

Sat	1	4:00	† <b>Mary Hanson</b> (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Sun	2	10:00	† <b>Ed Schudel</b> (Robin Schudel)
Mon	3		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	4	8:00	† <b>Betty Calvi</b> (Maria McCarthy)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9:00</b>	† <b>Pat Marabella</b> (Len Marabella)
		10:30	O.G. <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
		<b>4:00</b>	<b>Intention of Pope Francis</b>
Thurs	6	8:00	<b>Intentions of Randy &amp; Michele Osmon</b> (The Osmons)
Fri	7	8:00	† <b>Pat Kane</b> (Carole Kilgariff)
Sat	8	4:00	† <b>Jack Luceti</b> (Linda Luceti)
Sun	9	10:00	† <b>Louis Mambretti</b> (Diana Mambretti)

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, Delia Mansell, 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.



**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. \$23,000 is our parish goal. It is not too late to participate. Please use the envelopes available in the vestibule or give online at [www.srdioocese.org](http://www.srdioocese.org).

**Pray for Priests in March**

The March calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in church. You will see Monsignor's name! Please pray for him and the others.



**Donut Sunday—March 2**

Many thanks to Kathleen and Tom Beirne for sponsoring this weekend's Donut Sunday in memory of Martin Kilgariff. See you at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center!

	<b>This Weekend — March 1-2</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday — March 5</b>		<b>Next Weekend — March 8-9</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Connie Pearson	Jan Rosshirt	Barbara Spotleson
<b>Lector:</b>	Gail Passalacqua	John Knight	Len Marabella	Blanche Kaiser	Ted Rosshirt	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Mary Kay Riccioni	John Dolan	Dennis Sabourin	Judy Rodgers	Mary Kay R.	Fritz Spotleson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mary Bell Paula Scull	NA NA	NA NA	Livie Brant Lisa Flores	Tim Burkhard Judy Monroe
<b>Ushers:</b>	Judy Rodgers Michael Sotak	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger	TBD Michael Sotak	Kathleen B. Tom Beirne	John Knight Clarence Younger

## PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 1-9

Sunday, **March 2**, Donut Sunday—Parish Center  
Tuesday, **March 4**, 4:00 Bingo—Parish Center  
Wednesday, **March 5**, 9:00 & 4:00 Ash Wednesday  
Masses—Church  
Saturday, **March 8**, Set clocks *forward* one hour before  
going to bed

## Weekly Collection Report

Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23	Weekly Goal
\$5,041	\$3,243	\$4,344	\$5,365

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

## Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This 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](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**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).

## Stations of the Cross

During Fridays in Lent, or any day, you are encouraged to do personal Stations of the Cross by using the handout found on the Divine Mercy counter. If you are unable to get to church, you can watch and pray on YouTube: <https://www.wordonfire.org/stations/>



## 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 this 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.



**4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4**  
 Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

**Dinner: \$10**  
**Bingo Cards: \$2 each**

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

**Butternut Squash Soup,**  
 Garlic Bread, Corn Bread, & Brownies

**Pray for Pope Francis**

Today, as one Church, we unite in prayer for Pope Francis's health, seeking the intercession of St. Peter the Apostle and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

- Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
- God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*
- God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
- God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*
- Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
- Holy Mary, Mother of God, *pray for us.*
- Queen of Apostles, *pray for us.*
- Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, *pray for us.*
- St. Peter, so ardent for the glory of Christ, *pray for us.*
- St. Peter, whose heart was pierced with one look from Jesus, *pray for us.*
- St. Peter, who ceased not to grieve for having denied the Son of God, *pray for us.*
- St. Peter, bound in chains for Christ, *pray for us.*
- St. Peter, who rejoiced to suffer for Christ, *pray for us.*
- St. Peter, whose very shadow healed the sick, *pray for us.*

Let us pray. O God, Who, upon blessed Peter, your Apostle, did bestow the pontifical power of binding and loosing, and did give to him the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: grant that his intercession may ensure our deliverance from the bondage of sin. Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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