

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
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.



March 29/30, 2025—Fourth Sunday of Lent



Laetare Sunday

“Let Us Celebrate With a Feast”

As we leave winter behind and enter into the home stretch of our Lenten journey, we have good reason to celebrate. We know that with each new sunrise we will enjoy more warmth and daylight. We know also that Christ, our risen “Sun,” is bringing more and more warmth and light into the world with each new day. How better to celebrate than with a feast! The first reading, the psalm, and the Gospel for this Sunday all refer to feasts. Each of these feasts celebrates what the psalm calls “the goodness of the Lord.” He then leaves his own banquet to encourage his elder son to “celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again.”

Ministry of Reconciliation

All three of these feasts point to the one banquet that we will celebrate in the promised land of heaven, and that we anticipate in the eucharistic banquet. At the Eucharist we celebrate the infinite forgiveness and love God has shown us in Christ. However, we are not simply to relax at the table and drink in our own forgiveness. St. Paul reminds us that God has “given us the ministry of reconciliation.” Like the brothers in the parable, God’s generosity to us should open our hearts to forgive and ask forgiveness of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Like the father in the parable, we are to be “ambassadors for Christ,” extending “the message of reconciliation” to all those who need Christ’s reconciling forgiveness. The heavenly banquet will not be complete until all people come to the feast and “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”



Sunday, March 29/30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: *Joshua 5:9a, 10-12*—The people celebrate the first Passover in the promised land.

Responsorial: *Psalm 34*—Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*—Jesus reconciles us to his Father.

Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*—Forgiveness and reconciliation are reasons for celebration.

Updates Are Helpful

Did you cancel your landline and switch to only having a mobile/cell phone? Are you planning to move? Please notify the Parish Office, by phone 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net, to give us changes to your contact information, including phone numbers, mailing addresses, and email addresses. You will be helping us save postage costs and time, as well as making it easier for our Calling Tree volunteers. Thank you.

BAKED POTATO BAR &



4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8
 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.)
 Dinner: Baked Potato Bar & Dessert

MASS INTENTIONS—MARCH 29—APRIL 6

Sat	29	4:00	†† Armin & Doris Tietze (Joey Cuneo & Michael Martin)
Sun	30	10:00	† Eric Ming Wai Lee (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	31		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	1	8:00	Intention of Bill McKeon (Kathy McKeon)
Wed	2	8:00	In Memory of † Msgr. Fahey
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	3	8:00	Intention of Allen Hendricks (Pat Hendricks)
Fri	4	8:00	† Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sat	5	4:00	† Bob Waska & †John Robertson (Frances Waska)
Sun	6	10:00	† Dorene Musilli (John Musilli)

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, Harriet Draper, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Pope Francis, Randy Hakala, 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: Jim Haver, and Mary Lou Weinberger.

Memorial Mass at Star of the Valley

Friday, **April 4**, 11:00 a.m.: Mary Lou Weinberger



Donut Sunday Next Week!

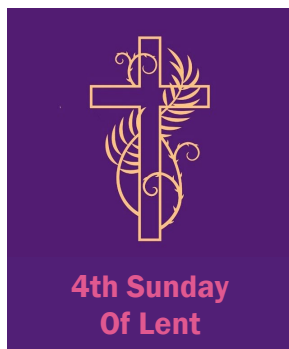
Thanks to Pete and Cathy Hardy for sponsoring Donut Sunday in memory of Martin Kilgariff, on **April 6th** in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Come to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit with fellow parishioners. Be sure to check out the parish's first-class, fire-side library (a hidden treasure) while you are 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.

Judgment

Don't judge people by the clothes they wear. God made the people; a tailor made the clothes. —Anonymous



This Weekend — March 29-30

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs: Dennis Sabourin

Barbara Spotleson

Lector: Connie Pearson

Mike Hanlon

Server: Micki Sabourin

Fritz Spotleson

Greeters: Jan Rosshirt
Ted Rosshirt

Mary Bell
Kathy McKeon

Ushers: Jan Rosshirt
Ted Rosshirt

Tim Burkhard
Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — April 5-6

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Jan Rosshirt

Liz Garcia

Ted Rosshirt

Karen Schraga

Connie Montague

Jim Warman

Marie Crimaldi
Marietta Mancuso

Tim Burkhard
Paula Scull

Kathleen Beirne
Tom Beirne

Rick Ragan
Clarence Younger

PARISH EVENTS—MARCH 30—APRIL 6

Sunday, April 6, Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey Parish Cntr.

Weekly Collection Report

Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Weekly Goal
\$3,929	\$3,105	\$4,865	\$5,365

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

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection will be for **Catholic Relief Services & Campaign for Human Development**.



Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Campaign for Human Development

In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through today's second collection, you reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. You

support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country *and* around the world. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please be generous.

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.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2025 Parish Goal Reached!

Thank you for your generosity.

Although there are a few pledges that still need to be paid, we have reached our assigned goal of \$23,000! All amounts received more than our target are refunded in full to our parish, which will enable us to continue our ministries and maintain our buildings. If you have not already contributed, AMA envelopes are still available in the church and Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Thanks to all of you for donating!

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures/busy-ness and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



2024 Contribution Statements

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



Catholic Social Teachings

The three Catholic Social Teachings workshops we hosted this month were a great success. Thank you to all the parishioners, including your friends, who attended the workshops.

We had close to 45 attendees at each of the sessions. The response from the attendees was enthusiastic and encouraging. Our attempt was not only to educate, but to change hearts. It seems we succeeded as the energy at the end of the three sessions was positive and hopeful. I am sure there will be a surge of radical kindness in the next several months and, hopefully, for years.

Len Marabella, a parishioner and member of the Pastoral Council, presented the idea for the workshops at a Pastoral Council meeting many months ago. Monsignor Pulskamp was very encouraging and gave Len the green light. Len organized a group of fellow parishioners (Marcy Fox, Barbara Gasparini, Mike Hanlon and Mike Apicella) to help him flesh out a program. For many months we worked at developing a three-session workshop on Catholic Social Teachings. Special credit goes to Len Marabella and Marcy Fox who were involved in leading all three sessions. Len brought in at least nine guest speakers or story tellers, who brought real life experiences to the seven themes of Catholic Social Teachings. They were inspiring and were responsible for actually "changing hearts."

Thank you, also, to Paula Scull, Ruth Fulger, Kathy McKeon and Judy Rodgers who helped with refreshments, setup and clean up.

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. Below are the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's Creation

For more information go to: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching



Irish Dinner A Success!

Thanks to the SOV Men's Club, all of our parish volunteers who gave their time and efforts in shopping, cooking, table setting, decorating, serving,

and doing laundry, the outstanding Keenan Irish Dancers, and to our parish family for attending, our St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner was enjoyed by the sold-out crowd! An excellent dinner and a good time were had by all. *Erin go Bragh!*

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Invitation to the Mass of the Chrism

The Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year to bless the Sacred Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood exercised by the bishop. It also honors the bond of unity our priests share with our bishop, participating in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ. Poignantly, during this Mass, our priests will renew their commitment of priestly service in the presence of the bishop and the assembly. You are invited to attend on Thursday, **April 10**, 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Eugene.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Advance Care Planning Workshops

The Advance Care Planning workshop guides individuals through the process of discerning and documenting their healthcare, end-of-life, and financial wishes. Each workshop is a standalone unit and participants may choose to take one, two, or all three. Each one will be on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in Short Hall at Church of the Incarnation, 636 Cherry Street, Santa Rosa. Light refreshments will be served.

1. Advance Health Care Considerations, **April 5**
2. End of Life Considerations, Saturday, **April 12**
3. Property & Financial Considerations, **May 3**

For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board. To register, scan the QR code on the flyer, or go to <https://www.incarnationsantarosa.org/blog/advanced-planning-workshop/>

Nick's Pantry Needs



Please put donations of cereals: Toasted O's/Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios, Special K, Corn Flakes, or Raisin Bran in the box inside the Parish Center. Thank you!



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