

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.



April 12/13, 2025— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Way of the Cross

During Lent many people walk and pray the way of the cross (aka the Stations of the Cross.) That devotion, as well as today's liturgy and scriptures, are meant to be a rehearsal for us. Every disciple of Jesus is called to follow him on the way of the cross. It's not that only Christians encounter crosses. Suffering and death are an unavoidable part of being human. Even the wealthy encounter false accusations, power struggles, and moral dilemmas, as Jesus did. All who take the risk of loving also risk being disappointed, betrayed, and abandoned, as Jesus was. Everyone will experience anguish, pity, and finally, death. We don't really have a choice about suffering. The choice we have is *how* we will suffer the trials of life. Will we follow Jesus' way of innocence, loving service, forgiveness, and courage? If we do, we will discover that the way of discipleship is the way to eternal life.

Holy Week*

Palm Sunday is only the beginning of our week-long liturgical celebration of the way of discipleship. The liturgies of Holy Week recall the events that revealed both the depth of God's love for humankind and the way to eternal life. On Holy Thursday we ritually recommit ourselves to following Jesus' way of loving service. On Good Friday we reclaim the gift of Jesus' life for us and join our prayers with his for the salvation of the world. On Holy Saturday we remember God's work of creation and redemption, with an emphasis on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then we participate in the sacraments that join us to new life in Christ: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. At last, on Easter Sunday we rejoice in the new and eternal life that flows from following Christ—the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

* See **Treasures From Our Tradition** on the back page.



Sunday, April 12/13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Reading I: *Isaiah 50:4-7*—The suffering servant speaks to the weary.

Responsorial: *Psalm 22*—My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reading II: *Philippians 2:6-11*—Jesus emptied himself, and God filled his emptiness with exaltation.

Gospel: *Luke 22:14-23:56*—The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer List

Call the office at 707-539-6262 if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list, or to add someone to the list. Each name will remain for four weeks from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise.

**May your Holy Week
be blessed with peace.**

MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 12-20

Sat	12	4:00	† Seana Buckman (Diana Mambretti)
Sun	13	10:00	† Charlie O'Callaghan (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	14		No Mass—Do Stations of the Cross
Tue	15	8:00	† Phil Marvier
Wed	16	8:00	† Walter George (Carolyn George)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	17	4:00	† All Souls (P. Vu)
Fri	18	1:30	Liturgy, Veneration, Communion
Sat	19	7:30	† Cheryl Dorn (Mary Stone)
Sun	20	10:00	† Msgr. Fahey (Bill & Terry Cutler)

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: Delia Mansell.

This Weekend — April 12-13 — Palm Sunday

	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Blanche Kaiser	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector 1:	Judy Rodgers	Karen Schraga
Lector 2:	Len Marabella	Mike Hanlon
Lector 3:	Gail Passalacqua	Bob Zeni
Server 1:	Connie Montague	John Dolan
Greeters:	Livie Brant Sherry Rosevear	Ron Manning Judy Monroe
Ushers:	Ed Montague Judy Rodgers	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — April 19-20 — Easter

	7:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Bev Shelhart Don Shelhart	Blanche Kaiser
Lector 1:	Judy Rodgers	Bowman Olds
Lector 2:	Karen Schraga	
Lector 3:	Connie Pearson	
Server 1:	Marge Lamb	John Dolan
Server 2:	Mike Hanlon	
Server 3:	Liz Garcia	
Greeters:	Marie Crimaldi Lisa Munoz Flores	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ushers:	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John Knight Clarence Younger

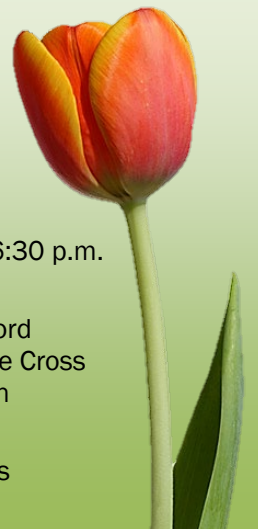
April 17 Holy Thursday 4:00 p.m.

EMs:	Jan Rosshirt	Paula Scull
Lector 1:	Ted Rosshirt	Connie Pearson
Lector 2:	Len Marabella	Bob Zeni
Lector 3:		Mike Hanlon
Servers 1:	Judy Rodgers	Fritz Spotleson
Servers 2:	Micki Sabourin	
Thurifer:	Dennis Sabourin	
Candle Bearers:	Len Marabella Judy Rodgers	Paula Scull Jim Warman
Cross Bearer:	Micki Sabourin	
Procession With Oils:	Judy Rodgers Micki Sabourin Jan Rosshirt	Ushers: Michael Sotak Clarence Younger

April 18 Good Friday 1:30 p.m.

Our Holy Week Schedule

April 15 8:00 a.m.	Tuesday Mass
April 16 8:00 a.m. 2:30-4 p.m.	Wednesday Mass Confessions
April 17 4:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Evening Mass Adoration until 6:30 p.m.
April 18 1:30 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy of the Word Veneration of the Cross Holy Communion
April 19 7:30 p.m.	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass



PARISH EVENTS—APRIL 12–20

Wednesday, **April 16**, 2:30-4:00 Confessions—Church

Thursday, **April 17**, No Daily 8:00 Mass

Friday, **April 18**, Good Friday—Parish Office Closed

Friday, **April 18**, Good Friday—No Daily 8:00 Mass

Saturday, **April 19**, Holy Saturday—No 4:00 Mass

Weekly Collection Report

Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6	Weekly Goal
\$4,865	\$6,146	\$5,744	\$5,365

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

Second Collection April 12-13

This weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**. The collection on Good Friday will be for the **Holy Land**.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the people of God still living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

ASAP A.S.A.P. means: Always Say A Prayer

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Projects recently completed, or on our list, include:

- ▶ Repair faucet in Parish Center Women's Bathroom
- ▶ Fix Parish Center pump-house leak
- ▶ Clean out rectory granny unit
- ▶ Paint curbs at Parish Center parking lot
- ▶ Property site maps created

We will have a 2nd collection this weekend, **April 12-13** for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



Fasting Rules for Good Friday

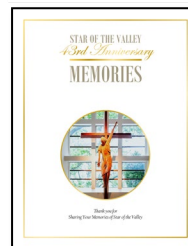
On Good Friday, Catholics age 18 to 59 do not eat meat, and limit the amount of food they eat. Instead of meat you may eat fish. Only one full meal, and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, are eaten. The best rule of thumb is to make sure your meals are smaller than what you would eat on a normal day, and to avoid snacks. Exemption is allowed for pregnant women and those who need regular meals for medical reasons.

You have heard the words "fasting" and "abstinence" used when talking about Lent. "Fasting" is the word used when the amount of food eaten is limited. "Abstinence" is when you completely give something up, like meat, for a set period of time. Both "fasting" and "abstinence" play a role on Good Friday.



STAR OF THE VALLEY 43rd Anniversary

MEMORY BOOK



We are excited to present the 43rd Anniversary Memory book. Several Memory books have been completed over Star of the Valley's 43-year history. This is the latest in that series and reflects memories of those currently in our Parish.

Star of the Valley Catholic Church would not have been possible without the many parishioners who invested their time, energy, and generosity of spirit along with the leadership and spiritual guidance of our Founding Pastor, Monsignor Gerard Fahey. Our Parish is further blessed by the leadership of all the priests that came after Monsignor Fahey up to and including our treasured Monsignor James Pulskamp.

Memory books will be available starting on Easter weekend, and will be found on the Divine Mercy counter at church, and on the literature table at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

The 43rd Anniversary Planning Committee,

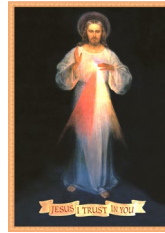
Terry Cutler, Leila O'Callahan, & Judy Rodgers

Treasures From Our Tradition

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This makes some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In the United States today, most worshippers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised and given a new name, "Passion Week." Most people cling to the older name, "Holy Week," the last few days of the Lenten journey. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out!



Divine Mercy—Jesus I Trust in You

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, April 27, this year. The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday, April 18. To help you participate in the Novena, please use the two inserts: Divine Mercy Novena, and How to Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (with the

Divine Mercy image on the back.) Help yourself to a Divine Mercy holy card on the back counter.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Holy Thursday Pilgrimage from Star of the Valley

April 17th—Start your Triduum with our Holy Thursday pilgrimage. Starting at Star of the Valley Church at 8:30 a.m., we will walk through Trione-Annadel park to St. Eugene's Cathedral (9.5-miles). ETA 2:30 p.m. For information and to register, email Stephen Morris at dsyouth@srdiocese.org. See flyer on the bulletin board.

Requiem Choral Concert

Church of the Roses presents W. A. Mozart's *Requiem* at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday, **April 18**, 2025, at Church of the Roses, 2500 Patio Court in Santa Rosa. Carol Menke conducts Cantiamo Sonoma and Church of the Roses Chancel Choir with orchestra and soloists. Suggested donation at the door.



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