

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

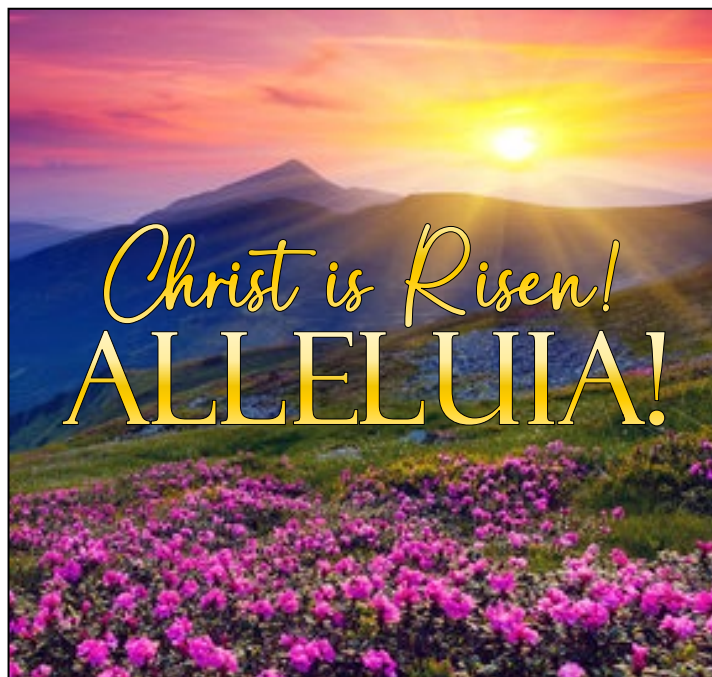
Saturday from **3:00-3:30 p.m.** and by appointment.

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 19/20, 2025—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Witness & Proclamation

Imagine, if you will, someone coming to you and saying, “I have something to share with you, something too wonderful to hold back, something that, quite possibly, you will not believe. You may even want to kill me after I say it. I know this, and yet I must speak.” Peter, in the book of Acts, is driven to bear witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, even though he knows that he will be rejected and suffer for it. When we hear about Peter, filled with the Spirit and with Easter joy, proclaiming the Good News, we hear what we, the baptized, must do as well. In the reading from Colossians, St. Paul reminds us that resurrection is not just a solitary event, but a continuing part of our lives.

Witness & Experience

John’s Gospel captures the flavor of the Easter morning experience. Picture Mary coming to the tomb in the dark. Feel her confusion, her fear as she discovers that the tomb is empty. Nothing in her life could have prepared her for this moment. Yes, Jesus had told them that he would rise again, but how could they have understood? She runs to Peter, heart pounding, tears flowing. Peter and the beloved disciple dash to the tomb, confused and fearful as well. It is Peter who goes in first. He holds the burial cloths in his hands. They stand in the empty tomb, silent. They don’t understand yet, but they know that life has changed in a way that they had not thought possible. Can it be true? Has Jesus indeed risen?

We, too, have stood with Mary, Peter, and all the disciples in the empty tomb, filled with fear and foreboding, yet also with Spirit-enflamed hearts pounding. The power of Easter joy can temper our fears and take us from the tomb out into the world, where we must spread the Good News: Christ is risen!



Sunday, April 19/20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43—Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.

Responsorial: Psalm 118—This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice

and be glad.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4—All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven.

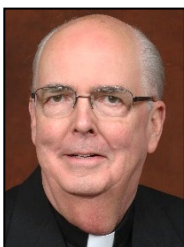
Gospel: John 20:1-9—Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John, respond to the empty tomb.



Bingo Success

Thanks to Pete Hardy and his kitchen crew, SOV's monthly Bingo and dinner events continue to be an outstanding success! The Msgr. Fahey Parish Center is filled with friends and neighbors, enjoying each other, the Bingo games,

and the delicious bargain meals. The next Bingo and Dinner will be Tuesday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m.



58 Years Coming Up

On April 29, 1967, Reverend James Pulskamp was ordained into the priesthood. This year he will celebrate an amazing 58-year anniversary! Thank you, Monsignor, for your dedication and service to us and God's flock. May God keep you in good health.



Stations of the Resurrection

During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross, a traditional and powerful prayer experience to connect you to the Passion of Christ. During Easter, we invite you to pray the Stations of the Resurrection, based upon the Resurrection

appearances of Jesus. Stations of the Resurrection can be found on the Divine Mercy counter and on the following link: [youtube.com/watch?v=BLI2w5KWq0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLI2w5KWq0)

MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 19-27

Sat	19	7:30	†Cheryl Dorn (Mary Stone)
Sun	20	10:00	†Msgr. Fahey (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	21		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	22	8:00	Intention of Ian M. McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	23	8:00	†Harriet Draper
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	24	8:00	†Joan Mulvehill
Fri	25	8:00	†Delia Mansell
Sat	26	4:00	†Fr. Daniel McCarthy
Sun	27	10:00	†Delia Mansell (Joey Cuneo & Michael Martin)

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: Harriet Draper, Joan Mulvehill, and Virginia Roman.

Funeral Masses at Star of the Valley

Thursday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.: Joan Mulvehill
Friday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.: Delia Mansell

Spiritual Book Club

Men and women 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. We will discuss Chapter 5 on Wednesday, April 23, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.

Divine Mercy—Jesus I Trust in You

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, April 27, this year. The Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday, April 18. To help you participate in the Novena, please use the Divine Mercy Novena, and How to Pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on the back counter.

This 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

Next Weekend — April 26–27 — Divine Mercy Sunday

	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann
	Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
	Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann
	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy
	Ed Montague Judy Rodgers	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger



Jesus I trust in you

Weekly Collection Report

Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13	Weekly Goal
\$6,146	\$5,744	\$5,969	\$5,365

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

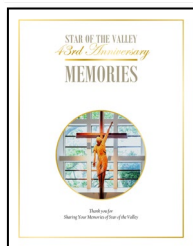
Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions



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 are available this 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



DEMENTIA CAREGIVING ESSENTIALS

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Thursday, May 15, 9:00–12:15
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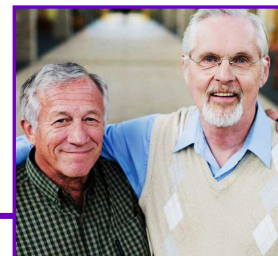
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This half-day education forum, cosponsored by **Star of the Valley Church** and **Tweeten Eldercare Advisors**, will offer insights into identifying the role of caregivers, building a support team, planning for future care changes, and exploring various respite care and housing options.

Complimentary lunch will be served.

**This mini-forum is free
and donations are always appreciated.
Registration is required by May 12, 2025.
Call 707-573-1210 to register.**



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Celebrating Unity Through Music

Harmony of Faiths—An Interfaith Musical Celebration

As a valued-signatory of "The Sonoma County United in Kindness (UIK) Project's Declaration of Kindness," we're excited to invite you to an upcoming event that aligns with our shared mission to strengthen community bonds. The UIK Project proudly endorses and sponsors this event.

You're cordially invited to a joyous afternoon of music, connection, and shared purpose at the "Interfaith Musical Bash," hosted by the "Interfaith Council of Sonoma County." Together, we'll unite to promote unity, inclusion, and respect for all through the universal language of music.

Sunday, **April 27**, 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Church of The Roses, 2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa. This concert is free to all. Coffee, tea, cookies and snacks will be provided, thanks to the UIK Project.

Our deepest gratitude to Church of The Roses for generously providing the venue and helping make this event possible.

Let's stand together for a world where differences are celebrated and everyone belongs. Bring your friends and family—this is an afternoon you won't want to miss!

Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia to the Lord!

Employment Opportunity—Bookstore Team Lead St. Eugene Cathedral Books & Gifts

This non-exempt position reports to the manager and supports the day-to-day operation of the bookstore. For a detailed job description, call 707-542-0250, or to apply, please send your resume and cover letter to the Store Manager, Nancy, at catholicstore@outlook.com.

Lake County Outdoor Passion Play

42nd annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play is drawing near; **May 17 and 18**, 2025, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. each day. Free admission and donations are gratefully accepted. Bring your own chair. See more information on the bulletin board, visit their website, or call the Passion Play telephone number at 707-263-0349. (See www.lakecountypassionplay.org or Facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo)

† St. Vincent de Paul



Downsizing or Moving?

The local St. Vincent De Paul (SVdP) Thrift Store welcomes your donation of gently used clothing or furniture. SVdP volunteer Alan can come to your home for pick up. Kindly email Valueralan@aol.com or call 707-889-1766. Thank you.



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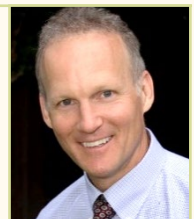
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