

# 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

## **Contact Numbers**

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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 26/27, 2023 – Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter**



### **Prayer for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis**

Father, Eternal Shepherd, hear  
the prayers of Your People for  
Your servant Francis, who  
governed Your Church with love.

In Your mercy, bring him with  
the flock once entrusted to his  
care to the reward You have  
promised Your faithful servants.  
May he who faithfully  
administered the mysteries of  
Your forgiveness and love on

earth, rejoice with You forever in heaven.

In Your wise and loving care, You made Your servant  
teacher of all Your Church. He did the work of Christ on  
earth. May Your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May Your servant whom You appointed high priest of  
Your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of  
Your kingdom. Give him the reward of eternal happiness  
and let Your mercy win for us the gift of Your life and love.

We entrust Your servant to Your mercy with faith and  
confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of  
Your peace and love. May he rejoice in those gifts forever  
with Your Saints. Amen.



### **Rosary & Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis Monday, April 28**

**5:30 p.m. Rosary**

**6:00 p.m. Mass**

Cathedral of St. Eugene

2323 Montgomery Drive. All are invited.



**Sunday, April 26/27, 2025**

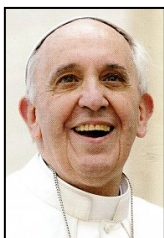
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Reading I:** Acts 5:12-16—Peter's faith in Jesus enables him to work signs and wonders.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 118—Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Reading II:** Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19—He is the first and the last, the one who lives.

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31—How blessed are those who have not seen but have believed.



### Pope Francis On Mercy

Pope Francis had a deep connection to the theme of mercy, which is central to his episcopal motto "misericordia atque eligendo." In 2021 he had written a letter to the Bishop and Church of Płock, Poland, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the first apparition of the

Merciful Jesus to St Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. Pope Francis instituted the role of the Missionaries of Mercy ten years ago, in 2015, to witness around the world the closeness of God and His love, mercy and forgiveness. On the feast of Divine Mercy, Pope Francis urged Christians to open themselves to Christ's mercy and share this mercy with others.

### Jorge Mario Bergoglio—1936-2025

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, has reached the end of his earthly pilgrimage.

Pope Francis was a great pastor who spoke from the heart and with tender affection.

His papacy was marked by two master themes: mercy and evangelization. In an interview, he famously remarked that the Church is a field hospital to those wounded by our postmodern, relativistic society. It must, first and foremost, heal the wounds.

Pope Francis had a keen awareness of the destructiveness of sin, and he encouraged the Church to show the world the merciful face of Christ. He also emphasized the importance of our personal witness to the light of faith, drawing others to the life-giving joy of the Gospel.

As we celebrate Pope Francis' life and legacy, please join me in praying for the repose of his soul.

Peace, + Bishop Robert Barron

### MASS INTENTIONS—APRIL 26-MAY 4

Sat	26	4:00	†Fr. Daniel McCarthy
Sun	27	10:00	†Delia Mansell (Joey Cuneo & Michael Martin)
Mon	28		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	29	8:00	<b>Intention of Doug Lightfoot</b> (Maryellen Birkland & the Lightfoot Family)
Wed	30	8:00	†Pope Francis
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	1	8:00	†Pope Francis
Fri	2	8:00	†Pope Francis
Sat	3	4:00	†Pope Francis
Sun	4	10:00	<b>Intention of Wendy Papera</b> (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)

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, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Pope Francis, Randy Hakala, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Pat Moran, 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.



### 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.



### Donut Sunday Next Week!

Many thanks to Ed and Connie Montague for sponsoring next weekend's Donut Sunday on **May 4th** in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. 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.



**Jesus I trust in you**

### This Weekend — April 26-27 — Divine Mercy

**4:00 p.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann
<b>Lector:</b>	Len Marabella	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ed Montague Judy Rodgers	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger

### Next Weekend — May 3-4

**4:00 p.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson
Gail Passalacqua	Bob Zeni
Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Marietta Mancuso	Ron Manning
Sherry Rosevear	Paula Scull
Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard
Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger

## Weekly Collection Report

Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Weekly Goal
\$5,744	\$5,969	\$8,988	\$5,365

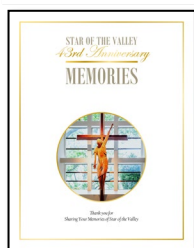
**Note:** The amounts consist of First collections, *including* Easter, and Parish Repair & Maintenance gifts received during the weekend and preceding week.

## Second Collection Next Weekend

This 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](http://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 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  
Star of the Valley Catholic Church  
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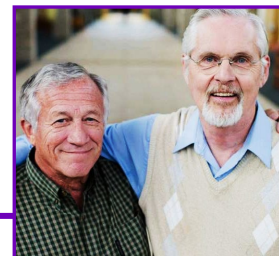
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This half-day education forum, cosponsored by **Star of the Valley Church** and **Tweeten Eldercare Advisors**, will offer insights into identifying the role of caregivers, building a support team, planning for future care changes, and exploring various 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.**





## From Bishop Vasa

Bishop Vasa has adopted the words of Archbishop Emeritus Charles Chaput: It should first be noted that Pope Francis was a man who highlighted the plight of the poor and a call for the Church to be a simple witness to the universal community to which we all belong. We should be grateful for this legacy. It is too easy for many of us to be caught up in the trappings of modern culture, with its distractions and self-focus. May we take his love for the poor and material simplicity seriously.



### Rest In Peace

*Pope Francis died on April 21, 2025, Easter Monday morning, ending an extraordinary papacy that began on a cold evening almost 12 years earlier.*

I am sure that you are aware that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has gone to the Lord. I want to invite you to join me in praying for him and honoring him for his years of service to the Lord and the Church. (You can also [click here to read](#) an appreciation of this very humble man of God.)

Imagine St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict—and the other successors of St. Peter—welcoming Francis with a warm, joyful embrace. All that is important is their love for Jesus, their love for each other, and their desire to worship the Lord together as brothers.

## May Prayers for Priests on Divine Mercy Counter

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### Celebrating Unity Through Music

#### Harmony of Faiths—An Interfaith Musical Celebration

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.

#### 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 [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org) or call the Passion Play telephone number at 707-263-0349.



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