

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.

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*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.



December 28/29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Holy Families

Today's scriptures describe three families and their efforts to do God's will. Such efforts make them grow in holiness. The first family is Hannah, Elkanah, and Samuel. Hannah does something that only a woman who has given up her baby for adoption might fully understand—she leaves her long-awaited child to be raised by a priest in the service of the Lord's temple. Hannah recognizes that this is God's will for her and for Samuel. Both are "dedicated to the Lord."

Next, we hear about the Christian family, "children of God." The first letter of John encourages us to "do what pleases God." By focusing on doing God's will we will help one another to become more holy, more like the children of God that we truly are. Finally, we listen to a story about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. It involves a typical dynamic in family life, with the adolescent son seeking independence and the parents responding with "anxiety" and hurt. As in our own families, it seems that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus didn't always agree on what it meant to do God's will.

Doing What Pleases God

Like Mary and Joseph, who "did not understand" why Jesus remained in the Temple, we will not always understand what God has in mind for us through the struggles of family life. It may be difficult to know how to "do what pleases God." Today's reading from the First Letter of John gives us some guidance. If we put our faith in Christ and "love one another" we will grow together in holiness. With Jesus we will "advance in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." God's will is that we all love one another and grow together into a holy human family.



Sunday, December 28-29, 2024

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**

Reading I: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28—
Hanna conceived, and at the end of
her term bore a son whom she called
Samuel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84—Blessed are they who
dwell in your house, O Lord.

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24—See what love the
Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the
children of God.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52—The boy Jesus remained behind
in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found
him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers.

All in the Family

Families come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. One thing
they all share, however, is that they are not perfect.
“Perfect families do not exist,” said Pope Francis in a
2015 address. “This must not discourage us. Quite the
opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something
we live; love grows as it is ‘forged’ by the concrete
situations which each particular family experiences. Love
is born and constantly develops amid lights and
shadows.” As we remember the Holy Family, let us also
recommit ourselves to this kind of love within all our
family experiences.

**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God—
January 1—Holy Day of Obligation**

January 1 is the Octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and a holy day of
obligation. Mary is often referred to as the “Mother of
God” or “God-bearer” and the earliest recorded use of
this was by Origen, one of the Fathers of the Church who
used the Greek word “Theotokos” in the year 230. It is
generally believed Christians first celebrated the feast
sometime in the 6th Century. The Byzantine, Coptic, and
Roman calendars all assigned the feast to different
days, and it wasn’t until 1974 that St. Pope Paul VI
assigned it to January 1st.

Since this is a holy day of obligation, your first
challenge is to go to Mass. Your second challenge is this:
St. Pope Paul VI said that on this feast we should renew
our adoration to the newborn Prince of Peace, by asking
for the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Peace, in
observance of a World Day of Peace.

MASS INTENTIONS—DECEMBER 28—JANUARY 5

Sat 28 4:00 †**Bob Flores** (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun 29 10:00 †**Gary Imm** (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon 30 No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 31 8:00 †**Mary Lima** (Livia Brant)
Wed 1 9:00 †**Anthony Apicella** (Mike Apicella)
10:30 No Mass at Oakmont Gardens
Thurs 2 8:00 **For the People of the Parish**
Fri 3 8:00 †**Paul Ryan** (Mike & Bonnie Dines)
Sat 4 4:00 †**Mike Carey** (Diane Carey)
Sun 5 10:00 †**Agnes Apicella** (Dick & Vi D’Oliva)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your
prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa
Bragg, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli,
Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Hoyt
Family, Millie McKay, Karen O’Malley, Carol Pascoe,
Pricilla Peralejo, Lorraine Petti, Magda Shelton, Tom
Sosnowski, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent,
Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Martin Kilgariff.

Funeral Masses at Star of the Valley

Friday, **January 3**, 10:00 a.m.: Michael Carey
Saturday, **January 4**, 11:00 a.m.: Martin Kilgariff

Listen Up, As Mary Did

Mary is the Queen of Heaven and preeminent among the
saints. She holds the singular distinction of being at the
same time both virgin and mother. Owing to her giving
birth to the Son of God, she holds the exalted title
Mother of God. Yet it is none of these things that make
her blessed. Jesus ramps up Mary’s blessedness a notch
by recognizing that she’s blessed because she hears the
word of God and does it. That means we can join Mary in
joy and fulfillment by doing the same.



**Happy New Year!
Donut Sunday Next Week!**

Many thanks to Mike Apicella for
sponsoring next weekend’s Donut
Sunday in memory of his wife, Agnes
Apicella. Please plan on coming to the

Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on **January 5** 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.

This Weekend — Dec. 28-29
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

EMs: Dennis Sabourin Kar Hofmann
Lector: Connie Pearson Bob Zeni
Server: Micki Sabourin Drew Hofmann
Greeters: Livie Brant Sue Cummings
Lisa Munoz Flores Tim Cummings
Ushers: Kathleen Beirne Rick Ragan
Tom Beirne TBD

Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1
9:00 a.m.

Don Shelhart
Blanche Kaiser
Drew Hofmann
Tim Cummings
John Knight



Next Weekend — Jan. 4-5
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Jan Rosshirt Liz Garcia
Ted Rosshirt Bowman Olds
Judy Rodgers John Dolan
Bob Chapman Tim Burkhard
Pat Chapman Paula Scull
Kathleen Beirne John Knight
Tom Beirne Clarence Younger

PARISH EVENTS—DECEMBER 28—JANUARY 5

Wednesday, **January 1**, 9:00 Mass—Church

Wednesday, **January 1**, Parish Office Closed

Sunday, **January 5**, Donut Sunday

Weekly Collection Report

Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Weekly Goal
\$8,887	\$7,759	\$5,082	\$5,365

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

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.



Star of the Valley 2025 Catholic Calendar

You are welcome to pick up as many 2025 calendars as you would like to share with others.

They may be found in the back of the church and in the Msgr.

Fahey Parish Center.

New Year's Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for giving me the brand-new year ahead;

Help me live the way I should, as each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend.

Give me strength and courage, so a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings. Please give the leaders of our world a courage born of peace,

that they might lead us gently, and all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth a heart that's filled with love;

a gentle happy way to live with Your blessings from above.

—Charlotte Anselmo

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Projects recently completed, or on our list, include:

- ▶ Door opener/closer repaired at the church
- ▶ Parish Center parking lot light repair
- ▶ Toilet leak repaired

We will have a 2nd collection next weekend, **January 4-5** for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.



Ushers Needed to Help with Collections

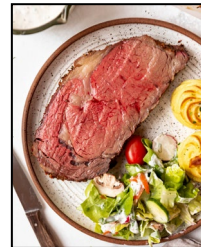
Thank you to those who have offered to help at our 4:00 Saturday Masses! We still have a shortage at our 10:00 Sunday Masses. Who can help fill that need? Men and women are welcome.

Any registered parishioner interested in the important ministry of Ushers, and wanting to serve at Saturday, Sunday, or weekday holiday Masses, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262 during the week, and leave a message with the answering service if needed.

Let Your Prayer Shine

The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary traditionally contained three sets of mysteries—the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious—each set reflecting on five events in the life of Jesus and Mary. In 2002 Pope Saint John Paul II introduced a fourth set, the Luminous Mysteries, which included the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist. Each of these additional mysteries reveals a facet of the identity of the Lord. Saint Irenaeus wrote of the Transfiguration: “The glory of God is a live human being and a truly human life is the vision of God.” Take time to know Jesus better by praying the Luminous Mysteries.

**MEN'S
CLUB**



**All Men
Invited**

Thursday, January 16

At the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

5:00 Social Hour (Bar Open)

5:45 Annual business meeting

6:00 Scrumptious prime rib dinner

Menu

Green Salad, Rolls, Roast Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert

Dinner Cost: **\$25***

*Includes Men's Club Membership

RSVP by Monday, **January 13**, 2025

Membership forms are available in the church & by the Men's Club box in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

Membership dues for 2025 are **\$15**. Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682 or Drew Hofmann at 949-279-0011, for more information. Membership applications are accepted year-round.

INSTALLATION DINNER



We Value Your Input! Connecting Hearts Together

The Diocese Communications Team wants to better serve you in this digital age. Please help us by taking a short survey to share your thoughts and feedback by scanning the QR code here, or visiting www.connecthearts.org.

Your voice makes a difference! See the December *North Coast Catholic*.



Free Diocesan Magazine

The December issue of the **North Coast Catholic** is now available at the back of the church and in the Msgr. Fahey Center. If you didn't receive one in the mail, please take one.



Pray for Priests in January

The January 2025 calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in church. Help yourself.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Catholic School seeking an HR Generalist to join their team! For more information please email: Lnorcia@srdiocese.org.

Blessings of Peace in the New Year

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- New Parishioner
- New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.
- I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- I have a question. Please contact me.

Name: _____

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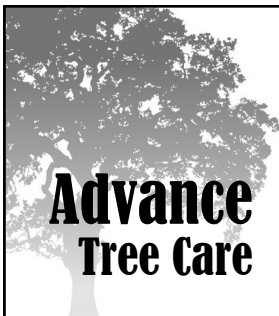
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