

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## September 17-18, 2022

### MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Weekday Masses:** Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., at 9 am;

**Tuesdays:** Communion service at 9 am

**Saturday Mass of Anticipation:** 5 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 8 am, 10:30 am & on \*Youtube

**1st Saturday of the Month:** 9 am



\*A Sunday Mass is recorded each week and uploaded to our Youtube channel, **Holy Spirit—Santa Rosa**. Links are on our website & Facebook page, or copy and paste into the search bar: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCquuul6w8ZUE14rZZUed6QQ/videos>

### SACRAMENTS:

Please call the office 707.539.4495

**Reconciliation:** Call the office to schedule.

**Marriage:** Call 6 months in advance.

**Baptism:** Call 3 months in advance.

**Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion at home?** Call the office 707.539.4495

### ONLINE DONATING NOW AVAILABLE

Parishioners now have the option to donate online to Holy Spirit Church. Links are available on our website and Facebook page or click to donate:

[https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/6d655f38-19e5-4d51-a0e9-eb4ec137e60b?fbclid=IwAR0B6gxbOw559gro12HDtiVcYqk2WWWUj-pSLzAYWPthpE\\_nDxfuf4tWiyY](https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/6d655f38-19e5-4d51-a0e9-eb4ec137e60b?fbclid=IwAR0B6gxbOw559gro12HDtiVcYqk2WWWUj-pSLzAYWPthpE_nDxfuf4tWiyY)

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 17-18, 2022

.....from your *Pastor's Desk*

*“You cannot serve both God and mammon [money].”*

Jesus' final words in today's Gospel Reading—“You cannot serve both God and mammon”—are sometimes falsely interpreted. They're taken to mean that you cannot have both God and money in your life. In other words, this false interpretation claims that there's a competition in your life between God and money. They battle against each other in a zero-sum game. The holier you are, the less money you will have, and the more money you have, the less holy you must be. This interpretation of Jesus' words is false.

In fact, our spiritual well-being and our financial well-being are not in competition. When Jesus plainly tells you that “You cannot serve both God and mammon”, the key word is “serve”. You can serve God or you can serve mammon. But you cannot serve both.

God, of course, wants us to serve Him alone. He had declared to Israel many centuries before Christ: “The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today” [Deut 6:4-6]. To love someone is to serve them. This is true in our relationship with God, as well: to love Him is to serve Him.

The beautiful thing about serving God is that through this form of love, we become more like Him. After all, St. John taught the first Christians that “God is love” [1 John 4:8]. Serving God is as God wants, and in fact this is what you want in your heart. God Himself planted that desire there when He created your heart: the desire to serve Him, and so become more like Him.

On the other hand, what happens when you try to serve money? One simple way to answer is to ask yourself whether your self-image goes up and down with the amount of money that you have. Do you feel worse about your own self when you lose a significant amount of money? Do you feel better about yourself when you gain a significant amount of money? Serving money in this way is a false form of love, and a false servanthood. It is a love of something that is beneath you.

So, what is financial wealth for? Financial wealth is a means by which to serve others. If a person gains financial wealth, God intends for that wealth to be used for others. That doesn't mean that the wealthy person has to give it all away, like St. Francis of Assisi. Despite what some socialists might say, there's nothing inherently immoral about accumulating wealth. The sin lies in not using one's wealth for others, especially within the setting of one's vocation.

We can speculate that God allows financial wealth to accumulate to those who have the skills to use that wealth for others. Some persons just don't—for whatever reason—have it in them to handle the responsibility that comes with significant wealth. If those persons were to come into wealth—as happens, for example, with government lotteries—they can easily end up with ruined lives, as we have seen time and again. But some persons do have the skills required to deal with wealth in a way that not only allows them to grow that wealth, but also to use it to serve others.

Money when loved, instead of being used for service, stunts one's growth in Christ. The one who serves money closes himself off from others. Money has no power to foster growth in persons. Becoming like money by loving it can only be a downward path, a descent from the personal dignity with which God created us.

God gives us stewardship over all things—including money—for the sake of service. This service fosters love among persons. God gives us relationships with other persons—human and angelic—to foster a communion of saints. God gives us Himself—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in order that we might enjoy eternal life amidst God's very essence as a communion of the three divine Persons.

*Father Ron*



**MASS INFORMATION: Sept. 17-25**

9/17	Sat	5:00 pm	† Jack DeDalto
9/18	Sun	8:00 am	<b>For the People</b>
	Sun	10:30 am	† Becky Crozier Stephens
9/19	Mon	9:00 am	† Roger Cooney
9/20	Tues	9:00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
9/21	Wed	9:00 am	<b>Sarah &amp; Grant</b>
9/22	Thurs	9:00 am	Available
9/23	Fri	9:00 am	Available
9/24	Sat	5:00 pm	Available
9/25	Sun	8:00 am	<b>For the People</b>
	Sun	10:30 am	† Becky Crozier Stephens

**SCHEDULES: Sept. 24-25**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
<b>Sat. Sept. 24</b> 5:00 pm	#1- R. Brady #2- J. Albers	Judith Mattingly
<b>Sun. Sept. 25</b> 8:00 am	#1- L. Kubo #2- B. Connolly	Sandy Smith
<b>Sun. Sept. 25</b> 10:30 am	#1- M. Davis #2- L. Johnson	Dave Adams Diane Hobaugh Donna Kaiser

Last Week's Collection	\$5,630
Online Weekly Offerings	\$1,570
Last Week's Seminarian offering	\$1,476
Online Seminarian offering	\$ 115

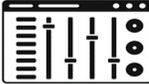


Correction: The online Building & Maintenance offering stated in last week's bulletin should have read \$250.

**NEXT week's 2nd Collection will be for Religious Education 9/24-9/25**  
Please write separate checks. Thank you!




**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE VIDEO BOARD**  
Please contact the office or Lynn Lankford if you are interested in volunteering.  
*Thank you!*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE SOUND BOARD**  
Do you have any experience with sound boards or would you like to learn? There will be a training in September. Please contact the office if you'd like to attend. *Thank you!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:**  
Mary Coyne, Vance Stammer, Loretta Luz, John Scrempo, Mike Cusack, Cecelia Bautista, Bob Spalding, Donald Brent, Mary Mendez, Tristan Humble, Pat LaRussa, Helen Hubbard, Phyllis Smith, Lorri Pimentel, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Carol Ricci, Doug Harman, Karin Lee, Margaret Duffy, Maria Alvarez, Gabor Toth, Mary Davis, Bill Davis, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Julie Remillard, John Bussi, Larry Baker, Ruth Ann Haisey, Lew & Margie Chase, Anthony Ibarra, the Pisenti family, Kathy Hauck, Donna McMullen, Stephen Otis, Maria Hebert, Dominica Mollahan, and The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.


**FOR THE SOULS**


Tishannon Philips, Daniel Lanahan, Dewey Kremesec, Becky Crozier Stephens, Paul Beran, Joseph Suryan, Marylyn Joanne Mollenberg-Jones, Albert M. Freitas, Gary Knivila, Susan Strankman, Richard Martin, Bob Charbonnier, Clara Fisch, Edna Beechinor, Carol Deghi, Odin McRae, Rachael Dudley, Jim Mendez, Donna Simmons, Sharon Pisenti, Jim Costa, Ken Hicks.

*Please call the office, 539-4495, if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list or add someone to the list. Each name will remain for 3 months from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise.*

## Growing in Faith™

### Managing sticky situations, gracefully

When we find ourselves in a difficult situation, it can be tough to know how to respond. We want to take action that comes from our faith perspective and is effective at the same time. Try these tips to manage sticky situations with grace: **Stay calm.** We are more likely to make regrettable decisions when we're anxious, afraid, or angry. We make it worse by raising our voices, storming around, saying whatever comes into our heads.

**Instead take deep breaths, pray a calming prayer, invoke your guardian angel.** Staying calm is key. Be realistic. Accept that you can't fix everything. Instead, focus on what you can do.



Leaning on prior experience and advice from experts or trusted friends, pick the best course of action. Surrender the outcome to God. Learn. God often allows difficulties to bring about a greater good. Maybe the experience helped you grow in virtue, taught you a new skill, gave you a new perspective. It's okay to ask God, "why?" Keep what you learn for the future.



#### **FEASTS September 17 – St. Hildegard of Bingen (1179).**

Born in 12th century Germany to noble parents, St. Hildegard had visions from when she was very young. She joined the Benedictines and eventually became an abbess. She wrote on spirituality, music, medicine, and science. She is a Doctor of the Church. Pictured at left: A sculpture of St. Hildegard by Karlheinz Oswald at Eibingen Abbey in Hesse, Germany

Pictured at right: St. Hildegard's artwork "The true Trinity in true unity".



#### **Are you missing The Chosen? Missed any of Season 2?**

This **Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.** we will gather in the parish hall at the back of church to watch Episode 6, Season 2, " We will also view the Bible Roundtable discussion with the three biblical/ historical/cultural consultants, including Bishop Robert Barron. The videos run about 90 minutes. You are welcome to stay for discussion afterwards. Please call or e-mail Ruth in the parish office if you will be new to this week (707)539-4495 or [holy-spirit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:holy-spirit@sbcglobal.net).

#### **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola**

**Have you ever been curious about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius?  
Have you ever considered making the Exercises?**

The Sr. Antonia Spiritual Enrichment Center is available to provide information on the Spiritual Exercises. We are also in the process of accepting applications for those interested in making the Exercises. **The next session begins in late September 2022.** Further information can be found at [www.SpiritualEnrichmentCenter.net](http://www.SpiritualEnrichmentCenter.net), or contact us directly at [srsec.office@gmail.com](mailto:srsec.office@gmail.com) or 707.293.7497.