Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Ministering to the people in Rincon Valley and beyond
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Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil: 5pm.
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:15 am.
Liturgy of the Word for Children: Sundays 10:15 am.
Weekdays: Mondays-Friday & First Saturdays 9 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Every Friday and First Saturdays following 9 am Mass

For other Sacraments:
Please call the Parish Office
6 months in advance for Marriage
3 months in advance for Baptism
 Owned by our “stuff”

This weekend’s Gospel is the famous story of the rich young man who wants to follow Jesus. At first sight the young man comes across as an exceptionally good person, deferential to Jesus and somehow searching for the way of eternal life. And, it seemed he was well on his way to just that. He had kept God’s commands since his youth, and Jesus looked on him with love. An ideal person, you would think, to receive the gospel. And yet Jesus wanted to show him something about himself of which he was totally unaware. He was owned by his own wealth, and it had a stronger grip on him than he had on it. Jesus invited him to become free of it, but the cost seemed too just too high. In the words of the late Janis Joplin - “Freedom’s just another word for nothing left to lose.”

There is nothing wrong with money as such, or even with being wealthy – heck, we couldn’t keep the church open or offer the many programs we do without your financial support and generosity. For that matter, some of the world’s greatest people who did most for the welfare of humanity, have been wealthy people. But at a deeper level the fact is that I (we) own nothing, absolutely. My (our) hold on things is provisional, temporary. A sudden stroke, a brain hemorrhage or a heart attack, and I (we) am (are) separated forever from all my (our) worldly belongings. “There are no hearses pulling U-Haul’s.”

But what about the gate Jesus mentions? Apparently there was a narrow entrance at the side of the temple called the “needle.” It was wide enough for a camel to pass through, but only if the load was removed from the camel’s back. With the panniers of goods the camel normally carried on either side, it would be impossible to pass through the Needle gate. So it can be with us. How hard it is for people who are weighed down with a constant acquisition of money and/or ever growing ambitions to enter the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom belongs to the childlike (of which we spoke last week). It belongs to the poor in spirit; not so much economically poor, but detached from riches in their inmost spirit. For a worthy cause, they can part with their wealth.

Then there are some who give up everything to follow Jesus. But notice this – which some overlook: **He doesn’t call everybody to do this!** He didn’t ask Lazarus or his sisters to leave home and follow him. But being a follower of Jesus does mean having to leave something. **It involves a change of priorities**, a new way of valuing things, an interest in the riches that are stored in heaven, “where moth cannot consume, nor rust corrode.” Those who leave everything to follow Jesus are among the most blessed of people, dedicated souls like Padre Pio, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Pope Francis, aid workers in places torn by war and disease, and many other unsung heroes. Next time you are at mass, look around, we have a few right here at Holy Spirit, and many others on the way. You might be one!

Such people are blessed with the riches of God’s grace, and bring much blessing to the lives of others.

Receive the blessing. Pay it forward.

**Father Ron**

**MASS INTENTIONS — October 10 – 18:**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:** The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Tony Chu, Tristen Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Carole Posehn, Kelly McGuire, Feliciano Llosa, Cheryl Ong, Helen Hubbard, Elaine Babcock and Jacky and Sean Harn. **FOR THE SOULS OF:** Louise Fishel, Blanca de Mena and Verde Tonelli.
COLLECTION LAST WEEK: $6,754.33
SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:
Building Maintenance Fund $1,864.33
SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:
World Mission Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: We wish to thank JoAnn Landen for our altar flowers given in loving memory of her husband Richard.

YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES GRADES 1-6
Many thanks to all the wonderful parents who came to our Parent’s Meeting (10/11 at 9 am). If you missed the gathering please take time to contact Megan O’Neill so she can get you the handouts. Don’t forget to sign up for our “Trunk R Treating”, October 30th.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY
No gatherings this week for Junior High Youth Ministry or Confirmation! We will see you next week.....same time and place!

2nd Year Confirmation Preparation – No class this week.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
“Equipped for Leadership” is our theme for this Wednesday’s meeting. All high school teens are welcome to join us this Wednesday evening, October 14th from 7-8:30 pm. We would love to have you join our growing community.

You are invited for
“Trunk ‘R Treati:
Holy Spirit Parish Parking
Friday, October 30th
6-8 PM
The parking lot opens at 5:30 PM
Bring your car and goodies!
Please RSVP your children and cars
by Thursday, Oct. 22nd
Signup sheet is in the hall or
by email holy-spirit@sbcglobal.net

This is a wonderful alternative or addition to the traditional trick or treating. Details can be found on the flyer by the sign-up sheet in the Hall.

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN’S CLUB
“WELCOME BACK DINNER”
Wednesday, October 14th
6:00 P.M.
We’re back!!!!!!
Get ready for another fun filled year with the Women’s Club.
Come and enjoy dinner, drinks and great raffle prizes!
Cost for Dinner $15
SIGNUP WITH YOUR $15 AFTER MASS
We “WELCOME” all our new Ladies to Holy Spirit Parish and hope you will join us!!!

Holy Spirit Men’s Club
“Oktoberfest Dinner”
Come join us for fun, good food and friendship!
Tuesday October 13th
6:30 PM
New To Holy Spirit???
The Men’s Club Welcomes YOU!!!! Let us buy you a FREE dinner -SIGN UP and enjoy meeting your fellow menfolk!

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
We are back from Summer Break and invite you to join our program for the 2015-2016 year. Our Mission Statement is: Seeing and Serving Christ in the face of our brothers and sisters in our parish community through action and advocacy. We reach out to the elderly, immigrants, incarcerated and non-profits. We thank Father Ron and the Men's and Women's Clubs of Holy Spirit for their past support. The next meeting is October 21st at 7:00 pm-- hope to see you there! For any questions you can call Lilla Orr at 538-3099 or talk to her after 10:15 Mass on Sundays
JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Catholic Charities invite you to take a one hour tour of our programs. Meet some of the people we serve and learn about the ways Catholic Charities serves our community—465 “A” St., Santa Rosa—beginning at noon as follows:
Thursday, October 8
Friday, October 23
Thursday, November 19
Friday, December 4
Thursday, December 17
TOURS LAST ONLY ONE HOUR-THE EXPERIENCE LASTS A LIFETIME.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
NEEDS OUR DONATIONS
PLEASE HELP—join our parish Social Justice Committee. We contacted Catholic Charities to ask what their most urgent needs were for this month: They are housing 60 children in their shelters with the average age of 12, (more boys) and ranging from 2 to 16 and the After School Coordinators are in need of small toys to give to the kids as incentives for completing different levels of homework. Such things as socks, water bottles, character toothbrushes, small boxes of Legos, craft projects, sunglasses, sugarless gum, decks of cards etc....as small rewards for the kids at Family Support Center. A box will be kept in the back of church for the next two weeks to collect items. Thank You and if you have questions call RaLinda at 707-538-3259.

DIOCESAN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
XLT // Catholic, October 17th
WHAT: Theme: Catholic – Eucharistic Adoration with Praise, Worship and Reflection.
WHERE: St. John the Baptist Church, Healdsburg
WHEN: October 17th, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Diocesan Young Adult Retreat, Nov. 8th
WHAT: Theme: Vocation – How are you fully living out Christ’s call of your life?
WHERE: St. Joseph Church, Cotati
WHEN: November 8th from 1:30 pm-5:00 p.m.

NET- ARMEE band, November 13th
WHAT: Theme: Praise & Worship – Come learn about NET ministries.
WHERE: St. Apollinaris Church, Napa
WHEN: November 13th at 7:00 p.m.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION
Each year the Church celebrates WORLD MISSION SUNDAY on a weekend in late October. Our collection for World Mission Sunday is this weekend, October 10th and 11th.
Offerings from Catholics in the Unites States, for World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide. I ask that you be as generous as you can for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY and thus share with the entire Church in the necessary work of spreading the Gospel.
The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa
Bishop of Santa Rosa

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word – Babette O’Shell

UPCOMING EVENTS
1. 6th Grade Wednesday Class, Oct. 14, 3:30–4:30 pm, Rectory Classroom
2. High School Youth, Wed., Oct. 14, 7–8:30 pm, Holy Family Room
3. RCIA “Jesus Christ”, Wed., Oct. 14, 7–8:30 pm, Rectory
4. Bible Study, Thurs., Oct. 15, 7 pm, in the Rectory
7. Social Justice Committee, Wed., Oct. 21, 7 pm, in the Hall
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