

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Ministering to the people in Rincon Valley and beyond

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
January 1, 2017

.....from the Pastor's Desk:

Another three (or four) day weekend!
What a blessing that both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays this year so that many schools and work-places have given either the previous Friday or following Monday (or both) off.

We also celebrate a very special feast this day. Last Sunday was Christmas, today is the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God'. This most ancient of Marian Feasts is one of extreme importance in defining who we are as Roman Catholics. I'll address this in my homilies.

January 1st is always a Holy Day of obligation regardless of what day of the week upon which it falls. Our conventionally singling out this day as the beginning of the New Year offers us a twofold opportunity to benefit from its occurrence.

First an opportunity to look back on the year just completed, in order to gain faith perspective on what transpired in our lives during that time span so as to thank God for our good experiences of the past year and also to recognize any mistakes and to pray for help in learning from them.

Secondly, this day presents an opportunity to look ahead in faith projection with a sense of hope. Not with the wishful pseudo-hope that painful things will not happen to us, but with the assured trust that, even if they do happen, God will be with us to give us strength to keep on journeying through those dark-valley experiences.

I pray you will have a Blessed New Year.

I pray it be one of gentle surprises and fulfilled wishes.

I pray we all grow closer to God and each other as we journey together in faith.

For - The best /S yet to come.

Father Ron



MASS INTENTIONS –December 31 – January 8:

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| Sat | 31 | 5:00 | +Carlos Manuel Barrasan |
| | | Midnight | For the People of the Parish |
| Sun | 1 | 7:30 | Intentions of the Kern Family |
| | | 10:15 | +Walter and Mary Pisenti |
| Mon | 2 | 9:00 | Intentions of Olga Montafi |
| Tue | 3 | 9:00 | +Ron Johnson |
| Wed | 4 | 9:00 | Intentions of Jeanne Huffman |
| Thurs | 5 | 9:00 | Int. of Covel-DeBruin Family |
| Fri | 6 | 9:00 | 1 st Friday (Available) |
| Sat | 7 | 9:00 | 1 st Saturday (Available) |
| | | 5:00 | Available |
| Sun | 8 | 7:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| | | 10:15 | +Marsha Preshoff |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Kelly McGuire, Feliciano Llosa, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D’Ambrogi, Bonnie Clark, Adelina Hernandez, Clem Shanahan, Jeanne Huffman, Linda Escobar and Bruce Campbell.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Pearl Babb, Jack Schweitz, Arlene Stevenson and George Martinucci.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: \$17,753.13

COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Solemnity of Mary

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Building Maintenance Fund

ALTAR FLOWERS: Our Christmas poinsettias are for the intentions of the Prentiss Family.



PACIFIC COAST WALK FOR LIFE – A PRO LIFE MARCH – is scheduled in San Francisco on **Saturday, January 21st**. The Knights of Columbus have organized a bus for the event. The bus will leave St. Eugene’s at 8am and go directly to Saint Mary’s Cathedral where Archbishop Cordelone will be celebrating 9:30am Mass.

After Mass, participants will walk the few blocks to Civic Center where the Walk for Life rally will occur. At 1:30pm, the Walk down Market Street begins.

The cost is \$25 per person. If you are interested, send a check and your contact information to Walk for Life, 3485D Airway Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Any questions, please contact Mike Flanagan at 579-8982.

YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION

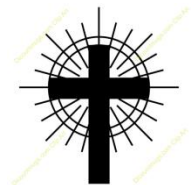
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES GRADES 1-6

God blessed the human family by becoming a member of one, through Jesus’ human family. This is what Christmas celebrates. This is why there is something so very human about this feast, something that touches us in a way deeper than mere nostalgia. Christmas celebrates God’s becoming one of us and one with us. Jesus comes as an infant, placed in the care of a struggling, but lovely family. We are reminded at Christmas that our families are shrouded in the same holiness that Jesus’ family is, and look to their lives together as an example of how to love each other through celebrations and struggles. Check out pflaumweeklies.com to find your free resources designed for families in the continuing the Good News at home.

NO CLASSES THE NEXT TWO WEEKS FOR ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 1ST GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL! We are on Christmas break until the week of January 8th. Wishing you a peaceful Spirit-filled Christmas Season!

******HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH “MOVIE NIGHT” WILL BE ON Wednesday, January 4th, 6 to 10pm!!! Bring your favorite movie and a snack to share....we will have pizza, popcorn and water to drink! RSVP so we know how much pizza to buy!**

All junior and senior high school youth are invited to join us.....



Walking in the Light Retreat February 1-3, 2017
CYO Retreat Camp, Occidental

Walking in the Light is a full weekend youth ministry retreat focused on finding the light of Christ in the world around us. The weekend promises to be filled with fun, friendship and spiritual enrichment. Call Megan O’Neill for a registration packet. Permission slips need to be in by January 18th.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

2017

1. High School Youth "Movie Night", Wed., Jan. 4, 6-10pm, in the Holy Family Room
2. Social Justice Committee, Wed., Jan. 4, 7-8:30pm, in the Parish House
3. Grades 1-6, begins again Sun., Jan. 8
4. Jr. High Youth, begins again Mon., Jan. 9, 3:30-5pm, in the Holy Family Room
5. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, begins again Mon., Jan. 9, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
6. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, begins again Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
7. Men's Club "Boyz Nite Out", Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30 pm, in the Hall
8. Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class, begins again Wed., Jan. 10, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Parish House
9. Women's Club, "Blessed Mother Baby Shower", Wed., Jan. 11, 6:30 pm, In the Hall

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Greeters | Server |
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| Sat, Jan. 7 5 pm | J. McHugh, P. O'Brien | Dn. Storm, D. Mollahan, J. & K. Piasta, K. Snodgrass | C. Dunlap | M. Johnson |
| Sun., Jan. 8 7:30 am | K. LeRoy, L. Kubo | B. Connolly, L. Desimone, P. Edson | K Castro | E. McDonnell |
| Sun, Jan. 8 10:15 am | M. Davis, L. Orr | J. & D. Lisciandro, P. Zack J. & J. Macy, T. & S. Sullivan | H. & J. Hernandez | J. Salvadore I. Norcia-C |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jane Catelani Howard, Maxine Howard | | | | |
| Homebound Week of January 4: P. Breuer, T. Pimentel, D. Mollaha Friends House: Arlene Storm | | | | |

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

*"Baby Shower
for Blessed Mother"*



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH 6:30pm --
\$15 - "Pork Loin Roast Dinner"**

**PLEASE BRING: Unwrapped infant item--
clothes, diapers, blankets etc.--
from size 0 to 24 months**

**Please call Lynne DeCota at 707-981-8619 for
Reservations – no later than Sunday,
January 8th. Please be respectful and make
your reservations so we can accommodate
for the meal!**

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB

"Boyz Nite Out"

Tuesday, January 10th

6:30 pm - \$20

**Who, What and Where!
We are Holy Spirit Community
Strong!**

**COME CELEBRATE
GREAT DINNER, DRINKS
AND FUN!**

**Bring a Friend
1st Timers????
The HSMC will buy your dinner!**

