



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-Thursday & First Friday & First Saturdays 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Every Thursday and First Saturdays following 9 am Mass
or at the Rectory with an appointment**

For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 14 - 15, 2017

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

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King Jr. To some reading this, these names bring back memories of personal experiences during the turbulent times of the sixties and seventies; the start of the Civil Rights Movement, the Catholic Worker Houses and the beginning of the changes that are still in process today to make this country one of equality for all people. Note: *Still in Process*. To those that weren't born yet these names might as well be Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Tubman. Great historical figures all. We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Many, like Jesus Himself, shedding their blood for the good of others, for the good of all. Let them and their work be not forgotten. Let us also not delegate Jesus as merely a great historical figure.

Tomorrow, January 16, the United States of America celebrates the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929 - 1968). He led millions of people in a non-violent movement to bring an end to the segregation of races in the United States. Martin was not alone in his non-violence stance. Throughout history men and woman have stood against the hateful '*subjectification*' of people due to race, creed or place of origin. Many have died for this cause. Many more will.

We all are tragically made aware of how violent our world has become, indeed our own nation. The horrific, vicious shootings and bombings of recent memory will resonate for years to come and sadly, yet hopefully, serve as a reminder that the work begun by such men as Martin Luther King Jr., is never done.

His words eloquently express his passion and faith: "*You ought to believe something in life, believe that thing so fervently that you will stand up with it till the end of your days...*" He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Tomorrow's first reading; Hebrews 5: 1-10, is intended to refer to Jesus and his true humanity. But some of the phrases could well be descriptive of a person of faith *like* Martin Luther King, Jr., a "prophet" in his own time. Many of you remember

the struggles of our nation in the mid-sixties. Here are some words from Hebrews that - for me - resonate about the life of "prophets" in our midst in our day.

- *Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representatives before God...*
- *He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness...*
- *No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God...*
- *In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence...*
- *He learned obedience from what he suffered...*

We pray in **thanksgiving** for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. His was indeed a prophetic voice. Was he perfect? No. Did he have flaws? As do we all. As did all the saints and martyrs. Which is why we humbly ask the God of Justice to help us **reflect** on ways in which we can live our lives – as Jesus did and Martin Luther King Jr. did and as did so many throughout time who stood up for others – so that we may become enthused with a thirst for justice for all women and men.....in all cultures and in all nations.

Let us **resolve** today to make 2017 a more 'just' year in our own parish and community **because** of our own words and deeds.

We ask the God of Mercy to help us so that we may live justly and compassionately in our families, our places of work, our places of recreation, our places of worship, and in **all** our actions.

We **fervently ask** this, Lord, in the name of your Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the guiding witness and light for Martin Luther King, Jr., and his followers

Tomorrow is a National Holiday. Use the day wisely. Join those who pray for peace and an end to all violence.

Mass is at 9am; Holy Spirit Church.

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS –January 14 - 22:

Sat	14	5:00	For the People of the Parish
Sun	15	7:30	+Raymond Benedict
		10:15	+Jack and Dolores McInerney
Mon	16	9:00	Intentions of Steve Granucci
Tue	17	9:00	Available
Wed	18	9:00	+Bernie Pola
Thurs	19	9:00	Int. of Covel-DeBruin Family
Fri	20	9:00	Communion Service
Sat	21	5:00	Int. of Rose Mary Bernstein
Sun	22	7:30	For the People of the Parish
		10:15	+James A. Kaiser

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’Ambrogio, Bonnie Clark, Adelina Hernandez, Clem Shanahan, Jeanne Huffman, Linda Escobar and Bruce Campbell.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Arlene Stevenson, George Martinucci, Bernie Pola, Isadore Sanchez and Hugh Dengler.

COLLECTION THIS WEEK: \$5,469.33

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK:
Church in Latin America \$1,589.00

ALTAR FLOWERS – Our altar flowers are in loving memory of Jack and Dolores McInerney.



HOSTING ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to have our altar flowers with your intentions or in celebration of a special occasion, please see the signup sheet in the back

of the church. All weekends are presently open beginning on February 18/19, with the exception of Lent.

CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS for 2016 can be requested by calling the office.

LITURGY SCHEDULE TO MARCH 31, 2017 is complete and posted in the Sacristy and the back of the Church for your review. The schedule for the upcoming week will also be posted in the bulletin each week. Be looking at your Spring Calendars as the next schedule will be done soon as well. Thank you for all you do to serve our Parish.

YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

The Gospels show us that Jesus is filled with the Spirit of God from the beginning of his ministry. This week, we encourage your family to learn to recognize the Spirit of God in your family life and in the life of the Church. Check out pflaumweeklies.com to find your free resources designed for families in the continuing the Good News at home.

No class on January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. We will resume normal schedule next Sunday, January 22nd.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

No gathering this week. Enjoy your MLK holiday!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2ND YEAR

The Monday and Tuesday night classes, January 15 and 16, will gather from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our preparation for Confirmation with “How Does God Help When it Hurts! (Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering).”

High School Youth Ministry

All high school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening, January 18th, from 7-8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our meeting on Communication this week. You are welcome to bring a friend!

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

ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.....



**Walking in the Light Retreat
 February 3 - 5, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: A Memorial Service for Ysidor Sanchez will be held at Calvary Cemetery Chapel on Friday, January 20th at 2 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

2017

1. Jr. High Youth, begins again Mon., Jan. 16, 3:30-5pm, in the Holy Family Room
2. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, begins again Mon., Jan. 16, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
3. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, begins again Tues., Jan. 17, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class, Wed., Jan. 18, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Parish House
5. Finance Committee Meeting, Tues., Jan. 17, 6:30 pm, in the Parish House
6. Parish Advisory Council, Wed., Jan. 18, 6:30 pm, in the Parish House
7. Bible Study, Thurs., Jan. 26, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, Jan. 21 5 pm	M. Davis, P. Babb	C. Hullinger, M. Johnson, D. Krempely, J. Landen, K. Thompson	M. DeMeo C. Dunlap	A. Thompson I. Thompson
Sun., Jan. 22 7:30 am	P. Smith, K. Schmoll	K. & R. Kunde, E. McDonnell	K. Castro	C. Dowgewicz Hordyk
Sun, Jan. 22 10:15 am	K. Shanahan, J. Cook	Dn. Storm, D. Hobaugh, J. McHugh, M. Hoeft, T. Pimentel, M. & J. Wagner	2 nd Grade	C. Beurtheret I. Norcia-C
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of January 18: D. Boito, E. Manfredi, M. Breuer			Friends House: Jeanne Huffman	



“The time taken to help others is time given to Jesus. It is love that remains: It is our treasure in heaven, which we earn here on earth.”

(Pope Francis, 9/15/16)

Happy New Year to everyone from all the volunteers in the Saint Vincent de Paul District. Have you given any thought to volunteering in the New Year? Do you have 3-4 hours a month? If you have, Saint Vincent de Paul can use your help. The District—as a result of retirements and end-of-term duties—is in immediate need of senior staff to help with Vice President, Treasurer and President duties. Give it some thought. It is, as Pope Francis reminds us, “....time taken to help others.”

If you would like to volunteer or get more information, please do not hesitate contacting: Ron Plasse (795-0982 – imageron@gmail.com), Jack Tibbetts (495-07438 – jtibbetts18@gmail.com), Jack Tolin (527-5849 – goofyguy@msn.com).

A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, try these ideas to be kinder and inspire others to do the same.

Make connections. In days past, households weren't easily relocated, so neighbors were lifelong relationships. That made solving disagreements necessary and important. What resulted was a supportive network to help when necessary. Make sure you are part of a supportive network of friends and family wherever you are.

Be interested, not interesting. Many of us treat conversation like a competitive sport that gives points for the cleverest, loudest, and longest speaker. Interrupting, insisting, and entertaining are not conversing. Instead, listening is a kindness that shows someone he is valued and understood.



Choose not to be offended. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships. If there is someone in your life who

deliberately tries to offend you, walk away. Otherwise, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.