

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

A.M.A.

As you know I was a Military Chaplain for many years. I returned to the Diocese to Parish Ministry in 2003. Until then the acronym 'A.M.A.' meant one of four things to me: American Medical Association, American Motorcyclist Association, American Music Awards or 'Against Medical Advice'. I soon learned that it had a fourth; **Annual Ministry Appeal**. Something you are very familiar with. Looking at last year's records I see that we have been very generous and timely in our response to this appeal. Nice.

So – why do we have this A.M.A. every year? Don't we send the Diocese money every month anyway? Didn't we just finish a 'Capital Campaign'? Well...yes...and yes. Let me take a few moments now to explain the relationship between parish and Diocese. All Roman Catholic parishes worldwide, including ours, do not stand alone as separate entities. They only exist as part of a Diocese - we only exist as part of the Diocese of Santa Rosa – which is a part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and on and up all the way to The Vatican.

The Church gives us spiritual guidance and direction. To achieve this it depends upon a formal hierarchal and institutional structure for administrative purposes. Similar to secular organizations and institutions it is dependent upon its constituents for its support - both financial and in our case - spiritual. Here at our parish we take in a weekly collection to meet our weekly expenses. The Diocese does not have such a capacity. They depend on the individual parishes to fund the various programs that serve the Diocese as a whole. Some of the ministries included this year had been suspended (due to financial restraints) when the diocese went through its 'darkest hours' a few years back. It is time to bring them back to better serve God's people here.

So, how are these monies collected and amounts determined? Each parish is assessed a figure based on previous two years 'plate' (money you put in the basket on Sundays) contributions. This year our portion towards the A.M.A. is \$27,866. (If by chance we exceed our goal then 100% of that excess comes right back to us). I have looked into this in comparison to all the other parishes and their assessments and can say that this is a fair and just valuation. And, it is actually about \$2,000. lower than last year due to a recalculation of figures at the Diocese

IMPORTANT – ANY CHECK OR CASH CONTRIBUTION MUST HAVE OUR NAME – **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH** ON IT – so that we get the credit towards our goal. At this point we need to raise \$22,293. to make our minimal goal. I'd like us to get to the 100% if possible.

Some of you have already received an A.M.A. mailing. Some of you may have already contributed. Some will soon. In a few weeks there will be an 'in-pew' solicitation. Envelopes and pencils will be handed out and you can take a few moments to write your contribution amount and how you will provide it. The envelopes are self-explanatory. I prefer that you drop them in our collection baskets or at the parish office. But, If you have already contributed via mail – there is no need to fill out another one. We will collect the envelopes at the end of Mass – and send them all together, or you can bring it to the next Mass you attend here. Either way it is imperative that they know you are sending it from this parish so we get full credit towards our goal. If you choose to mail it, please ensure you have our parish name on it (Holy Spirit Parish) so that we will receive full-credit towards our goal. Okay? Okay...

It is up to you how you want to contribute to the A.M.A.; either to the general fund - or - just one or a few Ministries. Please make a note with your donation. Although all ministries are worthy and in need. On the insert is a list of the specific ministries, several of which [**IN BOLD**] relate specifically to the people of Holy Spirit. I have always encouraged you to take ownership of this parish. In this way you can extend that same sense to your Diocese.

On the same insert is a 'Frequently Asked Questions' list provided by the Diocese. But feel free to ask me directly for any clarification or guidance.

Note: Not one cent of monies collected through the A.M.A. goes towards any legal or settlement fees. They **ONLY** go to the ministries you will see mentioned in the insert.

Just so you know I have personally pledged \$200.00 and have already kicked in \$100.00. So – only \$22,093 [minimally] more to go! My hope is that with each household giving what they can, 100% participation can be a reality. Together – we can do this!

God bless you, our parish and our diocese.

Father Ron

Sun 22 7:30 **For the People of the Parish**
 10:15 **+James A. Kaiser**
 Mon 23 9:00 **Int. of Stephanie McElroy**
 Tue 24 9:00 **Int. of Gary Davis**
 Wed 25 9:00 **Int. of Mike McElroy**
 Thurs 26 9:00 **Birthday – Megan O’Neill**
 Fri 27 9:00 **Communion Service**
 Sat 28 5:00 **For the People of the Parish**
 Sun 29 7:30 **Intentions of the Shey Family**
 10:15 **+Carl Ryan**

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: Arlene Stevenson, George Martinucci, Bernie Pola, Isadore Sanchez and Hugh Dengler.

COLLECTION THIS WEEK: \$7,067.66

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 4th Sunday of the Month collection for St. Vincent de Paul of Holy Spirit Church which serves our local community.



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 sign-up sheet in the

back of the church. There is a donation of \$50 for the weekend altar flowers

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS BEFORE FEBRUARY 18TH—MY RECORDS ARE INCOMPLETE AND I NEED YOUR HELP.
 Thank you – Kathy

CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS

Please call the office if you wish to receive a 2016 tax statement.

SACRED MEMORIES MEETING



Please join us on **Saturday, February 4th at 10 am** in the Parish House. Valerie Waidler, a Bereavement Counselor from Sutter Care at Home Hospice is joining us.

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

The Gospel places the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Galilee, where he spent his time teaching, proclaiming God’s kingdom, and healing the sick. Jesus invited his new friends here to drop their nets and follow him. He promised them that they would now be fishing for people instead of fish. Check out **pflaumweeklies.com** to find your free resources designed for families in the continuing the Good News at home.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

All Junior High Students are invited to join us this Monday, January 23, 3:30-5 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our “Encounter, Experiencing God in the Everyday” Bible series. This week we will explore the Session 2: Early World.

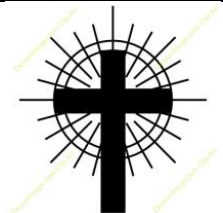
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2ND YEAR

The Monday and Tuesday night classes, January 23 and 24, we will gather from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our preparation for Confirmation with “Who is the Holy Spirit? (Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity)”.

High School Youth Ministry

All high school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening, January 24, from 7-8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. You are always welcome to bring a friend!

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.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the “Lost and Found” box in the back of the Church for any items you have lost in the Church, Rectory or parking lot. We also have a lost “hearing aid”. Call the office if you are looking for the hearing aid!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Jr. High Youth, Mon., Jan. 23, 3:30-5pm, in the Holy Family Room
2. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, Mon., Jan. 23, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
3. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, Tues., Jan. 24, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class, Wed., Jan. 25, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Parish House
5. High School Youth, Wed., Jan. 25, 7-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
- 5.. Bible Study, Thurs., Jan. 26, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House
6. Social Justice Committee, Wed., Feb. 1, 7pm, in the Parish House
7. Sacred Memories, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 am, in the Parish House



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, Jan. 28 5 pm	R. Brady, J. McHugh	Dn. Storm, P. O'Brien, S. Simpson, K. Snodgrass, E. Manfredi	P. & K. Carlsen	A. Thompson I. Thompson
Sun., Jan. 29 7:30 am	S. Pola, L. Kubo	B. Antoniuc, P. Mazur B. Connolly	K. Castro	E. McDonnell
Sun, Jan. 29 10:15 am	L. Berlo, L. Orr	L. & S. Johnson, K. Stevens, J. & D. Lisciandro, B. Vidalin P. Zack	V. Hughes C. DePond	H. Hernandez B. Salvadore
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jane Catelani Howard, Maxine Howard				
Homebound Week of January 25: S. Ayres, P. Edson, M. Hoeft			Friends House: Arlene Storm	



“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).

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

THE IMMIGRATION PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SANTA ROSA will begin citizenship classes in February. They are also offering legal services for those in the process of becoming a U.S Citizen. This service can be FREE or up to \$50.00.

If you would like to reserve a place in the citizenship classes, please contact Catholic Charities at (707)578-6000 x235 and state where you reside. Thank You

CATHOLIC CURSILLO MOVEMENT – Want a Catholic friend? Come join us in fellowship, hear how other Catholics are living their life of holiness and pray as a group before the Blessed Sacrament—Wednesday, February 1, 6-8 pm, St. Eugene's and Saturday, February 18, 2-4 pm, St. Elizabeth Seton, Rhonert Park.

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 for April/May/June and submit the dates you are unavailable to serve. Thank you for all you do to serve our Parish.