



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28 - 29, 2017

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

Seek The Lord

At the very beginning of this day's readings, we are told to seek the Lord. And then, gratefully, we are told how to do that. Both readings, the psalm and the Gospel, all come together to give a definition of how to seek the Lord. We seek the Lord by seeking justice and righteousness, by seeking peace, by seeking humility. This we know. This we have heard every year when the Gospel is about the 'Beatitudes'.

But, the Beatitudes can seem sort of oxymoronic. How will the meek lead? Leadership usually comes to the bold. We see injustice around us every day. How are those who hunger for justice satisfied? Where is the comfort for the mourning? I know I continue to mourn. I am in mourning now as I write this over the recent death of a parishioner.

In a perfect world, people would treat each other decently. A perfect world would be at peace, and justice would prevail. Unfortunately, this world is not perfect. God chose the foolish to shame the wise, the weak to shame the strong, but not everyone understands that. Jesus was born poor, went against the standard norms of the time and the government. Did not seem to have the stuff to be a leader, but he was the greatest leader. And still people did not and do not understand him and his message.

The way to seek the Lord is to seek justice like he did, to seek righteousness like he did, to seek peace like he did. Unfortunately, even he did not get justice and righteousness and peace here on earth. He took the form of the lowly to shame the higher-ups, but they didn't understand. Many still don't understand—Too many.

We have to seek for justice and righteousness and peace, even if we don't get it. We need to do the right thing, even if we don't get what's right in return. We are blessed who show mercy, who seek for justice, who are humble and helpful. Our blessings come from knowing we are acting appropriately. Even if we suffer for our actions here, our rewards will be great in heaven. And if our recompense is not in this imperfect world, it will be in the next perfect one. But our motivation is not just for our eternal reward – it is for our brothers and sister – here and now!

Father Ron

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was give weakness
that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy my life;
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for,
but everything I had hoped for.
I am among men, most richly blessed.

...by an anonymous Confederate Soldier.

AMEN



MASS INTENTIONS — January 28 – February 5:

Sat	28	5:00	For the People of the Parish
Sun	29	7:30	Intentions of the Shey Family
		10:15	+Carl Ryan
Mon	30	9:00	+Dr. William and Leocadia Serban
Tue	31	9:00	+(Baby) River Thomson Isaac
Wed	1	9:00	Intentions of Remington Neal
Thurs	2	9:00	Intentions of Jim Ganley
Fri	3	9:00	+Don Radcliff
Sat	4	9:00	+Theresa McElroy
		5:00	+Daniel Sullivan
Sun	5	7:30	+Elaine Darling
		10:15	For the People of the Parish

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, Linda Escobar and Bruce Campbell.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Bernie Pola, Ysidor Sanchez, Hugh Dengler and Jeanne Huffman.

COLLECTION THIS WEEK: \$5,558.43

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: St. Vincent de Paul

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



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in loving memory of Carl Ryan.

HOSTING ALTAR FLOWERS - PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS ON FEBRUARY 12TH. MY RECORDS ARE INCOMPLETE AND I NEED YOUR HELP. Thank you - Kathy -



NEXT WEEKEND, February 3 – 5th, a group of our Junior and Senior High School youth will be attending our “Walking in the Light” Retreat. We ask for your prayers for each and every participant in guiding us to see and be the light of Christ in our world today!

–Megan O’Neill, Faith Formation

YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

Jesus preaches his famous Sermon on the Mount to the crowds gathered. His teachings of the Beatitudes form the basis for Christian morality. The paradoxes offered invite us to find love in moments of despair. We are called to serve those who are struggling, and to seek God’s special way when we are in need. Check out **pflaumweeklies.com** to find your free resources designed for families in the continuing the Good News at home.

Sunday Mornings 9-10:05am, Wednesday afternoon (grades 2&2) 3:30-4:30pm.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

All Junior High Students are invited to join us this Monday, January 30, 3:30-5pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our “Encounter, Experiencing God in the Everyday” Bible Series. This week we will explore the Session 3: Patriarchs, Egypt & Exodus.;

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2ND YEAR

The Monday and Tuesday night classes, January 30 and 31, will gather from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our preparation for Confirmation with “What Does the Holy Spirit do for Me? (Gifts for the Journey).”

High School Youth Ministry

All high school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening, February 1st, from 7-8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our journey in search of God in our everyday lives. This week we will watch episode “Touch Move” from Joan of Arcadia



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.

HOLY SPIRIT’S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VOLUNTEERES wish to thank you for your wonderful and generous support. They will be providing pizza following 5 pm mass and coffee and donuts following the 7:30 and 10:15 am masses this weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. **Jr. High Youth**, Mon., Jan. 30, 3:30-5pm, in the Holy Family Room
2. **Confirmation 2nd Year Youth**, Mon., Jan. 30, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
3. **Confirmation 2nd Year Youth**, Tues., Jan. 31, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. **Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class**, Wed., Feb. 1, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Parish House
5. **High School Youth**, Wed., Feb. 1, 7-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
- 5.. **Social Justice Committee**, Wed., Feb. 1, 7pm, in the Parish House
6. **Bible Study**, Thurs., Feb. 2, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House
7. **Sacred Memories**, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 am, in the Parish House
7. **Women's Club "Soup, Sourdough & Socks"**, Wed., Feb. 8, 6:30 pm, in the Hall
8. **Men's Club "Father-Daughter Dinner"**, Tues., Feb. 21, 6 pm, in the Hall
9. **Ministries Appreciation Dinner**, Fri. Feb. 24, 6 pm, in the Hall



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat, Feb, 4 5 pm	C. Charbonnier, P. Babb	M. Breuer, J. Albers, K. Thompson, J. & R. Piasta	S. Ayres M. DeMeo	A. Thompson I. Thompson
Sun., Feb. 5 7:30 am	P. Edson, B. Antoniuc	Dn. Storm, L. Desimone, A. Arnerich	K. Castro	E. McDonnell
Sun., Feb. 5 10:15 am	L. Johnson, R. Brady	D. Adams, T. Pimentel, M. & J. Wagner, C. Griffin, J. & J. Macy	C. Farias A. Lopez	M. Salvador J. Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of February 1: E. Mollahan, M. Davis, F. Walsh 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 – goofygyuy@msn.com).

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION, Brach 198, is open for new members. It is located at the St. Eugene Cathedral, and we have 70 members from Resurrection, St. Rose, Holy Spirit, St. Eugene and St. Joseph parishes. Our mission is to uphold religious spirit and spread it through fellowship, fun, hospitality and charity. Our fundraising dinners go to college and grammar school scholarships, Diocesan Seminarians, Catholic Charities, HandiCapables, Life Pregnancy Services, Cooley's Anemia Research and Treatment, Christmas toys, etc. We meet and socialize on the **first Monday evening of every month. For more information, contact Gene or Annie Zingarelli, 707 - 539-9260 or zingarelli@sbcglobal.net—OR come to our February 6 Valentine Cookies, 6 pm, at the St. Eugene Parish Life Center and be our guest.**

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Come and see! THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY HAVE A March Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for Women 18-40, March 10-12, 2017, Los Altos Hills, California. CONTACT: Sr. Lisa Laguna, D. C., 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903. Find us on Facebook at: Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S. or read about Us on www.DaughtersOfCharity.com.

