



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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4 - 5, 2017

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

PROJECT UPDATES:

MANY ARE COLD-BUT FEW ARE FROZEN

Well, that's not exactly how the Scripture passage goes, but it sure does apply to us here today. As you know, if you have been here the last few weeks, our heating system is down. The continuous recent torrential rain finally did the duct-work in under the church. Those of you who have been here for many years have cited to me that the gurgling sound and poor heating in the winter have been with us for decades. As far back as over 30 years, but never, NEVER like this! The previous solution was to hook up little sump pumps and pump it out. That kind of worked, but, so we have just discovered, there was still water in there afterwards. The reason why the heat was so poor last month was that it had to first heat up the water before. How much water? As of this writing [Wednesday evening] we have pumped out 4,500 Gallons of water. Yes, that is right....FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED GALLONS!!!! And, according to the weather-people—it is supposed to rain until Tuesday and then again after a one day break on Wednesday. So we will keep pumping.

And now the **GOOD NEWS:** We think we have a solution that will finally once and for all address this whole issue. Thanks to untold hours by Loyde Johnson meeting and talking and planning with numerous contactors and specialists in this area, we've come with not just a fix, but a permanent solution.

So – the final estimate will be given to me Saturday Morning [Feb 4] and after I recover from the shock, it can be signed and approved and they are ready to hit the ground running Monday morning with the plan of being finished – yes **FINISHED** by next weekend. That's the plan. As to the cost, at this point To Be Determined, but whatever it is, we have to do it. As stated – this is a permanent solution and the heat will perform better than it ever has and we will enjoy this summer with the Air Conditioning too!

Thanks for your patience. Soon and very soon!

ASSISTANCE NEEDED –PARKING ONLY

It you look in the parking lot you will see facing the church 6 spaces with amber stripes in front of white signs with green lettering saying: ASSISTANCE NEEDED – PARKING ONLY. This indicates they are



for people who need some assistance in walking and would greatly benefit from being closer to the church than on the opposite end of the parking lot.

Why do this? As you know we have experienced tremendous growth in our parish and Mass attendance. More people = more cars. And even though we already have 10 spaces designed as 'Handi-Capped' we needed more spaces devoted to those who also might need assistance, even if just for that day. This still leaves 144 other spaces, as well as curb parking. So, please continue to be considerate when parking.

Whose idea was this? The signs were proposed at a Parish Advisory Committee meeting last year. The vote was unanimous. During that time Patrick McDermott, a parishioner, came to us offering to do some type of project for the parish that would be part of his attaining Eagle Scout - the pinnacle of Scouting. Adding one and one was simple enough and lo, the match was made. The aforementioned rains over the last few months and the holiday breaks pushed the project back to last weekend, but now along with repainting a lot of the other Arrows and 'Handi-Capped' parking symbols on the pavement, it is finished. Thank you Patrick McDermott and Troop 32. It was inspiring to see the troop there working together on this much needed endeavor that will benefit so many. *"Introibo Ad Altare Dei, ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam"*

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING

All our lights, Church/Hall and Parish House, inside and out – including the parking lots have been changed to more user-friendly, greener, and energy efficient bulbs. Even though they are much brighter, they will use at least 1/2 the energy than what we had before. So, *let your light shine before all that they may see the good that you do and give glory to God!*

A.D.A. BATHROOMS FOR THE CHURCH/HALL

are next, once the heating and water accumulation project is completed. Our goal is to have three bathrooms instead of two, all A.D.A. approved. They would be single occupancy and not gender-specific, although that is still under discussion.

So, that's that for now. As always, we'll keep you informed.

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS — February 4 - 12:

Sat	4	5:00	+Daniel Sullivan
Sun	5	7:30	+Elaine Darling
		10:15	For our Retreat Youth & Team
Mon	6	9:00	+Jessie Benedict
Tue	7	9:00	T. B. A.
Wed	8	9:00	T. B. A.
Thurs	9	9:00	T. B. A.
Fri	10	9:00	T. B. A.
Sat	11	5:00	+Barbara Hilton
Sun	12	7:30	For the People of the Parish
		10:15	Michelle and Chad Davis
			Wedding Anniversary

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: \$5,785.06

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK:

St. Vincent de Paul \$4,155.00

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK:

Building Maintenance Fund

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



**DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA
2017 ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL**

Everyone who is registered with the parish, or who has donated to this campaign in the past, has received a letter from Bishop Vasa. Our parish has a target of \$27,866. If we exceed the target, the entire excess will be returned to the parish for our use here—so we can do ourselves a favor. On the other hand, if we fail to raise 80% of that target, we must use parish savings to make up the difference.

You have received a letter from the Bishop containing a pledge card. You can also donate online at www.srdioocese.org (Online Giving). On Sunday, February 25/26 we will offer an opportunity to complete a pledge card during the Mass.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2017 AMA.

YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

Jesus commissions his followers to be “the salt of the earth” and “light to the world”. Salt and light are just as important to us today as they were to people in Jesus’ time. Jesus’ image of salt challenges us to bring out the best in others as salt brings out the best flavors in food. The image of light challenges us to warm and brighten others’ lives like sunlight. It challenges us to live as Jesus did so that our actions shine forth like a lamp on a stand. Check out pflaumweeklies.com to find your free resources designed for families in the continuing the Good News at home.

Circle of Grace will be happening in our classes this week and next. All parents are welcome to join us for these and all classes.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

All Junior High Students are invited to join us this Monday, February 6th, 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 4: Desert Wanderings, Conquest & Judges.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2ND YEAR

The Monday and Tuesday night classes, February 6 and 7, will gather from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our preparation for Confirmation with “Why Have I Been Chosen? (Sealed and Sent in Confirmation)”.

High School Youth Ministry

All high school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening, February 8th, 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 continue our series from Joan of Arcadia with “The Boat”



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in loving memory of Elaine Darling.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Fr. James J. Duplissey of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. **Jr. High Youth**, Mon., Feb. 6, 3:30-5pm, in the Holy Family Room
2. **Confirmation 2nd Year Youth**, Mon., Feb. 6, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
3. **Confirmation 2nd Year Youth**, Tues., Feb. 7, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. **Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class**, Wed., Feb. 8, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Parish House
5. **Women's Club "Soup, Sourdough & Socks"**, Wed., Feb. 8, 6:30 pm, in the Hall
6. **High School Youth**, Wed., Feb. 8, 7-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
7. **Bible Study**, Thurs., Feb. 9, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House
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



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, Feb. 11 5 pm	K. Shanahan, K. Kinkela	M. Johnson, P. Dillaway, G. Conrad, D. Boito, J. McHugh	P. & K. Carlsen	
Sun., Feb. 12 7:30 am	L. Davis, P. Smith	J. Hoffman, P. Edson, B. Antoniuc	K. Castro	C. D-Hordyk
Sun., Feb. 12 10:15 am	M. Cusack, H. Kelly	Dn. Storm, J. & J. Macy, B. O'Shell, R. Cooney, T. & S. Sullivan	H. & M. Hernandez	C. Beurtheret
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jane Catelani Howard, Maxine Howard				
Homebound Week of February 8: L. Ward, D. M. Breuer, D. Boito Friends House: Arlene Storm				

Holy Spirit Women's Club

Soup, Salad, Socks and Sourdough

Wednesday, February 8th

6:30 PM

Raffle/Bar



PLEASE BRING new socks for boys, girls, men or women to be donated to three different charities this year:

"The Sam Jones Center", "Valley of the Moon Children's Home" and "Catholic Charities"

This year we are asking for soups made in a crockpot. If you would like to share your favorite soup with our ladies, let me know when you call for your reservation.

Please be respectful and call for your reservation no later than Monday, February 6th.

Call: Lynne DeCota 707-981-8619