



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Ministering to the people in Rincon Valley and beyond

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Mass Schedule:

Ash Wednesday: 9 am and 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 6:30 pm

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 25 - 26, 2017

... from the *Pastor's Desk*

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent - the time we change our lives for the better in preparation for the Most Holy of days – Easter Sunday. This raises a yearly question for each of us. What should I give up for Lent? Or, perhaps, what should I take on? Preferably – both! To make a more well-informed decision, I think it best to first address WHY we should do either - or both.

The goal is two-fold: That we realize there is value in denying ourselves every gratification, especially immediate ones, and, secondarily, to learn the spiritual value of sacrifice. In our world today of wanting everything – and wanting it NOW – this is a great lesson to learn, or re-learn as the case may be. Good things are both worth waiting for and worth working for.

It is up to each of you personally to determine how best to achieve this, but here are some ideas:

-Perhaps giving up or modifying something like the consumption of chocolate or sweets, or pizza, or the amount of time per day spent playing video games, or internet surfing, or excessive texting, tweeting or twittering, or just watching TV is a great sacrifice for you.

-Perhaps making daily Mass a few times a week, or the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, or saying a daily rosary, or reading some of the Bible daily – or attending the Holy Hour on Thursdays – or being faithful to taking time to read the 'Little Black Book of Lenten Mediations' – any of which would involve some of your 'free-time' – would be a great sacrifice.

Again, it is up to you. What will teach you best the virtue of sacrifice? Pick something, pick even ONE thing and go with it. If you are not sure – ask God in prayer these next three days. You'll know – BELIEVE me – you'll know!

Remember - we add sacrifice to our lives not for its own sake, but to help us be more attuned to God and to those whose daily lives involve much sacrifice and suffering – the Body of Christ Crucified among us.

Regarding fasting – this bulletin gives you the official Diocesan Regulations. If you follow these – regardless of age – you will find it most edifying.

From its earliest days the Church has urged the baptized to observe the three-fold discipline of fasting, almsgiving (charity), and prayer in preparation for the celebration of Easter. As you will

hear there is something very special and specific that I want us together, as a parish to reach toward. I strongly encourage your participation. During Lent the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and giving generously to programs of sharing.

On the cover of this bulletin you will find the *Mass and Service Schedule* for Ash Wednesday and Lent.

With deepest sincerity -I wish you a Holy, meaningful, productive, and yes, Happy Lent.

Father Ron

2017 Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Santa Rosa

The current discipline is as follows:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast** and **abstinence**, that is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat.
- The other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat.
- The law of **fasting** permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of their sixtieth (60) year are obligated to fast.
- The law of **abstinence** from meat applies to all persons who have completed their *fourteenth* year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages *seven* to *fourteen* years also follow the law of **abstinence**.
- All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Penance so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery. Those who have received their first Holy Communion are to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.
- The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #110)
- **Marriages** may be celebrated with Mass and the nuptial blessing should always be given. It is, however, contrary to the spirit of penance during Lent to plan an elaborate wedding with lavish decorations.

MASS INTENTIONS – February 25 – March 5::

Sat	25	5:00	+Wil Davis
Sun	26	7:30	+Alexena and Adelard Lepire
		10:15	+Arlene Stevenson
Mon	27	9:00	+Francis Mori
Tue	28	9:00	Intentions of Mike Neal
Wed	1	9:00	+Jeanne Huffman
		6:30	+Mary Kyncy
Thurs	2	9:00	Intentions of Remington Neal
Fri	3	9:00	Intentions of Jim Ganley
Sat	4	9:00	+Leon Lenney
		5:00	+Daniel Sullivan
Sun	5	7:30	+Manuel Benedict
		10:15	+Hannelore Julia Franco

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: Hugh Dengler, Jeanne Huffman and Mary Kyncy.

COLLECTION THIS WEEK: \$7,022.00

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

2017 ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL

The Annual Ministry Appeal, *One Family in Mission*, helps to support important ministry efforts. As a Catholic Family, we can do together what no ONE parish can do alone.

When our parish reaches its goal of **\$27,866** in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

You have received a letter from the Bishop containing pledge cards.

You can also donate online at www.srdiocese.org (Online Giving).

Today 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 uses the birds of the air and wildflowers of earth as reasons to trust God’s care for us. Jesus’ examples show that he enjoyed and appreciated creation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us the world’s order and beauty brings us to an understanding of God as the beginning and end of the universe (31-32). Jesus tells us that God loves us and wants us to thrive. Check out pflaumweeklies.com to find your free resources designed for families in continuing the Good News at home.

Sunday Classes 9-10:05 am.

Wednesday Classes 3:30-4:30 pm

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

All Junior High Students are invited to join us this Monday, February 27, 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 6: Exile, Return, Maccabean Revolt.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2ND YEAR

The Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28, we will gather from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our preparation for Confirmation with Lesson 16: “What Does It Mean To Say I do? (Marriage, a Sign of God’s Love).”

High School Youth Ministry

This Wednesday evening, March 1, High School Youth Ministry **will not gather.** Please take the time to attend **Ash Wednesday Liturgy** at 6:30 pm in the church. See you next week to explore the fasting and feasting of Lent.

**PLEASE JOIN THE
ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE**

**on Monday,
February 27th at 11
am in the Church.
The Church will be
decorated for Lent.**



UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Jr. High Youth, Mon., Feb. 27, 3:30-5pm in the Parish House
2. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, Mon., Feb. 27, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
3. Confirmation 2nd Year Youth, Tues., Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. **ASH WEDNESDAY**, Mass and Distribution of Ashes, 9 am and 6:30 pm
5. NO Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class, Wed., Mar. 1.
6. NO High School Youth, Wed., Mar. 1
7. Bible Study, Thurs., Mar. 2, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House
8. Sacred Memories Meeting, Sat., Mar. 4, 10 am, in the Parish House
9. Men's Club Dinner Meeting, Tues., Mar. 14, 6:30 pm, in the Hall
10. St Patrick's Day Dinner, HSMC & HSWC, Fri., Mar. 17, 6 pm, in the Hall (Tickets on sale following mass)



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, Mar. 4 5 pm	P. Babb, K. Shanahan	Dn. Storm, A. Storm, K. Snodgrass, J. Albers. J. & K. Piasta, G. Conrad	C. Dunlap	
Sun., Mar. 5 7:30 am	P. Edson, L. Davis	J. Hoffman, L. Desmone, A. Arnerich	K. Castro	C.D-Hordyk
Sun, Mar. 5 10:15 am	C. Charbonnier, L. Berlo	L. & S. Johnson, M. Friesen, J. & D. Lisciandro, T. & S. Sullivan	A. Lopez	R. Reynolds O. Norcia- Crowell
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of March 1: M. Breuer, D. Boito, M. Davis Friends House: Arlene Storm				



Holy Spirit Men's Club & Holy Spirit Women's Club "St. Patrick's Day Dinner"

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Live Music by Holy Spirit Holligan Irish Band
*Plus two Italian Bartenders!**

**Friday, March 17th
Doors Open at 6:00 PM**

**\$20 per person - \$3 cocktails
Gloria's Famous Irish Coffee!!**



**ADULTS ONLY PLEASE
TICKETS ON Sale After Sun day Masses!**