



# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

**Ministering to the people in Rincon Valley and beyond**

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## **Mass Schedule:**

**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**

# **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## **March 4 - 5, 2017**

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... from the *Pastor's Desk*

## House in a Box?

### Lenten Almsgiving.

Every year, for the Parish, we choose something different to reach to. Things that help people in great need directly, personally. You have been so generous over the years whenever I have asked for assistance. There are so many good causes and programs out there. Most of what we hear about are ways to assist the 'First Responders'. And with the fires and floods of recent years there have been ample opportunities to do just that. But when the fires are all extinguished and the flood waters recede – there exists a real need for 'Second-Responders'.

Our Parish Advisory Committee discussed at great length how we can assist such efforts and what would be an appropriate 'Alms-Giving' for Holy Spirit Parish This year. 'House-In-A-Box' was voted in unanimously.

House-In-A-Box is a program sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul. It provides new household items for families who have lost everything as a result of natural disasters and who are forced into situational poverty. Imagine if your own home, and everything in it – EVERYTHING - was completely destroyed and all you had left was the clothes on your back. This was/is the situation for hundreds and hundreds of people, even families with newborns!

The "House in a Box" gives dignity to families in crisis as it gives them a new and fresh start. All families receive the same new items which are packaged for efficiency of delivery. The program is scalable to the size of the family and starts at \$2,100 for a family of four but larger families can receive further items. Note – the monies raised here goes to assist as many families as possible. The families are already signed up and awaiting assistance.

So, what's in that Box? House-In-Box provides basic furniture for a family of 4 people. This includes beds, linens, dishes, pots and pans, dressers, silverware, bathroom setup, dinette and a couch. In some cases tables and chairs and dressers are available as well. Again, all items are new and in their own 'boxes'.

We still have families in nearby Lake County who lost everything and are not yet recovered from the fires there. They are living in tiny one bedroom apartments or motels. We still have local families for whom this would be a God-Send. Literally.

So, as you save up what you might otherwise spend on yourself or your entertainment, or the monies saved by simple eating on fast days and Fridays - please keep this outreach in mind.

I will inform you as to how we will collect your offerings at the end of Lent. You may note that we do not have anything for you to put your monies in like we did with the baby bottles last year. I suggest you find something appropriate in your own home, something meaningful to you. Something you see every day that will remind you to give what you can, when you can.

God Bless you and all those you love,

*Father Ron*

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:** For lent our parish is creating "Welcome Baskets" for those who are getting their first homes through Catholic Charities and SAY (Social Advocates for Youth). These baskets will be the start of having a place to live for many who have been homeless and on the brink of poverty. A sample Basket with ideas of what to bring is at the back of church. Items for the basket include small kitchen items, small monetary gift cards, (miscellaneous items) new blankets, toiletries, towels etc. Please bring your items to mass. Our baskets will be Laundry Baskets that WE will fill. A list of the items needed will be available after mass. God Bless you for your support. Any questions, please ask any of the members of the Social Justice Committee or call the office.

**MASS INTENTIONS – March 4 – 12:**

Sat	4	5:00	+Daniel Sullivan
Sun	5	7:30	+Manuel Benedict
		10:15	+Hanalore Julya Franco
Mon	6	9:00	+Kimberly Keefer
Tue	7	9:00	+Randy Sparacio
Wed	8	9:00	+Gayle Darling
Thurs	9	9:00	+Mike Miller
Fri	10	9:00	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Sat	11	5:00	+(Teri) Theresa Guaraldi
Sun	12	7:30	+Bernie Pola
		10:15	+Archie da Luz

**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, Bruce Campbell and Yolanda Madrid-Picano.

**FOR THE SOULS OF:** Jeanne Huffman and Mary Kyncy.

**COLLECTION THIS WEEK: \$6,076.00**

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*Fridays, 6:30 pm*



*Men’s Club*

*Surprise Dinner Meeting*

**March 14, 2017**

**An evening of good food, and good friends!**

**Cocktails at 6:30 pm**

**Dinner at 7 PM**

**\*\*FREE DINNER FOR ALL 1<sup>st</sup> TIME**

**ATTENDEES!!!\*\***

**Dinner menu: “Cooks Surprise”**



**YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION**

**Faith Formation Grades 1-6**

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray. When Jesus is tired and hungry, Satan tempts Jesus to use his power to make bread of stones, to jump from great heights, and to become a temporal ruler. Jesus says “no” to these temptations and chooses to live as a simple human being. His lesson tells us all that we can use our Lenten experience to straighten our priorities. Check out [pflaumweeklies.com](http://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, March 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 7: Messianic Fulfillment.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR**

The Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7, we will gather from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our preparation for Confirmation with Lesson 18: “Who’s Calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment).

**High School Youth Ministry**

All high school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will explore the “Fasting and Feasting of Lent” to find the brighter light of this Lenten season.

**RITE OF ENROLLMENT – 10:15 am MASS, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> . TIME CHANGE.....**

**NEW LITURGY SCHEDULE IS NEEDED**  
**BEGINNING APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

***Please call or email the office with the dates you are unavailable to serve between April and June 30.....Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, (Lectors please advise Mike Cusack).***

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

1. Jr. High Youth, Mon., Mar. 6, 3:30-5pm in the Parish House
2. Confirmation 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Youth, Mon., Mar. 6, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
3. Confirmation 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Youth, Tues., Mar. 7, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class, Wed., Mar. 8, 3:30 -4:30pm, in the Parish House
5. High School Youth, Wed., Mar. 8, 7-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
6. Bible Study, Thurs., Mar. 9, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House
7. Stations of the Cross, Fri., Mar. 10, 6:30 pm, in the Church
7. Men's Club Dinner Meeting, Tues., Mar. 14, 6:30 pm, in the Hall
8. St Patrick's Day Dinner, HSMC & HSWC, Fri., Mar. 17, 6 pm, in the Hall (Tickets on sale following mass)



### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, Mar. 11 5 pm	J. McHugh, P. O'Brien	K. Thompson, E. Manfredi, J. Landen, D. Krempely, C. Hullinger	P. & K. Carlsen	A.Thompson I. Thompson
Sun., Mar. 12 7:30 am	L. Kubo, B. Antoniuc	K. & R. Kunde, P. Mazur	K. Castro	E. McDonnell
Sun, Mar. 12 10:15 am	H. Kelly, P. Anderson	P. Zack, D. Hobaugh, M. Davis, L. Berlo, D. Adams, M. & J. Wagner	H. & M. Hernandez	B. Salvador J. Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jane Catelani Howard, Maxine Howard				
Homebound Week of March 8: L. Ward, D. Mollahan, F. Walsh      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 17<sup>th</sup>  
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!**