

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT **March 18 - 19, 2017**

... from the *Pastor's Desk*

Taking a 'Guilt Trip' this Lent?

Guilt is good. Well, in proper proportion anyway. Therein lies the rub. Like so many other things that CAN be good – we tend to over indulge in it - especially during Lent. Guilt is a normal, God-given reaction to sin. Let me explain. Guilt is the spiritual counterpart to the physical sensation of pain. As pain saves us from being seriously hurt or warns us that we need medical attention, so guilt warns us that something is wrong spiritually. Guilt is part of reality. The question is not: "*Will I go on a guilt trip?*" All human beings will go on guilt trips. We can't help it. The question is: "*When and where and for how long will I go on a guilt trip?*"

If we deal with guilt by repenting immediately and taking a short guilt trip to Jesus' forgiveness, we receive love, mercy, and freedom from our sins. If we delay our guilt trip and hope we won't need to take one, we'll eventually take one anyway. The longer we wait, the worse it gets. If we wait too long (and I mean LITERALLY TOO LONG!) we can even end up taking a one-way guilt trip to.....well you definitely don't want to go there! If we take a guilt trip not to Jesus' love, but to our self-pity, or human efforts, our guilt leads to shame (shame results when we try to deal with guilt by our own power). Shame is self-hatred. And God certainly does not want us to hate ourselves. Therefore, when we sin, we should repent immediately and take a short guilt-trip to Jesus' forgiveness.

Lent is a Journey to Easter, not a Guilt Trip to Shame. Life is a Journey, not a Destination. May we all meet at Journeys End – in the Heavenly Realm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession] is the best way to get off the Guilt-Trip

and back on the Journey. I am available daily for private appointments. Our regularly scheduled time for Confession is posted on the front of the bulletin.

This year's Lenten Confessions will be on March 22, [this Wednesday] starting at 7 pm [right after our 630 mass]. Multiple priests available, including bi-lingual [Spanish – English]. We will stay as long as needed.

Blessings, Fellow Travelers,

Father Ron



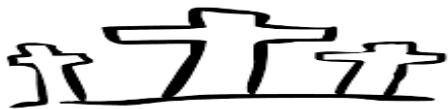
Rest in Peace
Mary and Jeanne

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS OF LENT
Many of you cannot make our daily masses at 9am due to scheduling conflicts. Accordingly, we have added a 6:30 pm evening mass on Wednesdays during lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6:30 pm

SACRED SOUP FOLLOWS



MASS INTENTIONS – March 18 – 26:

Sat	18	5:00	+David Frey
Sun	19	7:30	+Betty Schwan
		10:15	+Mary E. Byrne
Mon	20	9:00	+John Brady
Tue	21	9:00	+Betty and Truman King
Wed	22	9:00	+Frank Lyman
		6:30	For the People of the Parish
Thurs	23	9:00	Intentions of Julie Radcliff
Fri	24	9:00	Communion Service
Sat	25	5:00	+Shirley Ann Chase
Sun	26	7:30	+Bernie Pola
		10:15	+David Drew

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, Yolanda Madrid-Picano and Joann Maniscalco.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Jeanne Huffman and Mary Kyncy.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$6,493.00

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$2,206.00

Catholic Relief Services/Campaign for Human Development

Lenten
Penance
Service



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND
7 PM

YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

In this Sunday's Gospel, a Samaritan woman visiting the village well becomes the bearer of Jesus' Good News to her townspeople. Jesus chose a woman and a Samaritan to spread his message. He offers her living water, which brings a realization that Jesus is the Messiah and his new community will include Samaritans. We are first given living water at Baptism. Through our Baptism we become part of the community and given the grace to live as Jesus did. 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.

ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES (Grades 1-7, JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY, CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY) ARE OFF THIS WEEK (March 19-25).

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!

Classes will resume as normal on Sunday, March 26 at 9 am and continue through the week.

HAMS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A wonderful Easter tradition here at Holy Spirit is providing hams for the St. Vincent de Paul Families. We would like to continue the tradition by collecting 1, 3 or 5 pound canned hams on Saturday, April 8 and 9. We will distribute them at our Easter distribution Wednesday, April 12. We will have sign-ups for the hams after masses on April 1 and 2. As always, "Thank You" and "Blessings" on behalf of all the families served and the volunteers at Holy Spirit's Saint Vincent de Paul.

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH:

CATHOLIC CURSILLO MOVEMENT – Want a Catholic friend? Fellowship gatherings of Catholics are held generally twice a month in Santa Rosa and Rhonert Park. The April dates are:

Wednesday, April 5, 6-8 pm, St. Eugene's

Saturday, April 15, 2-4 pm, St. Elizabeth Seton

For further information call Debbie Simonson at 904-463-1070.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – You are invited to put some "spring" in your marriage by going to the next class on April 30, 2017 from 7-9 pm. To register, visit www.ccli.org for the English Class in Santa Rosa. Call (707) 542-3635.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. **NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES OR YOUTH MINISTRY THIS WEEK—SPRING BREAK!**
2. **Mass, Wed., Mar. 22, 9 am and 6:30 pm**
3. **Lenten Confessions, Wed., Mar. 22, 7 pm**
4. **Bible Study, Thurs., Mar. 23, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House**
5. **Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6:30 pm during Lent**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, Mar. 26 5 pm	M. Davis, K. Kinkela	K. Thompson, J. Landen, C. Dudley, G. Conrad, J. Albers, J & K. Piasta	C. Dunlap	A. Thompson I. Thompson
Sun., Mar. 27 7:30 am	P. O'Brien, B. Antoniuc	P. Mazur, J. Hoffman, A. Arnerich	K. Castro	E. McDonnell
Sun., March 27 10:15 am	L. Johnson, M. Cusack	Dn. Storm, M. & J. Wagner, J. & J. Macy, J. & D. Lisciandro	V. Hughes A. Lopez	M. Salvador J. Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Babette O'Shell				
Homebound Week of March 22: M. Davis, T. Pimentel, S. Ayres Friends House: Arlene Storm				



HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, April 5TH, 6:30 pm

1 Dinner + 1 Bingo Card - \$10

(Extra Cards - \$2)

Gift prizes to the winners!

**Please bring "hotel size" toiletries
for Catholic Charities**



RESERVATIONS: Call Lynne DeCota 707-658-2063