



# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

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## **Pastoral Staff:**

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## **For other Ministerial Staff:**

Please phone the office (707) 539-4495

## **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

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 25 - 26, 2017

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

Here we are, half-way through Lent 2017. If you are like most of us – you've already struggled with your Lenten Resolutions – perhaps you've even flat out failed and fallen. Do not be discouraged – Christ Himself fell 3 times on His way to Calvary – but He got back up each time and so can you. Here are some special prayers to help you through this week. Please take a few seconds each morning to pray the corresponding prayer and receive the Grace sufficient for that day - Grace enough to help you on your journey through Lent, one day at a time.

**Sunday:** Loving Father, So many times I turn away from you and always you welcome me back. Your mercy and love gives me confidence. Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray so that you can form a new heart within me. Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.

**Monday:** Merciful God, Free your Church from the sins of this world and protect us from evil we see and the evil we prefer to ignore. We need your guidance, Lord, for we cannot do this alone. Only with your help can we be saved. Thank you for your desire to save us and love us.

**Tuesday:** God of infinite love, I thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others. Here in the middle of Lent, I turn to you to beg for your help. Please soften my heart. Help me to let go of judging others. I ask you this, in Jesus' name.

**Wednesday:** God, you love me as your own child. May I bend my life and will toward you so that I might accept your teaching and guidance. I am so grateful for your support in my life, now, and in the eternal life you are preparing for me. I beg for your help and Spirit in my life today.

**Thursday:** Loving God, I hear your invitation, "Come back to me," and I am filled with such a longing to return to you. Show me the way to return. Lead me this day in good works I do in your name and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith. I ask only to feel your love in my life today.

**Friday:** God of Mercy, I feel my heart overflowing with your tenderness. I sense your loving touch deep within my soul. I ask for your help in my weakness that I might be faithful to your word and I am so grateful that your mercy for my failings is as strong as your unbounded love for me.

**Saturday:** God of Mercy and Understanding, I know that with help I can open my heart more fully to the mysteries of the suffering and death of your son. Help me to be humble in this journey and remember that any mercy and compassion I feel is a gift from you. I await the joy of Easter with new longing and patience.

Remember – Life is a Journey – Not a Destination.  
And, we journey together.

*Father Ron*

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### **Office Manager Position**

In the bulletin from March 12<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Stoddard told us that she was going to retire and move to Southern California in mid-May to be with children and grand-children. Although we are saddened by this news, we understand her reasons. She is going to be with family, but will always be a part of our 'family'.

Her leaving necessitates hiring another person to fill that position. The Personnel Board, comprised of Parish Advisory Committee members, is currently compiling a thorough job-description as the duties and responsibilities will be expanded. Resumes will be accepted upon its completion and posting.

MASS INTENTIONS — March 25 – April 2:

Sat	25	5:00	+Shirley Ann Chase
Sun	26	7:30	+Bernie Pola
		10:15	+David Drew
Mon	27	9:00	Available
Tue	28	9:00	+Tom Auslander
Wed	29	9:00	+Mary Lou Gadbois
		6:30	For the People of the Parish
Thurs	30	9:00	+Leocadia Serban
Fri	31	9:00	Communion Service
Sat	1	9:00	+Shirley Ann Chase
		5:00	+Daniel Sullivan
Sun	2	7:30	For the People of the Parish
		10:15	+Rosalie Vidalin

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, Clem Shanahan, Linda Escobar, Bruce Campbell, Yolanda Madrid-Picano and Joann Maniscalco.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Jeanne Huffman and Mary Kyncy.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK: \$5,893.33

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS**

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays at 6:30 pm**

**SACRED SOUP FOLLOWS**



**YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION**

**FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1-6**

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of a man blind from birth. It is the man born blind who sees Jesus for who he really is. The man’s neighbors, parents, and teachers have sight but are blind to who Jesus is. In many parishes, those preparing for Baptism receive the Creed this week, and many of this week’s lessons help young people know the Creed. 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 27, 3:30-5pm in the Holy Family Room. We will be exploring the aspects of “Bullying” and how we as Christians are called to treat all people with respect and dignity.

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

On Monday and Tuesday, March 27 and 28 from 7-8:30 pm, we will gather in the Holy Family Room. We will continue our preparation for Confirmation with Lesson 19: “Who is Mary?” (Meeting the Mother of God and Your Heavenly Family.)

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

All high school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening, March 29, from 7-8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. Come share your favorite prayer style with us or maybe we can show you a few that will help you in your prayer life! All are welcome!

**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*.

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

1. Jr. High Youth, Mon., Mar. 27, 3:30-5pm in the Parish House
2. Confirmation 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Youth, Mon., Mar. 27, 6:30-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room
3. Confirmation 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Youth, Tues., Mar. 28, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class, Wed., Mar. 29, 3:30 -4:30pm, in the Parish House
5. High School Youth, Wed., Mar. 29, 7-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room .
6. Mass, Wed., Mar. 29, 9 am and 6:30 pm
7. Bible Study, Thurs., Mar. 30, 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish House
8. Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6:30 pm during Lent



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, Apr. 1 5 pm	S. Simpson, M. Davis	Dn. Storm, A. Storm, J. & K. Piasta, K. Thompson	M. DeMeo C. Dunlap	A. Thompson I. Thompson
Sun., Apr. 2 7:30 am	P. Edson, L. Kubo	K. & R. Kunde, A. Arnerich	K. Castro	E. McDonnell
Sun, Apr. 2 10:15 am	T. Pimentel, B. O'Shell	L. & S. Johnson, J. & J. Macy D. & J. Lisciandro, J. Schlender	C. DePond	R. Reynolds B. Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word –Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of March 29: D. Boito, P. Edson, F. Walsh      Friends House: Arlene Storm				



## HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, April 5<sup>TH</sup>, 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