



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29 - 30, 2017

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

May - A Time of Grace

The month of May, which starts tomorrow, is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. This year the entire month falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

As Catholics this is a very special time for us. Next Sunday, during the 10:15 Mass, we once again have the time-honored tradition of a May Crowning, but with a slight difference. Instead of just a few pre-selected children who proceed and crown Mary — All the children will be given a flower to bring up and offer to Our Lady as they make a circle of flowers at her feet. At the end of Mass they may take a flower home with them.

Did you know that before every weekday mass, year-long, we have a rosary at 8:30 am? Even if you can't stay for a daily mass at 9:00 a.m. due to work or school — you might consider praying a rosary with us this month. What a special way to thank Our Lady for Graces showered upon us through her intercession. She has certainly seen us through some tough times and we trust that she will continue to do so

And what a beautiful time of year it is here in Sonoma County. As Spring blossoms forth and we are surrounded by new life, we spend this time still full of the joy of our Easter celebration.

The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month and the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of Heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary, who set out in haste to assist St. Elizabeth (feast of the Visitation, May 31).

Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for his mercy endures forever!

In the words of Saint John Paul II, Pope :
"In the hierarchy of holiness it is precisely the 'woman', Mary of Nazareth, who is the 'figure' of the Church. She 'precedes' everyone on the path to holiness; in her person 'the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle".
[Mulieris Dignitatem, 1988]

May the Peace of Our Lord,
And the Love of Our Lady
Be with you always,

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS — April 29 – May 7:

Sat	29	5:00	Intentions of Kaitlyn Radcliff
Sun	30	7:30	+Dr. William and Leocadia Serban
		10:15	+Maria Luisa Pacheco
Mon	1	9:00	Intentions of Waunita Davis
Tue	2	9:00	Intentions of Eli Davis
Wed	3	9:00	Intentions of Carrie Davis
Thurs	4	9:00	+Dana Matt
Fri	5	9:00	First Friday
Sat	6	9:00	First Saturday
		5:00	+Daniel Sullivan
Sun	7	7:30	+Elaine Darling
		10:15	+Clementine Shanahan

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, Linda Escobar, Bruce Campbell, Barbara McRae, Charlie Rogers, Carol Posehn, Jim Weese, Jack Macy and Louis Alan Hodson.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Clem Shanahan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$5,375.33

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK:
St. Vincent de Paul – 5th Sunday Collection

ALTAR FLOWERS: Our altar flowers are in thanksgiving on the 1st Anniversary of Maggie and Alfredo Vera.



RETIREMENT
PARTY FOR
KATHY
STODDARD!

SUNDAY
APRIL 30TH AT
5PM

ALL are welcome!

**We are having a POT LUCK in the
PARISH HALL!**

**Bring your favorite
main dish or side dish**

We will provide the drinks and dessert!

YOUTH MINISTRIES INFORMATION

FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1-6

When the two disciples in the Gospel story walk with Jesus to Emmaus they began to understand why Jesus had to suffer. They also recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Make a list of questions each of you would want to ask Jesus if you had the chance to take a long walk with him. Share the questions with one another. Talk, too, about ways you can make the Mass a more important part of your life. Check out pflaumweeklies.com to find your free resources designed for families in the continuing the Good News at home.

Rehearsal for First Eucharist is on Wednesday, May 3rd at 3:30 pm. All students and one parent (or adult you have appointed) must attend. We will be choosing your seating location and rehearsing for the day. First Eucharist is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th at 2 pm in our church! Please pray for our First Communion students on this blessed day.

Registration for **FAITH FORMATION 2017-2018 WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK May 7th** (our last day of Sunday classes) for all Holy Spirit Parishioners. Please take the time to fill out and return the registration form your child will be given in class or grab one in the back of the church. Registration will open for anyone beginning May 24th. Save your spot today!

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, May 1st, 3:30-5 pm in the Holy Family Room for "Forever More Friends!" All junior high students are invited to join in with us for a fun afternoon.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2ND YEAR

This Monday and Tuesday, May 1 and 2, we will gather from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will gather for our final lesson in preparation for Confirmation with **Lesson 24: "Where do I go from here? The Journey Continues!"** Confirmation Rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 7 pm in the Church. All confirmation candidates and sponsor (parent if sponsor is not available) is required to be there.

Many thanks to those of you that took "Prayer Cards" for our Confirmation Candidates. Please keep them in your prayers each day until Confirmation on May 13th.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday evening May 3 from 7-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room. We will explore next Sunday's Gospel reading and enjoy another episode of "Joan of Arcadia, 'The Uncertainty Principle.'" All are welcome!

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH:

GET ON THE BUS – The annual quilt raffle for **Get on the Bus**, the organization that takes children to see their parents in prison, will take place after all the masses **THIS WEEKEND**. The drawing is Friday, May 12 at 5 am when the children and their caretakers board the bus from Resurrection Parish.

LAKE COUNTY OUTDOOR PASSION PLAY – THE PASSION DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THIRD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN MAY, 4 pm, Lakeport, Lake County, California. Bring your own chair – No admission charge – donations gratefully accepted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1324 – Calamari Steak Dinner and Raffle at Fr. Fahey Center, Star of the Valley, Oakmont, is **Saturday, May 13th at 5pm**. Price is \$23 to aid Catholic Charities. Dinner is Calamari, baked potato, salad and dessert. Call Lafferty & Smith, 539-2921.

WALK WITH MARY – ROSARY PROCESSION – **Sunday, May 21 at 2pm** at the Carmelite Hour of Prayer, Oakville, California–Oakville Grade between Hwys 12 and 29. All are invited to join us and pray the rosary in procession in this 100th anniversary year of the Apparitions/Fatima and to participate in the May Crowning and Benediction.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Thank you for your recent pledge of \$200 per month for 5 years to sponsor our Emergency Intake Room at the Family Support Center. Your generous sponsorship helps Catholic Charities assist people who have fallen into homelessness and to walk with them on a path to housing and independence. The Emergency Intake Room, which you have chosen to sponsor, houses those who have come from such an unsafe situation that they cannot stay on our waitlist for shelter. They've come to us seeking assistance in a true emergency.

Your generosity makes it possible for homeless kids and their parents to get the help they need to live healthy, happy and hopeful lives. In fact, your donation will help us reach over 500 families this year across the six-county Diocese of Santa Rosa.

We thank you for your leadership in engaging Holy Spirit Parish—building a wide network of supporters in the best way to advance our mission!

*With gratitude,
Len Marabella
Executive Director*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Server
Sat, May 6 5 pm	K. Kinkela, J. Albers	M. Johnson, E. Manfredi, J. & K. Piasta, K. Thompson	S. Ayres	A. Thompson I. Thompson
Sun., May 7 7:30 am	S. Pola, K. Schmoll	Dn. Storm, B. Connolly, P. Dillaway	K. Castro	E. McDonnell
Sun., May 7 10:15 am	S. Simpson, M. Cusack	D. Adams, L. Berlo. R. Cooney M. Davis, M. Friesen, M. & J. Wagner	G. Asti Gonzalez- Martin, G.	I.Norcia- Crowell M. Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of May 3: M. Breuer, M. Davis, D. Boito Friends House: Arlene Storm				

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Jr. High Youth**, Mon., May 1, 3:30-5pm, in the Parish House
2. **Confirmation 2nd Year Youth**, Mon., May 1, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
3. **Confirmation 2nd Year Youth**, Tues., May 2, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
4. **Grades 1 and 2 Wednesday Class**, Wed., May 3, 3:30 -4:30pm, in the Parish House
5. **High School Youth**, Wed., May 3, 7-8:30pm, in the Holy Family Room
6. **"Retirement Party for Kathy" – Potluck Dinner**, Sun., Apr. 30, 5pm, in the Hall
7. **FIRST EUCHARIST**, Sun., May 7, 2 pm, Holy Spirit Church
7. **Men's Club Dinner Meeting**, Tues., May 9, 6:30 pm, in the Hall
8. **Women's Club "Mother-Daughter Dinner"**, Wed., May 10, 6 pm, in the Hall
9. **CONFIRMATION**, Sat., May 13, 11 am., Holy Spirit Church
10. **Men's Club "18th Annual Golf Classic"**, Sun., May 21, 12:15 pm, Oakmont East

