

# **Holy Spirit Catholic Church**

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

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## **For other Ministerial Staff:**

**Please phone the office (707) 539-4495**

## **Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday: 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**

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 17 - 18

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



Aloha,

Miss me? I sure do miss all of you, but I'll be home in a few days. It has been nice spending time with family, at the beach, on the golf-course, having great fresh-fish meals, pineapples and papyrus, and, of course, evening walks watching the magnificent sunsets.

I hope and pray you are all doing well and I thank you for your continued prayers and support.  
God is truly good and as great as this all is - THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Mahalo,

*Father Ron*

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I wasn't always 'Father Ron'. My birth certificate says 'Ronal' but I started out life as 'Ronny'. When I was twelve, I decided that I wanted to drop that child's moniker and be called 'Ron', so I informed my family of my decision and didn't respond to 'Ronny' anymore. Within 5 days the change was complete.

During High School I had various nicknames that are probably best left unmentioned. After High School, in the military I was called by my rank. Teaching High School on the Reservation in the South-West in the late 70's I was called 'Mr. Serban'. With the Franciscans I was 'Brother Ron'. I liked that. I liked being a 'brother' to people. Years later when I was ordained a Transitional Deacon, I became 'Deacon Ron'. And then - finally... 'Father Ron'. That one took the most adjustment because I had never been a biological father.

The word father brings up many different emotions and feelings for people. Hopefully for most it is positive, but not everyone has had a good father. Some have never had a father at all. So what does it mean to be a father? Let us look at one of the most famous fathers. Saint Joseph. I love the image of Saint Joseph as portrayed in the movie 'Jesus of Nazareth' by Franco Zeffirelli. Rent this or buy it if you can. He is joyful, gentle and kind. He takes on the responsibility of Mary and her unborn child - at great personal risk. He provides for them and is present for their every need.

As Jesus grows he is shown teaching him and the other neighborhood boys the Carpentry trade. What impressed me most about the portrayal of this character is that he was always smiling.. Smiling is a good thing. He showed a genuine love for people, all people, and in that he truly reflected Our Heavenly Father - even as he raised His Son.

I see these traits of St. Joseph in many men today - including those who are not biological fathers.. It is evident in uncles, teachers, family friends, other relatives, and yes, even in some priests. I have had wonderful priests as mentors and father figures. When I hear the word 'father' to address a priest I think of it as an action verb rather than as a proper noun. It's not a title, it's a description. It's what we do - not just what we are called. I have tried to live up to the examples I've seen of 'fatherhood' throughout my priestly life - and I have learned much from experience and observation.

— I learned that what a child really needs is your time. Even just a few minutes a day. I've learned that a father teaches his children many things - but not by what he says to them as much as by what he does with them.

— I've learned that we should not be threatened by our children, or envious of them or their accomplishments.

— I've learned we should support and encourage our children - not criticize and tear them down.

— I've learned that love definitely means having to say you are sorry when you've hurt your children.

— I've learned that ignoring your children is a far worse punishment than a spanking.

— I've learned to be thankful to God for sharing their life with us.

Can all fathers match up to this all the time? I don't know. I know I can't - not all the time. But that's Ok. Fatherhood, like Priesthood, is acquired by living and learning. Having a child or being ordained merely begins that process.. It is a lifelong journey and seen as such - there can be great joy in the journey as you grow together with those to whom you have been entrusted.

So Happy Father's day to all men who have raised or influenced the lives of children, whether biological fathers or not. And finally, Happy Father's day too to all the single parent women who have been/are mother and father to their children.

God Bless us all.

*Father Ron*

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$5,440.29**

**LAST WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION: \$2,191.00**

**PRIESTS BENEFIT AND WELFARE**

**ALTAR FLOWERS –Our Altar flowers this week are in loving memory of Don Alden.**



**MASS INTENTIONS – June 17–25:**

Sat	17	5:00	+Floyd Wilson
Sun	18	7:30	+Patrick Connolly
		10:15	<b>Mass for the people</b>
Mon	19	9:00	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tue	20	9:00	<b>Communion Service</b>
Wed	21	9:00	<b>Communion Service</b>
Thurs	22	9:00	+Leon Blackburn
Fri	23	9:00	+Fran Samuels
Sat	24	5:00	+Thomas Shanahan
Sun	25	7:30	+James W. Byrne
		10:15	+Tom Stevens



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR FEAST DAY CELEBRATION SUCH A SUCCESS! FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AND THE WEATHER COULDN'T HAVE COOPERATED MORE! IT WAS A BLESSED AND BEAUTIFUL DAY AND WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL PASTOR AND PARISHONERS THAT MAKE THINGS LIKE THIS POSSIBLE!!!

**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, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogi, Bonnie Clark, Barbara McRae, Charlie Rogers, Carol Posehn, Jim Weese, Jack Macy, Louis Alan Hodson, Joan Ryan, Renee Dierckx and Jackson Langdon

**FOR THE SOULS OF:** Clem Shanahan, Bruce Campbell, Mary Candy and Linda Escobar



We would like to say a big THANK YOU on behalf of the children served by Get On The Bus for your generous donations. The best way to express the good that your gift has helped bring about is through the voice of a child. These lines are taken from a letter sent the day after a trip by a 10 year old participant. " I got to see my mom and I haven't seen her in three years and I miss her and love her and I'm glad that the bus took me to see her and I hope I can see her again. I love my mom."

**12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 24-25**

**Readers**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Greeters**

**Servers**

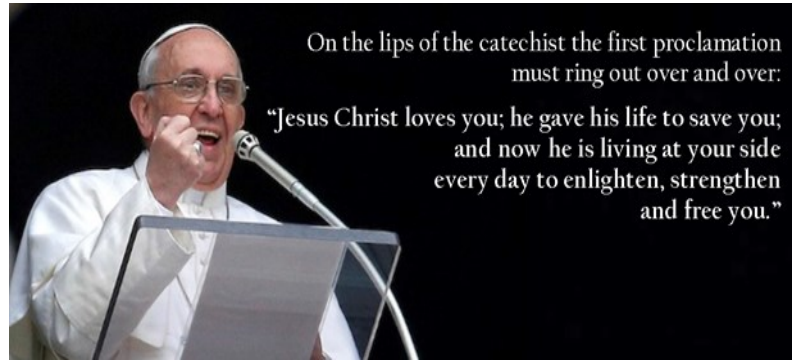
Sat, June 24 5 pm	P. Babb, K. Shanahan	J. Albers, D. Boito, M. Breuer G. Conrad, K. Snodgrass	M. DeMeo C. Dunlap	E. Manfredi
Sun., June 25 7:30 am	L. Kubo, B. Antoniuc	A. Arnerich, B. Connolly, C. Dowgewicz-Hordyk	K. Castro	E. McDonnell
Sun, June 25 10:15 am	T. Pimentel, L. Berlo	Dn. Storm, D. Adams, J. & J. Macy, R. Vidalin, M. & J. Wagner	K. & N. Hicks	R. Reynolds B. Salvador
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jane Catelani Howard</b>				
<b>Homebound Week of June 21: F. Walsh, E. Manfredi, M. Breuer</b>			<b>Friends House: Arlene Storm</b>	

# FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

## Building the Kingdom, one student at a time!

Walk beside the children of our parish as they explore the Good News of Jesus and our Catholic faith. Over 120 young people (grades K-12) are signing up for Faith Formation classes this Fall. **You can help by training to be a catechist, catechist aide or substitute catechist for Faith Formation 2017-18.** With the many classes offered throughout the week (Sunday to Wednesday... see class times and ages below), you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, and walk beside them on their journey of faith, you will grow and learn as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials and support. Training will be in August and classes begin the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

If interested or for more information, contact Megan O'Neill at 539-4495 ext. 12 or [megan4soneill@yahoo.com](mailto:megan4soneill@yahoo.com).



*“Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught...it is an invitation to a way of life”.*

*- Joe Parocki*



## FAITH FORMATION 2017-2018, IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

We would love to walk beside your children in faith in the coming year. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or in the Faith Formation Office. If you are not already a registered parishioner at Holy Spirit please register in the Parish Office. *Sacramental Preparation classes fill up fast. Save your spot today.*

Grades K-6 Sunday Classes 9-10:05AM or  
Wednesday Classes 3:30-4:30PM (if enough students registered)  
Confirmation (2<sup>nd</sup> year prep) 6:30-8:30PM Monday evenings  
Junior High Youth Ministry (gr. 7-8) 7-8:30PM Tuesday evenings  
High School Youth Ministry (gr. 9-12) 7-8:30PM Wednesday evenings



If your child was a student in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class or was a member of a Jr. or Sr. High Youth Ministry this past year and would like to receive their Confirmation next Spring 2018, they will be enrolling for the 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. Confirmation Prep. this coming Fall.