

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Ministering to the people in Rincon Valley and beyond

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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

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- JULY 22nd and 23rd

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

Hello folks. I am still serving as Spiritual Adviser for the Women's Cursillo®, which concludes later Sunday evening. Thank you for your prayers. I didn't write what you find below – but I like the way the author address today's Gospel. Enjoy!

Father Ron

For 'Kingdom of God' you can say Presence of God. In this Sunday's gospel reading Jesus is telling us what God is like, or how we are to think of God's presence. He could have used any images in heaven above or on earth below, but he picked these.

The Presence of God is like a seed in the ground, he said; or it is like yeast in a batch of dough. Seeds are small, many of them almost invisible, they are the beginnings of things, they are unimpressive to look at, and they are thrown into the ground as if they were being thrown away. Yeast becomes invisible in the lump of dough, it is never seen again. Seeds and yeast: these are realities that don't draw attention to themselves; if you could credit them with virtues you would have to say they are as humble as dirt. (You could say similar things about another image that Jesus used: salt.) This, he said, is what the Kingdom (the Presence) of God is like; this is how God's presence makes itself felt in one's life.

"The field is the world," the text says. This phrase led to one of the biggest debates in the ancient Church. The Donatists were a rigorist sect in the 4th and 5th centuries, who claimed that the good seed in this parable referred to the members of the Church, and so by definition there could be no 'tares', no sinners, in it. According to them, the Church was composed entirely of good people, and the rest of the world was simply evil. This was a kind of Pharisaism come back to life. The one who engaged them definitively was St Augustine, who wrote several books against them. Not only the world, but the Church itself, he said, is a field in which there is good seed and bad. "How very many sheep there are outside it, and how very many wolves within!" And soon after, St Gregory the Great (c. 540-604) wrote, In this present Church there cannot be bad without good, or good without bad. They are not

good who refuse to endure the bad."The human race is not divided into children of light and children of darkness; nor is the Church. Every one of us has light and darkness in him or herself; the good grain and the tares grow together. The Church is not a club for the elite, it is a place in which sinners can grow and change by God's grace. That growth in grace may be agonizingly slow, like the growth of a grain hidden in the soil. But in that very slowness it imitates the patience of God.

There is no need to suppose that all the Donatists died out. There are some Christian sects that seem very exclusive ("Are you saved?"). By contrast with them, the Catholic Church was consciously non-elitist; there was room in it for everyone, good and bad alike. It was a kind of hospital, or a convalescent home. St Augustine said it was the inn in which the man who fell among robbers was being taken care of.

Remember the tax-collector in Jesus' story, who hardly dared to lift his head, but prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:13). How unlike the other, the Pharisee, whose prayer was a recital of his own virtues. The tax-collector was no saint, and he knew it. But the seed of God's presence was stirring in his heart; the yeast was invisible in his downcast appearance, but it was real. Jesus put him before us as the very model of how we should pray.



NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Sharron Simpson has graciously accepted the invitation to become our Liturgical Ministries Coordinator. She will, in conjunction with Mike Cusack who assigns the Lectors, be scheduling the Eucharistic Ministers, Servers and Greeters. So, if you are one of those Ministers and get an email from her; it's Legit! Thank you Sharron.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$6,286.33

ALTAR FLOWERS – Our Altar flowers this week are in honor of Alfred and Dora Kremesec's

NEXT WEEKS 2ND COLLECTION WILL BE:
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



MASS INTENTIONS – July 22nd–30th:

Sat	22	5:00	+Frank Barbaria
Sun	23	7:30	Mass for the People
		10:15	Intenton of Stephen Eik
Mon	24	9:00	Intention of Jack Neal
Tue	25	9:00	+Frank Barbaria
Wed	26	9:00	+Will Davis
Thurs	27	9:00	Intention of Chuck Neal
Fri	28	9:00	Communion Service
Sat	29	5:00	+Esme Casipillai
Sun	30	7:30	+Dr. William & Leocadia Serban
		10:15	Chris & Marlys Christianson 64th Wedding Anniversary

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, Jack Macy, Louis Alan Hodson, Joan Ryan, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Debbie Sickma and Lisa Adams

FOR THE SOULS OF: Clem Shanahan, Bruce Campbell, Linda Escobar, Lorenzo Perez, Florence Becker, Fran Samuels, and Linda Capuano

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, GREETERS AND SERVERS!!!

Please email Sharron Simpson; sharronsimpson@comcast.net, the times you are unable to serve for August, September, October and November by July 27th, so she can get the schedule in order. Thank you!!

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 29 - 30

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Greeters Servers

Sat, July 29 5 pm	C. Charbonnier, J. McHugh	J. Albers, M. Breuer, G. Conrad, C. Dudley, V. Higdon	S. Ayres M. DeMeo	E. Manfredi
Sun., July 30 7:30 am	B. Antoniuc, K. Schmoll	Dn. Storm, J. Hoffman, D. Hobaugh	K. Castro	C. Hordyk
Sun, July 30 10:15 am	J. Cook, P. Anderson	M. Friesen, P. Zack, M. Hoefft C. Hullinger, D. Krempely, T. Pimentel, S. Simpson	H. & M. Hernandez	C. Beurtheret I. Norcia-Crowell
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Babette O'Shell				
Homebound Week of July 26: S. Ayres, P. Edson, D. Boito			Friends House: Arlene Storm	

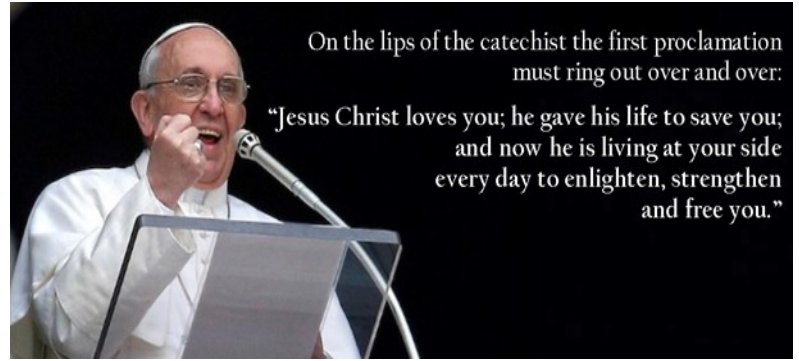
FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

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 10th.

If interested or for more information, contact Megan O'Neill at 539-4495 ext. 12 or 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 (2nd 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 6th 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 2nd yr. Confirmation Prep. this coming Fall.



SANTA ROSA CONGRESS!! (All adults welcome!)

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, August 19, 2017. This year's theme is "The 'Yes' That Changed the World". Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information check out the diocesan website @

www.santarosacatholic.com