

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.**



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31– April 1st

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

Happy Easter!



A Happy Thought on a Happy Feast:

Have you ever considered that this is the only time when people, even strangers, give a spiritually based greeting? Merry Christmas is often replaced by 'Happy Holidays' and "Happy Thanksgiving" has become a secular salutation, but so far "Happy Easter" stands firm in its acknowledgement of what we commemorate. Even though there is more widespread celebration at Christmas, we are truly an Easter People.

On Christmas Day we rejoice because Christ has been born and so has become one of us. Today we rejoice because having died for us on The Cross, He has come back to us by rising from death, and will live with us until the end of time – and we have the opportunity to live to the end of time with Him. There is no doubt that this is the high-point of the Church year. We hear the Easter story proclaimed at Mass, but, in truth, the Gospels don't explain Easter – EASTER explains the Gospels!

Belief in Christ rising from the dead is not just something we believe – it IS what we believe! If Christ had not risen, you and I would not be here today – because there would be no church. IF Christ had not risen, the one billion, sixty-eight million, three-hundred sixty-eight thousand, three hundred forty-two Roman Catholics who will go to church today, would not have an altar to approach. But, you see, Christ HAS died and Christ HAS risen, and what's more, Christ WILL come again. And when we rise with Christ – WE begin again.

What may have happened in the past is in the past. We can't change it now, but we can learn from it. So don't worry about it, just leave it where it is and look to the future with joy and hope. Easter is a Feast of Hope. Until that first Easter morning, death had never been conquered. The world of Peter, James and John, of Mary Magdalene and the other apostles had crumbled into dust when Jesus died on the Cross. What a transformation for them that Easter morning when they realized that He had truly risen, just as HE said.

The sun began to shine. God was indeed in Heaven and all was once again right in the world. Death had at last been beaten and Heaven's Gate was once again open. In Him who rose from the dead our hope of Resurrection dawned. New life to the fullest on earth and eternal life in Heaven became a reality. This is what 'Happy Easter' means.

So I say to you, all those you love, and all those who love you: Happy Easter!

Father Ron



Service Schedule – March 31st-April 7th

03/31	Sat	8:00pm	All New Members of the Parish
04/01	Sun	7:30am	For the People of the Parish
04/01	Sun	10:15am	For Our Beloved Deceased
04/01	Sun	12,noon	First Communicants and Confirmandi
04/02	Mon	9:00am	†John L. Tucker
04/03	Tues	9:00am	Int. of Sarah Bates
04/04	Wed	9:00am	†JoAnn Dunnigan
04/05	Thurs	6 :30pm	†Al Pisenti
04/06	Fri	9:00am	†Ray Hill
04/07	Sat	9:00am	†Robert Capps
04/07	Sat	5:00pm	†Daniel Sullivan
04/08	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
04/08	Sun	10:15am	†Dorothy Jeane Reed

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, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogio, Bonnie Clark, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Debbie Sickma, Lisa Adams, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Anne Benjamin, Erasmo Roque, Phyliss Smith, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch George Fannuci and Ed Antonio

FOR THE SOULS OF: Jack Macy, Nathan Krempely, Charlie Rogers, Paul Davis, Jeanne Vandeberghe, Bruce Campbell, Dennis DeCota, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Puruggannan, Howard Furlong, Richard Marson, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich Carmen Leon-Guerrero, Rose Mary Bernstein, Barbara Bobrowski and Virginia Marson

LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$ 7,242.83

**THIS WEEKS SECOND COLLECTION
HOLY LAND & EASTER OFFERING**



For many years, Holy Spirit parishioners have supported Get on the Bus with their prayers, their volunteerism and with generous financial contributions. Thank you for your service and beneficence! Since the need is still great, I am again appealing to your generosity, and asking you to support the Annual, Multi-Parish Get on the Bus Quilt sale in which you can win beautiful, hand-crafted quilts and other crafts made by artisans in the parish and beyond.

This year, over 1,200 children will board buses and travel to prisons located hundreds of miles away from their homes to visit their mother or father. Together, these families will create a positive memory, with face painting, play time, meals and a treasured family photograph. Quite a gift for children who—through no fault of their own—are living with the stigma, fear and loss of having a parent in prison.

Get On The Bus is a simple, yet extremely effective intervention, that both ameliorates the negative impacts of parental incarceration on children AND decreases the recidivism rates of their parents upon re-entry into society. In other words, Get On The Bus is one of the best investments we can make in a state with the largest prison system in the country.

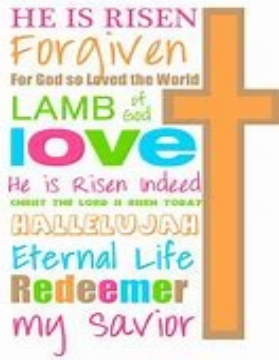
Following each Mass on April 14th and 15th the annual GOTB Quilt Raffle tickets will be on sale in McCarthy Hall and quilts will be available for selection. Please help us to bring happiness to these children!

April 7th-8th SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, April 7th 5 pm	#1-C. Charbonnier #2-J. McHugh	Cheryl Dudley, Joanne Landen Martha Johnson, Ed Mattingly Judith Mattingly	As Available	As Available.
Sun., April 8th 7:30 am	#1-P. Edson #2-B. Antoniuc	Robin Kunde, Kurt Kunde Cindy Hordyk	As Available	Elizabeth McDonnel.
Sun, April 8th 10:15 am	#1. T. Pimentel #2.L. Berlo	Griff McKay, Gloria McKay Loyde Johnson, Sherry Johnson Tim Sullivan, Shirley Sullivan, Dennis Krempely, Michael Wagner, Kathy Stevens	As Available	Jerome Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jane Howard				
Homebound Week of April 4th- S. Ayres, M. Hoeft, F. Walsh				

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6



Family Connection [Mark 16:1-7](#)

In the Easter story, we learn that God responded to the Crucifixion of Jesus by raising him from the dead. This act of God was more than anyone could have imagined. Mark's Gospel reports that the women who found Jesus' tomb empty were utterly amazed. The angel chides them for being amazed and sends them to share his words with Peter and the other disciples. Amazement can lead to paralysis, or it can empower us to be witnesses to God's action in our world. We pray that our praise of God leads us to share with others the good news of God's power over death.

As you gather as a family, name some of the signs you have observed of God's power in the world and in your lives. Talk about how you feel when you experience the awesome mystery of God. Remind yourselves that at Easter we celebrate God's power over death as he raised Jesus from the dead. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:1-7. Pray together praising God for his wondrous deeds. Invite each family member to name some of the wonderful things God has done for us. After each is named, pray this response:

Alleluia! Alleluia! God has done wondrous deeds!

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

Reminder no classes will be held Easter Week (April 1st to April 7th)
Celebrate Easter!



Confirmation

Confirmation candidates will NOT gather this Monday (4/2) HAPPY EASTER AND SPRING BREAK!!!

Next Monday (4/9) we will look at the Beatitudes and "What Would Jesus Do?" Don't forget to bring your book!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



*Welcome to Full Communion with the Catholic Church;
Joy, Doug, Jenna and Caterina! We are blessed to have you as fully initiated members of our community!*



No meeting set for this week... Happy Easter and Spring Break!

If you would like to gather for a movie night on Wednesday (4/4) give Megan call or email by Tuesday at 2:30PM. 539-4495, m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com. Then check your email!

