



# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

April 28th & 29th

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## Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 & 10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Friday & First Saturdays 9a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Fridays and First Saturdays following the 9a.m. 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

## 5th Sunday of Easter April 28th & 29th

... from the Pastor's desk...

In last Sunday's gospel reading Jesus was the good shepherd and we the sheep. Today's image expresses an even closer relationship: a vine and its branches. This is so close a relationship that you could say it is beyond relationship; it expresses identification. *"I am the vine...you the branches."* But, as I've found out since living in 'wine-county' – technically, a vine is all branches! It is not like a tree or a big shrub where you have a substantial trunk and a profusion of branches. The vine is just branches.

In using this analogy Jesus has even more clearly identified himself with us. It is obvious that a branch cut off from the vine (or from any tree or shrub) will wither. In the case of the vine, not only is the branch destroyed but the vine itself is diminished. To destroy a branch is to destroy the vine in some measure; to cut off a brother or sister in Christ is to cut off Christ.

This is also the teaching of St Paul. Christ, he said, is the head and we are the body. *"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another"* (Romans 12:4); *"Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ"* (1 Corinthians 12:12).

A favorite word in John's gospel and letters is 'abide' (or as the newer translations put it: 'remain'): abiding/remaining in God, abiding/remaining in Christ, abiding/remaining in his word. Whichever translation you prefer - I counted its use 37 times in John. To abide/remain is not to be a visitor, it is even more than being a friend, it is to be at home.

It seems that no image can go far enough in expressing our union with Christ and God. Meister Eckhart said, *"If anyone put water in a barrel, the barrel would surround the water, but the water would not be in the barrel [i.e., it would not occupy the same space as the wood of the barrel], nor would the barrel be in the water: but the soul is wholly one with God.... In spiritual things there is no separating of one from another."*

I remember a magazine article some many years ago, which proposed and answered *"After affluence, what? Individualism."* It was ever only a dream, of course – one that the world is waking up from now.

We in our culture pride ourselves on our 'individualism.' But, nobody can really be an independent individual, least of all a wealthy person. Oddly enough, wealth does tend to separate people from one another, while poverty often brings them together. But then wealth can trap people in a complex financial web with other people, a very caricature of closeness. The dream of individualism is just that, a dream – and not a very good one either.

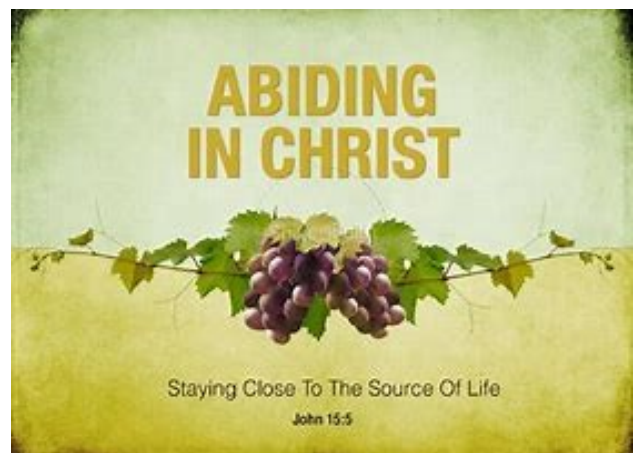
As God intended - we depend on other people in a thousand ways. Our Christian faith celebrates this and reveals its ultimate depth. Even the Persons of the Trinity depend on one another. To live, through Christ, in the heart of that mystery is our destiny.

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.*

*Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit..."*

And that is a good thing.

*Father Ron*



**HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB  
MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER**

Please Join US  
**Wednesday, May 9th**



**from 6 - 8:30PM**

All women are invited! Bring your daughters, granddaughters, aunts, nieces and those special girl friends for a fun filled evening together.

**ANNOUNCING "Woman of the Year" for 2018**

Tickets are on sale now after all the Masses and will go thru May 6th.

20 Raffle prizes, face painting, and a photo booth!

Cost is \$20.00 and includes dinner, raffle and beverage tickets. (Children 12 and under are free!)

In order for our cooks to prepare the right amount of food, please purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

NO WALK-INS PLEASE

Any questions, please call Lynne DeCota  
(707) 981-8619

**HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB**



May 8th Meeting

Doors open @ 6:30 PM \*Dinner at 7:15PM

Who What and Where!  
We are Holy Spirit Community Strong!

COME CELEBRATE  
GREAT DINNER, DRINKS AND FUN!

Bring a Friend

1st Timers???



The HSMC will buy your dinner!

Men Only....Guy time!!

**The Mass Schedule April 28th—May 6th**

04/28	Sat	5:00pm	Int. of Eli Davis
04/29	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
04/29	Sun	10:15am	†Tom Hubbard
04/30	Mon	9:00am	†Linda Capuano
05/01	Tues	9:00am	†Wuanita Davis
05/02	Wed	9:00am	†Esther Harter
05/03	Thurs	9:00am	Int. of Carrie Davis
05/04	Fri	9:00am	†Alice Purruganan
05/05	Sat	5:00pm	†Daniel Sullivan
05/06	Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
05/06	Sun	10:15am	†Al Pisenti

**LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$5,847.33**

**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'Ambrogi, 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, Sister Marianne Baker and Ed Antonio

**FOR THE SOULS OF:** 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

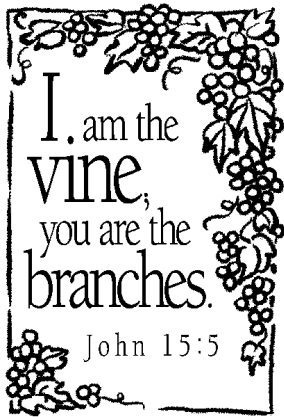
**May 5th & 6th Sunday of Easter**

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, May 5th 5 pm	#1-J. McHugh #2-K. Schmoll	Joe Piasta, Kathy Snodgrass, Mary Davis, Arlene Storm, Deacon John	As Available	As Available.
Sun., May 6th 7:30 am	#1-L. Davis #2-L. Kubo	Robin and Kurt Kunde, Jane Hoffman	As Available	Elizabeth McDonnel.
Sun, May 6th 10:15 am	#1-S. Duffy #2-T. Pimentel	Charlene Hullinger, Marti Hoeft, Pat Dilloway, Diane Lisciandro, Jacy Macy, Tony Pimentel, Robert Vidalin, Patty Zack	As Available	Jerome Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jane Howard				
Homebound Week of May 2nd F. Walsh, Sue Ayers, P. Breuer				

# FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

## Faith Formation Grades 1-6

April 28th & 29th



This Sunday's Gospel: John 15:1-8, Jesus compares himself to a vine and his followers to the branches on that vine. Branches get their nourishment from the vine. From this Gospel, we understand that we are all one family and that we need and depend on one another. We the branches never want to be separated from the vine that is Jesus Christ.

### **Family Time**

Pray together each day this week, pray the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be to the Father together. Members of the Church throughout the world share these three prayers. Praying them together as a family can help you grow in awareness of just how many branches spring from Christ the Vine. <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com>

**All Classes are in session until May 9<sup>th</sup>!** We will begin registration for the coming year (2018-19) in the month of May! All those registered this year will have priority in the month of May! Full registration (for all) will begin in June 4<sup>th</sup>.

***Any parent wishing to enroll an older child (4<sup>th</sup> grade to high school) wanting to receive further Sacraments (i.e. Baptism, First Communion or First Reconciliation), may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You and your child are invited to a period of Inquiry!***



***No class this Monday (4/30). Enjoy the rest after a long and faith filled weekend!***

***Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who are preparing to be confirmed on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM here at Holy Spirit with Bishop Vasa.***



**Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-8:30PM** in the Holy Family Room

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS ARE WELCOME** to join us for Breaking Open the Word and an episode of "Joan of Arcadia!" God asks Joan to perform certain tasks which ultimately have moral and philosophical consequences. This week "Bring It On!" Join us for a great show, discussion and prayer. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Questions contact Megan O'Neill ([m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com](mailto:m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com)).



*Newly initiated Catholics* will gather on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Holy Family Room for our fourth Mystagogy Session. This week we will be reflecting on "The Catholic Church in the United States."

***Anyone wishing to become Catholic or wanting to receive further Sacraments, i.e., First Communion or Confirmation, may contact Megan O'Neill for more information. You are invited to a period of Inquiry!***

Come join us!! Our church presently has a need for catechists for our next years faith formation program for our children and teens. We are also looking for RCIA team members. Training is provided. If you feel called to do this, please call Megan O'Neill at the parish office.