



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

May 5th & 6th

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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 May 5th & 6th

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

A.M.A.

As you know I was a Military Chaplain for many years. I returned to the Diocese to parish Ministry in 2003. Until then the acronym 'A.M.A.' meant one of four things to me: American Medical Association, American Motorcyclist Association, American Music Awards or 'Against Medical Advice'. I soon learned that it had a fourth; **Annual Ministry Appeal**. Something you are very familiar with. Looking at past records I see that we have been very generous and timely in your response to this appeal. Nice.

So – why do we have this A.M.A. every year? Don't we send the diocese money every month anyway? Didn't we just recently finish a 'Capital Campaign'? Well...yes...and yes. Let me take a few moments now to explain the relationship between parish and Diocese. All Roman Catholic parishes worldwide, including ours, do not stand alone as separate entities. They only exist as part of a Diocese - we only exist as part of the Diocese of Santa Rosa – which is a part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and on and up all the way to The Vatican.

The Church gives us spiritual guidance and direction. To achieve this it depends upon a formal hierarchal and institutional structure for administrative purposes. Similar to secular organizations and institutions it is dependent upon its constituents for its support - both financial and in our case - spiritual. Here at our parish we take in a weekly collection to meet our weekly expenses. The Diocese does not have such a capacity. They depend on the individual parishes to fund the various programs that serve the Diocese as a whole.

So, how are these monies collected and amounts determined? Each parish is assessed a figure based on previous years 'plate' (money you put in the basket on Sundays) contributions. This year our portion towards the A.M.A. is \$ 34,456. (If by chance we exceed our goal then 100% of that excess comes right back to us). I have looked into this in comparison to the assessment of all the other parishes and can say that this is a fair and just valuation.

BEFORE I CONTINUE – THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT – ANY CHECK OR CASH CONTRIBUTION MUST HAVE OUR NAME – HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ON IT – so that we get the credit towards our goal. At this point we need to raise \$11,767. to make our minimal goal. I'd like us to get to the 100% if possible. This means raising an additional \$23,055. I know we can do this.

Some of you have already received an A.M.A. mailing. We have about 600 households registered in our parish. As of this writing, 48 households have contributed. Many of you are new here this year so did not receive a mailing. To facilitate the process there will be an 'in-pew' solicitation soon at all the masses. Envelopes and pencils will be handed out and you can take a few moments

to write your contribution amount and how you will provide it [Check, Money Order, Cash, Credit Card, etc.]. The envelopes are self-explanatory. I prefer that you drop them in our collection baskets or at the parish office. But, if you have already contributed via mail – there is no need to fill out another one. We will collect the envelopes at the end of Mass – and send them all together, or you can bring it to the next Mass you attend here. Either way it is imperative that they know you are sending it from this parish so we get full credit towards our goal. If you choose to mail it, please ensure you have our parish name on it (Holy Spirit Parish) so that we will receive full-credit towards our goal. Okay? Okay...

It is up to you how you want to contribute to the A.M.A.; either to the general fund - or - just one or a few Ministries. Please make a note with your donation. Although all ministries are worthy and in need. Please find below a list of the ministries that benefit from the A.M.A. Several of which relate specifically to the people of Holy Spirit. I have always encouraged you to take ownership of this parish. In this way you can extend that same sense to your Diocese. You are encouraged to donate in 'general' but, if there is or are particular ministries that you would like to support, please indicate that in writing and they will try to accommodate you.

Here they are:

Campus Newman Centers, Child and Youth Protection, Clergy Formation, Communication, Catholic Schools, Diaconate Formation, Ecumenical and Religious Affairs, Hispanic Ministry, Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, Marriage and Family Life, Native American Ministry, Religious Education, Respect Life, Restorative Justice, Seminarians, Tribunal, Vocations, Youth/Young Adult Ministry.

Note: Not one cent of monies collected thought the A.M.A. goes towards any legal or settlement fees. They ONLY go to the ministries you will see mentioned above.

Just so you know I have personally pledged \$200.00 and have already kicked in \$100.00. So – only \$117,677 [minimally] more to go! My hope is that with each household giving what they can, 100% participation can be a reality. Together – we can do this! God bless you, our parish and our diocese.

Father Ron

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

You have generously donated \$6,000. to assist children with terminal Cancer. After much research and discussion, the Parish Advisory Committee recommended that we support '**Hospice By The Bay**'. We will designate that our offering will be applied specifically for Children.

**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

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The HSMC will buy your dinner!

Men Only....Guy time!! \$20.00

The Mass Schedule May 5th-18th

05/05 Sat	5:00pm	†Daniel Sullivan
05/06 Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
05/06 Sun	10:15am	†Al Pisenti
05/07 Mon	9:00am	Int. of Tracey Hart
05/08 Tues	9:00am	Int. of Melissa Radcliff
05/09 Wed	9:00am	†John Brady
05/10 Thurs	9:00am	†Cyril & Madeline Darling
05/11 Fri	9:00am	No Communion Service
05/12 Sat	5:00pm	Int. of Scott Neal
05/13 Sun	7:30am	Mass for the People
05/13 Sun	10:15am	†Matt Lenney

LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$6,196.62

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, Phylliss Smith, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Sister Marianne Baker, Ed Antonio, and Pat LaRussa

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 12th & 13th 6th Sunday of Easter

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, May 12th 5 pm	#1-P. Anderson #2-J. Albers	Valarie Higdon, Suzanne Ayers, Dino Boito, Dominica Mollahan, Elly Manfredi	As Available	As Available.
Sun., May 13th 7:30 am	#1-S. Pola #2-K. Leroy	Bob Antonic, Arlene Storm, Kathie Dole	As Available	Elizabeth McDonnel.
Sun, May 13th 10:15 am	#1-L. Berlo #2-M. Cusack	Lauri Berlo, Michell Davis, Dave Adams, Dennis Krempely, Jolon Wagner, Dave Adams, Kathy Stevens, Babette O'Shell, Diane Hobaugh	As Available	Jerome Salvador
Children's Liturgy of the Word – Jennifer Marinace				
Homebound Week of May 9th L. Ward, T. Pimentel, D. Mollihan				

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

May 5th & 6th

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." The Gospel is taken from a long talk Jesus had with his disciples at the Last Supper. He calls them to live on in his love and gives them a great commandment: "Love one another as I love you."

As a family... Each night before bed, say the following Holy Spirit prayer together:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the world. Amen <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com>

This is our last week of Classes! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to walk with your children in faith this year. They are a blessing to our parish!

We will begin registration for the coming year (2018-19) this month of May! All those registered this year will have priority in the month of May! Full registration (for all) will begin in June 4th.

Any parent wishing to enroll an older child (4th 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!



"How Do I Build The Kingdom? Saying "Yes" to the Mission of Christ and His Church" Confirmation candidates will gather this Monday (5/7) from 6:30PM -8:30PM in the Holy Family Room.

Don't forget to bring your book

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

Wednesday, May 9th 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 "Death Be Not Whatever" Join us for a great show, discussion and prayer. **BRING A FRIEND!**

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



Newly initiated Catholics will gather on Thursday, April 26th at 6:30PM in the Holy Family Room for our fourth Mystagogy Session. This week we will be reflecting on "Lay Ministry, Not Just for a Chosen Few."

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.