



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

September 15th & 16th, 2018

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Fridays & First Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Friday and First Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or at the Parish House with an appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism



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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15th & September 16th, 2018

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

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

To understand today's Gospel we must look back to a time in our lives when, in retrospect, we see that something, or someone we wanted, and didn't get – turned out to be the very best in the long run. Garth Brooks has a great song called 'Unanswered Prayers' about this very thing. I think we have all had that experience at least once. And – that is part of 'Taking up your Cross'. Even if by hindsight.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Denying ourselves anything is counter-cultural in our day and age. We live in a society and culture where more is better and most is best. Where what we want – we want NOW and where the very thought of not having or getting what we want is unconscionable. Of course, we all don't live that way – but it seems to be the driving force in sales and advertising.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is important to note that Jesus says each person must take up their own **individual cross** – It does us well to remember that what a cross is for one... may not be a cross for another. Crosses are not one-size-fits-all.

Jesus was a carpenter – he knew how to fashion wood to perfection to accomplish the task for which it would be assigned. Just as he perfected each cut in the wood and smoothed the yoke to match each Ox it was being made for – so too does he fashion our cross...for each of us, but not to weigh us down, not to weaken, but to strengthen. They are individually tailored to the person we are, precisely because they are designed to straighten out what we have made crooked;

-They are designed to rectify what we have corrupted through our poor choices.

-Sometimes they are to help others bear their own burdens because we all participate in the plan of salvation-

-What another cannot carry, we help to bear so that we all advance together.

We must always bear in mind that, like Simon of Cyrene, we do bear the cross, but we bear it for the One who takes away all sin, the One who makes the crooked straight and the lame walk.

Jesus doesn't say we need to be nailed to it in the way He was. Rather, He tells us that our job, like that of Simon, is to bear part of the burden for all of humanity. Our part. In denying ourselves every whim, fancy and pleasure – we will see the real needs in the REAL world around us – not the passing illusionary one – the one that changes with every new Market ploy. We should not seek to throw off our cross, nor should we increase the weight of another's cross, nor should we seek to completely carry a cross other than ours. We carry our crosses, but ultimately it was and is Jesus who is nailed to it. We bring the burden of sin- He takes it all away.

So, what does this all mean today, right here, right now for each one of us? Just this. Christ taught, if you want to follow me you have to think of others and not just about yourself, maybe even forget about yourself sometimes. We shouldn't live always thinking about how much we can get, but rather how much we can give; not always doing the most satisfying or pleasurable to do, but what is the right thing to do. Not what is the least we can do, but the most. That, of course, may mean denying ourselves, which means putting others first and ourselves second or even third. Like forgiving AND forgettingit is one of the hardest things to do. But with God, all things are possible. And in this we KNOW God is with us and for us.

Perhaps at the very end of time a very elaborate puzzle will come together made of the billions of individual crosses borne by people over all time. And when they are finally put together they will form one giant cross that bridges earth to heaven and thereupon we shall all pass. And that is why each is so important. That is why each plays a part in the whole...

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake... will save it."

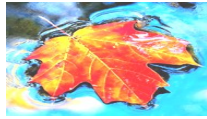
Save your life - Save others - Take up your Cross.

It is what God asks.

Blessed be God!

Father Ron

**A Graceful Farewell
Putting Your Affairs in Order**



Co-sponsored by the Holy Spirit Pastoral and Finance Councils and the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Please join us for this informative seminar on

**Saturday, September 22, 2018
10:00 am -12:00 noon**
In the Holy Spirit parish hall

This seminar will be conducted by:
Russ Ferreira, Diocese of Santa Rosa & Dan Galvin, Diocesan Legal Counsel

Learn the basics about wills, trusts, power of attorney, and health care directives

This seminar is designed to give you and your loved ones peace of mind, and ensure that your hard earned assets go to your family and favorite charities rather than to taxes and unnecessary probate costs

There is no charge for this seminar
Refreshments will be provided

Seating is limited and reservations are required by Wednesday, September 19th

Please RSVP to Steve Imboden at 546-8884 or email: steve@imbodencpa.com

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, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Anne Benjamin, Erasmo Roque, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Pat LaRussa, Irma Schelter, Thomas Peterson, Paul Von Gottfried, Taylor Gouin, Joe Gouin, Pat Fryer and Ken Hicks.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Dennis DeCota, Charlie Rogers, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Puruggannan, Howard Furlong, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon Guerrero, Barbara Bobrowski, George Gooding, Geraldine M. Gonfiotti, Concha O'Dell, Hank Cooper, Bonnie Clark, and Esther Keating.

Mass Schedule Sept 15th to Sept 23rd

09/15 Sat 5:00pm †Laura Anne Higby
09/16 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People
09/16 Sun 10:15am †Peter D. Smith
09/17 Mon 9:00am †Helen Lesberg
09/18 Tues 9:00am Paul Lopez
09/19 Wed 9:00am Covell DeBruin Families
09/20 Thurs 9:00am †Elaine Darling
09/21 Fri 9:00am Liturgy of the Word
09/22 Sat 5:00pm Jessie Benedict
09/23 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People
09/23 Sun 10:15am †Jeanne Huffman



The Altar flowers this week are in honor of Gary Knivila



LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$ 6,240.33

LAST WEEK'S DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN : \$ 1,766.33

September 22nd & September 23rd - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, Sept 22nd 5 pm	#1- K. Schmoll #2- J. McHugh	Cheryl Dudley, Joann Albers, Joanne Landen, Mary Davis, Ann Roncelli	As Available	As Available
Sun, Sept 23rd 7:30 am	#1- L. Davis #2- S. Pola	Robin Kunde, Kurt Kunde, Arlene Storm	As Available	As Available
Sun, Sept 23rd 10:15 am	#1- B. O'Shell #2- S. Duffy	Charlene Hullinger, Diane Lisciandro, John Lisciandro, Jacky Macy, Jolon Wagner, Patty Zack, Michelle Davis, Babette O'Shell, Diane Hobaugh	As Available	As Available
Children's Liturgy of the Word -Barbara Nishimoto				
Homebound Week of September 26th- P. Edson, E. Manfredi, J. Hoffman				

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades K-12
September 15th & September 16th

Faith Formation Grades 1-6

Welcome back to all our new and returning students!
Classes begin this Sunday...

Sunday classes (gr 1-5)
9-10:05am

Sept. 16th we will gather in the church to meet our catechists and head to the classrooms.

Wednesday classes (gr 1-6)
3:30-4:30PM

Sept. 19th. We will gather in the Holy Family Room to meet our catechists and head to the classrooms.



2nd Year Confirmation Candidates

“Building Community is a Piece of Cupcake.”



We gather this Monday, Sept. 17th from 6:30PM -8:00PM in the Holy Family Room for another evening of building community and sharing our faith. Parents our first Parent Night is scheduled for September 24th. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend for an intro to our new program.

Youth Ministry

All 8th-12th graders are invited to join us for
Wednesday Night G.I.G.!

“Trust Me On This!”
(An evening of fun, faith and friendship)

Sept. 12th 7 -8:30PM
in the Holy Family Room

You are always welcome to
BRING A FRIEND!

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



*** Appreciation Night Banquet ***

Holy Spirit Parish is re-establishing the process of recognizing parishioners who for many years have so generously shared their time and talents, by presenting them with a **Father McCarthy Service Award** at our next Appreciation Night Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Friday September 28th in the church hall.



Cocktails at 6:30PM and Dinner at 7:30PM.

A gourmet chicken cordon bleu meal will be prepared by our Holy Spirit Men’s Club chefs at a cost of **\$15 per person** with limited seating of 120 requiring reservations.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

For reservations please call **Georgianna** at **538-3067** or purchase tickets in the Church Hall after Mass.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

*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!

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