



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 20TH & 21ST, 2021

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Masses are held indoors Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9am.

Tuesdays are communion services at 9am.

Sunday Masses are held indoors at 8am & 10:30am.

We will still hold an outdoor Mass in the plaza on Saturday at 4pm.

Some chairs will be provided, but please bring your own chair if possible.

Lent: Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 3pm & 7pm.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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GOOD NEWS!

Sunday Masses are recorded each week and uploaded to our YouTube channel, **Holy Spirit – Santa Rosa**, links to which will also be included on the Facebook page and website.

Please copy and paste into search bar:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCquuuI6w8ZUE14rZZUed6QQ/videos>

Thanks to all volunteers and those who have offered help during the quarantine. It is much appreciated!

ONLINE DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

Parishioners now have the option to donate online to Holy Spirit Church. Click the link below to donate:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/6d655f38-19e5-4d51-a0e9-eb4ec137e60b?fbclid=IwAR0B6gxbOw559gro12HDtiVcYqk2WWVUj-pSLzAYWPthpE_nDxfuf4tWiyY

(The link is also available on the website and Facebook page)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Please call the office 539-4495 to schedule 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 LENT

MARCH 20TH & 21ST, 2021

.....from your *Pastor's Desk*

A.M.A.

As you know I was a Military Chaplain for many years lived in a world of acronyms. 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. For many years Holy Spirit Parish has 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 fairly 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 \$28,992. (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 fair in that evaluation.

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 an additional \$16,277. to make our requested goal

Some of you have already received an A.M.A. mailing. We have about 600 households registered in our parish. As of this writing, [Thursday, March 18th] 54 households have already contributed. Some households will contribute soon.

Some 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 available 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 basket 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, or mail them in yourself. Whichever way you choose 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' [as I do] 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:

Clergy Formation, Diaconate Life and Formation, Seminarians, Vocations, Catholic Schools, Child and Youth Protection, Communications, Formacion Catequista, Marion Sisters of Santa Rosa, Newman Centers, Religious Education, Restorative Justice, Youth and Young Adults, Marriage and Family Ministry, Marriage Tribunal, and Respect Life.

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. So – only \$16,077 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*



MASS INFORMATION

Mass Schedule March 20th-28th

03/20	Sat	4:00pm	†Lorraine Urban
03/21	Sun	8:00am	For the People
03/21	Sun	10:30am	†Martha DeBower
03/22	Mon	9:00am	†Kathy Stevens
03/23	Tues	9:00am	Communion Service
03/24	Wed	9:00am	Julie Radcliff
03/25	Thurs	9:00am	†Carol Buechel
03/26	Fri	9:00am	†John Brady
03/27	Sat	4:00pm	†Paul Ronchelli
03/28	Sun	8:00am	For the People
03/28	Sun	10:30am	Available

March 27th & 28th– Palm Sunday

Mass	Lectors
Sat, March 27th 4 pm	#1– H. Komrij #2– K. Leroy
Sun, March 28th 8:00 am	#1– TBA #2– TBA
Sun, March 28th 10:30 am	#1– K. Shanahan #2– B. Connolly

Palm Sunday, March 27th and 28th

Saturday – Mass outdoors in plaza 4pm
Sunday – Mass indoors 8am & 10:30am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Wednesday, March 29th-31st 9am

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 2nd

Liturgy with the Lord's Passion,
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

The Easter Vigil – Mass outdoors in plaza 8pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Masses indoors 8am, 10:30am
Mass outdoors 1pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Karen D'Ambrogio, Nina Cantacessi, Pat LaRussa, Ken Hicks, Jane Young, Becky Crozier Stephens, Kathy Castro, Helen Hubbard, Leslie Lindberg, Joanne Maniscalco, Phyllis Smith, Lorri Pimentel, May Pierce-Betsill, Jeanne Anderson, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Christine Bobrowski, Liz Mullins, Carol Ricci, Mike Murray, Nora Ward, Doug Harman, Lorena Perez, Victoria Rodriguez, Jean Sharp, Karin Lee, Mary Mendez, Margaret Duffy, Elly Manfredi, Arlene Pearson, Bob Charbonnier, Maria Alvarez, Diane Gavin, Julie Radcliff, Edna Beechinor, Gabor Toth, Judy McMullen and all those affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Martin Bowman, Carole Posehn, Carole Dunlap, John Pavelka, George Trenz, Jane Grey Dowgewicz, Leo Capocchi, David Capocchi, Maria Prentiss, Helen Craig, Gary Knivila, Geraldine Musille, Fr. James McSweeney, Warren Schneider, Fr. David Shaw, Msgr. Gerald Brady, Roy Purugganan, Yvette Fallandy, Lupe Barreto and Kathy Stevens.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION **FOR ALL AGES**



Family Faith Formation (Grades K-6)

This week continue your at home session on the prophet Elijah. You will explore the role of hope in two stories of Elijah the prophet. It will increase awareness of the need for hope and patience in our own lives, especially in the face of the world's troubles. When you complete the lesson please send a copy of pages 13-6 and 13-7 to Megan's email no later than March 25th.



1st Communion Candidates (2nd year)

No gathering this week (3/21)! Enjoy Spring break with family, friends!

All 2020 First Communion class that has not received their 1st Communion will have a review session with Lynn Lankford at 1PM, March 21st, on Zoom. Check you emails for the Zoom link.

2nd Year Confirmation

Our next session will be Monday, March 29th Session 10 "Confirmation" If you haven't already done so, please turn in your homework for Session 9 by March 25th. Please check your email for the homework guideline.



Youth Ministry is available for all 8th to 12th graders

THIS WEDNESDAY, March 21st

No meeting.... Enjoy your spring break!

Adult Faith **Formation...together** **on the journey**



We are looking forward to our final gathering for the Adult Lenten Series on Zoom!

Wednesday, March 24th at 1PM

We will reflect on the Palm Sunday readings and prayerfully prepare to enter Holy Week.

If you would like to join us, please email Megan O'Neill at m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com or call the parish office.

Megan will email you the Zoom link the Monday before each week.

Growing in Faith™

Refocus in the desert

Lent may be a time of penance and sacrifice but it doesn't have to be a time of sadness. In fact, the season brings an opportunity to become the people God created us to be.

This time in our spiritual desert can be a chance to simplify, focus, and concentrate.

Simplify. Look for areas in your life where there are excesses. When we have too much of something, it can take extra time to sort, store, and maintain the supply beyond what we need.

For example, is your clothes closet packed too tightly? Is your pantry overstocked? Can you clean out and give some gently used items to the poor? You'll spend less mental and physical energy

if you keep only what you need.

Focus. During Lent, we are called to spend more intentional time with God. To help, consider fasting from

distractions. Limiting social media exposure,

controlling time spent working, or turning off the cell phone for periods of time can help you find space to add more prayer and Scripture reading to your day.

Concentrate.

Avoid influences that pull you away from God.

"... But worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no fruit" (Mark 4:19). Resolve to live a life that pleases God.

