



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 29TH & 30TH, 2021

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

****Office will be closed Monday, 5/31 for Memorial Day***

<u>MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE:</u>	
<i>Masses are held indoors Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9am.</i>	
<i>Tuesdays are communion services at 9am.</i>	
<i>Sunday Masses are held indoors at 8am & 10:30am.</i>	
<i>We will still hold an outdoor Mass in the plaza on Saturday at 5pm.</i>	
<i>Some chairs will be provided, but please bring your own chair if possible.</i>	

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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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 29TH & 30TH, 2021

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



Beyond Human Reasoning

The Holy Trinity, today's feast, is quite beyond human reasoning. "Two is company, three is a crowd" is a popular expression. But the New Testament would have it otherwise. There, the figure three symbolizes completeness and perfect symmetry. The figure three appears at all the key moments of the Christ story: Three at the nativity story – the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil.

A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end.

Christ was a storyteller and three figures are prominent in his parables.

- The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons;
- The Good Samaritan tells of three passers-by, the Temple Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan;
- The sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain,
- The seed yielded three different levels of harvest.

The end of Jesus' life, as the beginning, dominated by figure three.

- During his Passion, Peter denied him three times.
- On the road to Calvary, he fell three times.
- The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves.
- Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

God is love.

The three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, together represent the fullness of love.

We are made in the image of a triune God.

Our lives should reflect this great Trinity.

We should be always *creative* like the Father,

Compassionate like his Son,

and use our gifts in the *service of others* like the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Fr. Ron

Marian Rhythm of Our Faith

Much thanks to Mary Davis and Diane Hobaugh for putting this gathering together and conducting it.

30 people were in attendance. We look forward to similar presentations in the Future.

Drive-Thru Baby Shower

Great to see so many of the Women's club involved and enjoying each others company. A LOT of baby clothes and dozens and dozens of diapers were donated by you, good people of Holy Spirit. Mary and Baby Jesus say "thank you!"

Memorial Day

When I go to Memorial Day wreath laying service at cemeteries, I always find it interesting to observe people on this day who don't believe in Purgatory, or, for that matter, don't believe in any life after death. Same thing at funerals. I can't help wonder what they are thinking and sometimes I actually ask them.

For us Catholics praying for the dead is as familiar as the back of our hand. Always done it, do it now, always will. And we certainly hope people will do the same for us when our time comes. And, by the way, praying for the dead IS in the Bible. From the earliest centuries, the Church has blessed the custom of praying for the dead. Primitive inscriptions on the catacombs and other burial places throughout the Roman Empire bear witness to this belief.

Here's why we do it. When we sin, we offend God. We also enjoy ourselves in an unlawful and/or immoral manner. When we re-pent, we are reconciled to God; we are forgiven our guilt of the offense. But we have still caused an imbalance in justice: We have enjoyed ourselves in an immoral and unjust way. The scales must be balanced. This is the reason for penance. Before we enter heaven, we must satisfy for every sin we commit. If not, because God is merciful, (and considering the alternative) we are detained in purgatory until satisfaction is achieved. The souls in purgatory cannot benefit themselves; but we can benefit them by our prayers. By the way; in our praying for their souls, we are not trying to get God to change His mind about them and give them some 'time off'. No, we are helping to let their souls let go of whatever is burdening them and receive God's loving forgiveness.

Pretty simple, but don't get me wrong, in satisfying for sin, we need to understand clearly that Jesus Christ abundantly satisfied for all sins of all peoples of all times. Nevertheless, He wishes us to participate in his act of redemption and satisfaction (Paul refers to this in Colossians 1:24). In the Communion of Saints, then, we benefit those who are still deprived of God's light.

As to the day itself; Memorial Day originated as —*Decoration Day*, a day to honor the Civil War dead. Gradually, it became the day to remember all the deceased service members. But, let's not get too patriotic or romantic about this though - just because some-one died in a war - even died saving others - does not guarantee a straight shot to heaven. Although wreaths and flowers on graves look pretty, they quickly wither and fade. Prayers, especially Holy Mass, offered for the deceased *are of the greatest benefit*.

As one who served 17 years in uniform, and most of them as a Chaplain, I was blessed to minister to thousands of people. I can tell you that they are as much a mixture of personalities as we are. I knew personally men who died in combat. I do not judge them, but I do pray for them every day. They need our prayers. So, we pray for their souls. Just as I hope you will pray for mine - and be assured - I for yours.

Our God is Merciful - and Just. Our God is Just - and Merciful

Our Special Mass on Memorial Day - Monday, May 31st, is at 9AM.

Father Ron

MASS INFORMATION

Mass Schedule May 29th-June 6th

05/29	Sat	5:00pm	†Dr. Wm Serban
05/30	Sun	8:00am	For the People
05/30	Sun	10:30am	†Bob Charbonnier
05/31	Mon	9:00am	For Those Who Died in Service To Our Country
06/01	Tues	9:00am	Communion Service
06/02	Wed	9:00am	†Lynda Keegan
06/03	Thurs	9:00am	†Wayne Cardoza
06/04	Fri	9:00am	†Gino Manfredi
06/05	Sat	5:00pm	Available
06/06	Sun	8:00am	For the People
06/06	Sun	10:30am	†Floyd Wilson

June 5th & 6th-

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mass	Lectors
Sat, June 5th 5:00 pm	#1- P. Anderson #2- P. Babb
Sun, June 6th 8:00 am	#1- L. Kubo #2- L. Davis
Sun, June 6th 10:30 am	#1- L. Orr #2- S. Duffy

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'Ambrogi, 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, Liz Mullins, Carol Ricci, Nora Ward, Doug Harman, Victoria Rodriguez, Jean Sharp, Karin Lee, Mary Mendez, Margaret Duffy, Elly Manfredi, Arlene Pearson, Maria Alvarez, Diane Gavin, Julie Radcliff, Gabor Toth, Jay Zemansky, Jim Costa, Mary Davis, Bill Davis, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Joe Mendez, 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, Msgr. Gerald Brady, Roy Purugganan, Yvette Fallandy, Lupe Barreto, Kathy Stevens, Bob Charbonnier, Judy McMullen, William Gibbons, Christine Bobrowski, Clara Fisch and Edna Beechinor.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION FOR ALL AGES

Family Faith Formation (Grades K-6)

We have finished our Zoom classes for the year. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back (and more) to our Family Faith Formation next year.

If you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to email me.
(Megan O'Neill m.oneill-hsc@outlook.com)

We are so blessed to have each one of you as part of our parish family.



Youth Ministry

No meeting this week!



You are being held in prayer this week for successful: completion of projects, final exams, and closure to an unusual pandemic-filled year of school!



We will gather next week (June 9th) for the second episode of Season 2 of The Chosen!

Adult Faith Formation

Interested in exploring different styles of prayer?

During the month of June each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 PM we will explore different ways to connect to our loving God contemplatively. We will gather in the church hall (using all safety protocols) to experience prayer and discussion. You may join us for one or all. Questions??? or to RSVP contact Megan O'Neill m.oneill@outlook.com



June 8th *Lectio Divina*... means divine reading in Latin. It's an ancient practice that teaches us how to read, meditate on and *live* the Word of God.

Growing in Faith™

from **S**cripture

Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain top in Galilee, so they could receive their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught.

These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience his love for us, we can't keep him to ourselves. We must share him.

Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity —Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit – three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to Christianity.

When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power.

We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.

