

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of July 8-9, 2023

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., at 9 am;

Tuesdays: Communion service 9 am

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 5 pm

Sunday Masses: 8 am, 10:30 am & on Youtube

1st Saturday of the Month: 9 am



- A Sunday Mass is recorded each week and uploaded to our Youtube channel, **Holy Spirit—Santa Rosa.**

SACRAMENTS: Please call the office 707.539.4495

Reconciliation: Call the office to schedule.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Baptism: Call 3 months in advance.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

You may register in person, on our website or by email.

ONLINE DONATING AVAILABLE

Parishioners now have the option to donate online to Holy Spirit Church. Links are available on our website and Facebook page.

Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion at home? Contact the office 707.539.4495.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 8-9, 2023

..from your Pastor's Desk

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Today's gospel should give us comfort when we feel down and out. If we feel that we have worked our fingers to the bone and have not seen any success, the gospel is for us. Can any of you relate?

19 years ago I went to concelebrate a priest's mother's funeral. I was one of 10 priests in attendance. Minutes before we were to start it was realized that no one chose Pall-Bearers. So 6 of us were quickly recruited. We had to carry the heavy, ornate, metal casket a long way and we were in our Albs [the long white garment priests wear under their vestments] and they had us wear cotton white gloves – which all contributed to making the casket even more difficult to carry as the gloves made the metal handle rails slippery. Not to mention that most priests don't spend much time in the gym bulking up – so, as it turned out most of the weight shifted to my end. Had we had time to prepare – we would have been better 'yoked' [pun intended] together to carry it as less of a burden.

Jesus tells us to come to him when we feel burdened and weighed down. He will refresh us. He uses the metaphor of a "yoke." No doubt during the years he spent in the carpentry shop he made many yokes, carefully measuring the shape and contours of the animals who would wear it. A yoke was put on an oxen so that it could do work. The better the fit – the better for all. But, to us, it does not always seem light or easy. However, the metaphor also calls us to see that we are "yoked" with Christ. He shares our burden. We are not alone. He is always right beside us if we but turn and look.

Jesus says that his yoke is easy and his burden light. Interesting choice of words. "Easy" is the English translation of the Greek word "chrestos." This should sound very familiar to us. It sounds exactly like the title of Jesus: "Christ." Christos!

There are many meanings for "chrestos." One meaning is in the context of a carpentry shop. It applies to yokes, and means "well-fitting." Again, the metaphor takes us back to the carpentry shop at Nazareth where Joseph and Jesus carved yokes for oxen.

A yoke may not be easy, but it fits us well; it was designed for us personally by Jesus! It does not chafe or burn. And when we think that it is too heavy, remember that we are yoked with Christ; he carries the greater burden. Christos – Chrestos!

Father Ron

MASS INFORMATION: July 8—July 16

07/08	Sat	5:00 PM	† Richard & Mary Cecilia Dahl
07/09	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
07/09	Sun	10:30 am	† Roger Cooney
07/10	Mon	9:00 am	Jacky & †Jack Macy's Anniversary Memorial
07/11	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
07/12	Wed	9:00 am	Frank Dirkson
07/13	Thur	9:00 am	Available
07/14	Fri	9:00 am	† Marianne Majer
07/15	Sat	5:00 PM	†David Frey
07/16	Sun	8:00 am	†Loretta Luz
07/16	Sun	10:30 am	For the People

SCHEDULE: July 15-16

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. July 15 5:00 pm	#1– Henri K. #2– Carroll C.	Joanne L.
Sun. July 16 8:00 am	#1– Lydia D. #2– John M.	Brian C. Cindy D-H. Sandy S.
Sun. July 16 10:30 am	#1– Mike C. #2– Loyde J.	Michelle D. Loyde J. Sherry J.

Last Week's Collection	\$ 7,086
Online Offering	\$ 1,575
Building & Maintenance	\$ 5,416
THIS week's 2nd Collection is for Peter's Pence Collection.	
<i>The NEXT 2nd Collection is July 30th for St. Vincent de Paul.</i>	
Please write separate checks. Thank you!	

MESSAGE REGARDING ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The question has been raised regarding clothing for Holy Spirit's St. Vincent de Paul program. The program hopes that in the near future it can accept clothing donations, but currently, and unfortunately, it is not in a position to do so. Thank you ~

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Carrey, Larry Darling, Renee Ralls, Marion Fairbank, Tim Coyne, Linda Ronchelli, Arlene Figueroa, John Scrempo, Mike and Nancy Cusack, Cecelia Bautista, Bob Spalding, Donald Brent, Tristan Humble, Pat LaRussa, Phyllis Smith, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Doug Harman, Karin Lee, Margaret Duffy, Maria Alvarez, Mary Jo Toth, Mary Davis, Bill Davis, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Julie Remillard, John Bussi, Larry Baker, Ruth Ann Haisey, Lew & Margie Chase, Anthony Ibarra, the Pisenti family, Donna McMullen, Stephen Otis, Dominica Mollahan, and The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

Kim Seghezzi, Sister Rosann Fraher, Joe Darling, Dan Ann Hansen, Helen Keefer, Joan Martin, Toni Drucker, Frank Siroky, Kristi Allen, Mary Ann O'Leary, David Simko, Phyllis Sweeley, Marianne Majer, Cathy Zugar, Mary Mendez, Gabor Toth, Charlie Schelter, Marie Hebert, Helen Hubbard, Philip Anderson, Carol Ricci, Barbara Martin, Vance Stammer, Loretta Luz, Tishannon Philips, Daniel Lanahan, Dewey Kremesec, Becky Crozier Stephens, Paul Beran, Gary Knivila.

Please call the office, 707-539-4495, if you wish to add or keep someone on the prayer list. Each name will remain for 3 months from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE VIDEO BOARD

Please contact the office or Lynn Lankford if you are interested in volunteering. *Thank you!*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE SOUND BOARD

Do you have any experience with sound board or would you like to learn? Please contact the office if you'd like to learn. *Thank you!*

**REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES INCLUDING SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION CLASSES FOR FIRST
COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION WILL
TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST.**

**DIOCESE EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
We have openings for teachers
in our Catholic Schools!**

Please see the employment page on our website for more information: <https://www.srdiocese.org/employment-schools> or call 707-566-3322.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT THE BECKER CENTER
(St. Eugene's)**



**It is time to register for
Vacation Bible School!
Kids, grades K-5, will meet Monday through
Friday, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon in the
Becker Ctr. From July 17th to July 21st.**

**Cost is \$20.
Registration forms are available at
St. Eugene's Parish Office
2323 Montgomery Dr.**

The theme is: "Leading Out loud -Leading others through biblical examples."
Contact Anna deLaney at (707) 539-5185.

Sign your kids up now!



Little Flowers Camp

**Little Flowers Girls
Summer Camp
'Thy Kingdom Come'
July 24 - 28th
near Guerneville.**

Girls 10 - 16 years old. Registration & More Info at [www.littleflowerscamp.com/...](http://www.littleflowerscamp.com/)



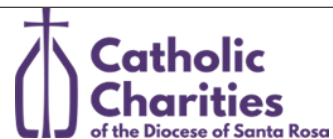
Room for God

"Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else." *Thomas À Kempis*

Give Love

One way to give thanks to God for all the gifts He Has bestowed on you is to work for the poor and vulnerable. Sharing your gifts with those less fortunate is how God intends you to use what He gives you. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Luke 12:48).

Say, "Amen!" The proper form when receiving Communion is to reply "Amen" when the Priest, Deacon or Eucharistic minister raises the Host and pronounces it, "The Body of Christ." By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread, as well as in His Body, the Church.



**You are invited...to make a difference
in a senior's life!**

Everyone deserves support staying independent so they can thrive in their own home. Join our incredible team of Caring Rides volunteers at Catholic Charities who are helping seniors stay active by driving them to medical appointments and more. Volunteers and riders are uplifted by every ride!

Please call Catholic Charities at (707) 308-4805 or email cstone@srcharities.org for more information about this volunteer opportunity.