

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of August 12-13, 2023

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary:

Tuesday, August 15th - 9 am , 6:30 pm

Weekday: Mon., Tue., Wed., Thurs., Fri., at 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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 12-13, 2023

..from your Pastor's Desk

Where do you find God? Only in church? Only while praying? Only in times of need or distress? Only in those we expect to be holy or pious people? Too often we look to great people and to the events in our lives to find God, as if our encounters with God have to meet certain standards and criteria in order to be true. There is a tendency in some to see God only in the extraordinary, not in the humdrum and ordinary [of which we spoke last Sunday]. But to do that would be to limit the ways God reveals Himself to us.

In our readings today we are presented with two seemingly conflicting ways that God enters our world. Elijah found God in the gentle breeze, after the spectacular wind and earthquake. God was present in the soft breeze, not the storm. What beautiful, peaceful imagery. How many times have you felt that gentle touch of God on your face? The gospel presents Jesus coming to the disciples in the middle of a storm, where He brings peace. In both incidents: God came to bring peace or was the sign of peace. God brings order out of chaos – both in nature and in our personal lives.

We can sit on the shore of the ocean or a lake [or the reservoir] and find God present in the lapping of the waves. Or feel God's strength in the warmth of the sun. Or see God's splendor in the sunrise or sunset over the water. The creating power of God is evident in the forceful or the majestic. What God really wants is to come into our lives and create the peace and harmony that are Divine gifts to us. If we allow ourselves to be taken over by God, if we open ourselves up to Divine creative power, we will be creating space for God's peace to dwell within us.

St Paul tells us that nothing can come between us and love of God, and if we are God's dwelling places this is true. The world may be raging around us but we can experience that deep-seated peace which is the sign of God's indwelling.

Peace be with you, and with your spirit.

Father Ron

WE ARE HIRING! Director of Religious Education

We are looking for someone to join our Pastoral Team. This is a paid position with benefits in conjunction with duties and responsibilities.

Must embrace and have a working knowledge of the directives of Vatican II and be loyal to the leadership of Pope Francis.

Duties include: recruiting, coordinating, training and mentoring volunteers for K-Adult classes (we currently have all classes covered); teaching classes, as needed. Providing opportunities for families' spiritual growth including Advent and Lenten workshops, assisting catechists in preparing and leading retreats for First Communion and Confirmation, leading parish-wide family activities administering registration, Circle of Grace curriculum, official records for the Sacrament programs, providing children and teens with service opportunities, recruiting a youth minister.

If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you in our direction, pray about it. And give us a call 707.539.4495 or see Fr. Ron if interested.

MASS INFORMATION: August 12-20

08/12	Sat	5:00 pm	† Mary Ann O’Leary
08/13	Sun	8:00 am	† Joseph Darling
08/13	Sun	10:30 am	For the People
08/14	Mon	9:00 am	Lynn & † Stephen Lankford’s Anniversary
08/15	Tues	9:00 am	Assumption/ Available
08/15	Tues	6:30 pm	Assumption/ Available
08/16	Wed	9:00 am	† Jeannie Huffman
08/17	Thur	9:00 am	† Carole Coughlan † Kenneth Ly
08/18	Fri	9:00 am	† Kenneth Ly
08/19	Sat	5:00 pm	Kim Seghezzi
08/20	Sun	8:00 am	† Loretta Luz
08/20	Sun	10:30 am	For the People

SCHEDULE: August 19-20

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. Aug. 19 5:00 pm	#1– Rosalinda B. #2– JoAnn A.	Cheryl D.
Sun. Aug. 20 8:00 am	#1– Kathy L. #2– Brian C.	Bob A. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sun. Aug. 20 10:30 am	#1– Lilla O. #2– Jane G.	Dave A. Michelle D. Jacky M.

Last Week's Collection \$ 11,355
 Online Offering \$ 1,815
 Building & Maintenance \$ 5,141

***This week's 2nd Collection is
 for the Black & Indian Mission.***

Please write separate checks. Thank you!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK
 & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Kim Seghezzi, Laura Pontes, 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, Dominica Mollahan, and The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

William Ouimette, Stephen Otis, 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.

FANS OF THE CHOSEN—JOIN US

BEGINNING TUES., SEPT. 5 AT 2:30 PM!

We will present episodes of **Season 3 of The Chosen**, including the **Bible Roundtable** analysis of each episode, on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30, in the parish hall, starting September 5. Megan O’Neill, our retired Director of Faith Formation, will join us via Zoom for our group’s discussions. Please contact the church office to sign up (no cost.)

GRIEF SUPPORT

~ Grief can catch us off guard sometimes, no matter how long ago the loss. God knows our needs during this tender time and provides generously. One way is through the loving support group here at Holy Spirit. We hope you will join us as we focus on God’s Word in a community of loving support, faith sharing, and intercessory prayer. For further info call Deanna 707-595-3050 or Mary 707-495-3095.

Dates: **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm**

**September 6, October 4, January 3, February 7,
 March 6, April 3, May 1, and Saturday, Nov. 18th
 1-3 pm Surviving the Holidays)**

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES IS NOW OPEN

August 12, 2023

Dear Faith Formation Parents,

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation Programs with Holy Spirit Church. We are very excited to continue growing in faith with your children and you. Online registration is now open and will close September 29th.



This year we will continue several faith formation opportunities:

K-5 Whole Family Catechesis

- Wednesdays 4:30-6pm
- Parent Informational Night October 18th 4:30pm
- Classes begin October 25th
- Taught by Jessica Coffey and Lynn Lankford



First Year Confirmation

- Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm
- Classes begin October 25th
- Taught by Jessica Coffey



Second Year Confirmation

- Sundays 9:15-10:15am
- Classes begin October 15th
- Taught by Cindy Dowgewicz-Hordyk and Maggie Vera

Please note:
All students in their second-year sacrament preparation receiving First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin with the K-5 Whole Family Catechesis program Wednesdays 4:30-6pm.

Please register securely by going to our website holyspirit-sr.org and selecting Religious Ed Registration. Or fill out the online information at the link: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/6c155fcc-a2a1-469c-b115-b26030d48fac>

Registration Fee is \$50. Checks can be made out to Holy Spirit Church. Scholarships available.

Feel free to pass this on to anyone who is interested in joining us for Faith Formation this year. If you have any questions, please email or call with any questions.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Yours in Christ,
Holy Spirit Faith Formation Team

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