

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of August 19-20, 2023

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday there is a communion service 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.

Food for Dogs?

Sunday's Gospel can give a headache both to preachers and to people in the pews. Jesus refuses to hear a woman because she is, in his metaphor, one of the "dogs." *OUCH*.

You know the story. The Canaanite woman cries out for help and Jesus at first will not even talk to her. The disciples demand that he send her away because she is a trouble-maker, and he seems to agree with them. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," he says.

She is from Canaan, not Israel. Finally the poor woman walks right up, does "homage" to Jesus and says, "Lord, help me." Jesus would never ignore such words, at least so we Christians and Catholics believe. Nor should we ever be deaf to words like this in our own daily lives.

However, he says to her, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

Ouch indeed. This is the line that is so hard for us to understand. So un-Jesus-like.

There are clues. She first called out to him with the words "Son of David." This is a term hallowed by use in the ancient Hebrew scriptures, always referring to the Messiah. She is a Canaanite, and they did not believe in any Messiah-to-come, especially not one that would descend from David. Yet this woman, against her whole background, seems to have belief in Jesus as Messiah.

She calls him "Lord." In Matthew's Gospel this is an explicit admission that Jesus and God are one. Going just on her language, this is proof that she believed in him as the Savior. Surely he sensed this.

But Israelites and Canaanites had long been in strife. How could "they" with their strange gods produce a woman who believes in the one God and in Jesus as the Christ? Is it possible that Jesus was drawing her out, teasing her in order to strengthen her belief?

Perhaps he was quoting the word "dogs" as a reference to names the two peoples called each other. Something like this: "my people of Israel believe in the one God and your people do not. How can I give their food to you 'dogs,' as we call you?"

The woman's quick wit provides a wonderful, humble, bantering response that wins the day. "Even dogs eat scraps that fall from their master's table," she says. It is a riposte, a parry, a counter-thrust, and Jesus loves it. She is saying, "It does not matter what a person's status is as long as they believe. And I do believe."

I'll bet Jesus smiled a great smile as he told her how great her faith was. Maybe he laughed at her fast repartee. And of course he gladly gave her what she asked; he cured her daughter.

Doesn't Christ's Holy Spirit smile within you and me when we ask for what we need? When we let nothing stand in the way, like our own origins, our status in life, our sins, and maybe even our rejection by others?

Remember when we approached Communion and held out our hands and said in effect, "Son of David, have pity on me." This is a paraphrase of the Canaanite woman. Our response is "Amen," which means "I do believe," just like the woman.

Let us mean it this Sunday, whether we attend a virtual or a real Mass.

John Foley, SJ

MASS INFORMATION: August 19-27

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
08/21	Mon	9:00 am	† Ann Hogan
08/22	Tues	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
08/23	Wed	9:00 am	† Thelma Dare Haner
08/24	Thur	9:00 am	† Ray & Lorraine Ballotti
08/25	Fri	9:00 am	† Gabor Toth
08/26	Sat	5:00 pm	† Daniel Lanahan
08/27	Sun	8:00 am	† Richard & Mary Cecilia Dahl
08/27	Sun	10:30 am	For the People

SCHEDULE: August 26-27

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. Aug. 26 5:00 pm	#1- Carroll C. #2- Mary H.	Mary D.
Sun. Aug. 27 8:00 am	#1- Henri K. #2- Larry K.	Robin K. Elizabeth M. Arlene S.
Sun. Aug. 27 10:30 am	#1- Kathy S. #2- Mary P L.	Dave A. Diane H. John L.
Last Week's Collection		\$ 5,899
Online Offering		\$ 1,120
Black & Indian Mission		\$ 1,952
Please write separate checks. Thank you!		

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.)



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

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 Piseni family, Donna McMullen, Dominica Mollahan, and The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

William Ouimette, Kim Seghezzi, 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.

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 IS NOW OPEN FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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 Oct. 18th 4:30pm
- Classes begin October 25th
- Taught by Jessica Coffey & Lynn Lankford
- Includes students in 2nd year of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation prep.

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 register securely by going to our website holyspirit-sr.org and selecting Religious Ed Registration or go directly to this [link](#).

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

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.

Our parish community is looking for a Director of Religious Education. 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 --Trunk or Treat, Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, 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.

Contact the Holy Spirit office or see Fr. Ron if interested. **707.539.4495**,
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KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS JOB FAIR 2023

**August 30th from 2-5 pm
Open to all jobseekers!**

Bring resume, dress for success!
Downtown Santa Rosa
St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth Street
Contact: Shawn.Hansen@edd.ca.gov