

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of August 26-27, 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.

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

"*He's a man, he's just a man,*" sang Mary Magdalene in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar. It is one answer to the question, **Who is Jesus Christ?**

"*We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first, rock 'n' roll or Christianity,*" said John Lennon of the Beatles on a famous occasion. Later he explained that it was a comment on society and not on Jesus. Many people through the ages have imagined how Jesus would be received if He were to appear in modern society. In most scenarios society comes out looking bad. Thomas Carlyle, the 19th-century historian wrote, "*If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it.*"

But "*Who do people say I am?*" was only a preliminary question; the real question was "*Who do you say I am?*" The first question is easily answered; one has only to be a reporter of the comments of others. But the second question is a searching one; and only a disciple can come anywhere within range of an answer.

When we recite the Creed at Mass we give the Church's answer. "*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father....*"

However, the mere repetition of a right answer is not the answer. We found out in grade school that the right answer given at the end of a math test was useless unless we reached it by valid steps ourselves [*show your work*]. We don't just repeat the Creed; we profess it. It is more than a set of theoretical statements; it is a commitment and a renewal of faith. This is more demanding [*show your work*]. We cannot 'find' Jesus in the way you find some lost object, or a piece of information. In a sense, the seeking has to continue even when we have found him, and especially then.

There are different kinds of seeking. There is a seeking to know, and there is a seeking to find. These need not be opposed to each other, but they can be. The first is about possessing knowledge, the second is about possessing a reality. The first engages the mind, the second, one's life. The Wise Men "*sought diligently for the child,*" they asked everyone about him, but when they found Him they "*they knelt down and paid him homage*" (Matthew 2:11).

After the Resurrection, the disciples met in pairs and in groups and they told one another of their experiences: Mary Magdalene "*went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her*" (John 20:18); "*the disciples said, 'we have seen the Lord'*" (John 20:25); the disciples returning from Emmaus "*told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread*" (Luke 24:35).

When we meet in His name, be it digitally or geographically, we **are responding** to his question, "*Who do you say that I am?*" and sharing our experience of him with our brothers and sisters. And our hope then is, when we stand before the throne, Jesus will say this of us... **'You... Are Mine'**.

Father Ron

MASS INFORMATION: August 26-Sept.2



Flowers this weekend are in honor of Tom & Pat Babb's 56th Wedding Anniversary.

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
08/28	Mon	9:00 am	† For the Grimm Family
08/29	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
08/30	Wed	9:00 am	† Deceased members of Serban, Nasser, Davidowdez Families
08/31	Thur	9:00 am	Sophia Hill & Frank Dirksen
09/01	Fri	9:00 am	† Gerard Benedict
09/02	Sat	9:00 am	For the People
09/02	Sat	5:00 pm	† Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
09/03	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
09/03	Sun	10:30 am	† Teresa Catelani

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 Pisenti 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.

SCHEDULE: September 2-3

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. Sept. 2 5:00 pm	#1- Pat B. #2- Rosalinda B.	Tim Sullivan
Sun. Sept. 3 8:00 am	#1- Bob A. #2- Brian C.	Cindy D-H. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sun. Sept. 3 10:30 am	#1- Jane G. #2- Lilla O.	Diane H. Jacky M. Mike W.

Last Week's Collection \$ 5,930.50
 Online Offering \$ 1,180
NEXT week's 2nd collection is Building & Maint.
Please write separate checks. Thank you!

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 IS NOW OPEN FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Online registration is now open and will close
September 29th.

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. Ph: **707-539-4495** E: **Holy-spirit@sbcglobal.net**

Get on the Bus Quilt Raffle - QUILTS NEEDED

For many years, Holy Spirit has supported the **Get on the Bus** program which takes children to visit parents confined in California prisons.

Though fewer services were offered during the COVID quarantine, the program is now ramping up, hoping to send a full complement of buses out next year around Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day.

This year we will participate as we have in the past in a Quilt Raffle organized by Phyllis Bazzano from Resurrection Parish. **If you are a quilter and would like to donate a quilt for the raffle, please contact Phyllis at (707) 695-0810 or Deacon John.** The raffle will be held next month on a weekend to be determined. Thanks!

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