

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of September 2-3, 2023

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 2-3, 2023

from your Pastor's Desk..

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

To understand today's Gospel we must look back to a time in our lives when, in retrospect, we see that something, or someone we wanted, and didn't get – turned out to be the very best in the long run. Garth Brooks has a great song called 'Unanswered Prayers' about this very thing. I think we have all had that experience at least once. And – that is part of 'Taking up your Cross'. Even if by hindsight.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Denying ourselves anything is counter-cultural in our day and age. We live in a society and culture where more is better and most is best. Where what we want – we want NOW and where the very thought of not having or getting what we want is unconscionable. Of course, we all don't live that way – but it seems to be the driving force in sales and advertising.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is important to note that Jesus says each person must take up their own **individual cross** – It does us well to remember that what a cross is for one... may not be a cross for another. Crosses are not one-size-fits-all.

Jesus was a carpenter – he knew how to fashion wood to perfection to accomplish the task for which it would be assigned. Just as he perfected each cut in the wood and smoothed the yoke to match each Ox it was being made for – so, too, does he fashion our cross...for each of us, but not to weigh us down, not to weaken, but to strengthen. They are individually tailored to the person we are, precisely because they are designed to straighten out what we have made crooked;

-They are designed to rectify what we have corrupted through our poor choices.

-Sometimes they are to help others bear their own burdens because we all participate in the plan of salvation-

-What another cannot carry, we help to bear so that we all advance together.

We must always bear in mind that, like Simon of Cyrene, we do bear the cross, but we bear it for the One who takes away all sin, the One who makes the crooked straight and the lame walk.

Jesus doesn't say we need to be nailed to it in the way He was. Rather, He tells us that our job, like that of Simon, is to bear part of the burden for all of humanity. Our part. In denying ourselves every whim, fancy and pleasure – we will see the real needs in the REAL world around us – not the passing illusionary one – the one that changes with every new Market ploy. We should not seek to throw off our cross, nor should we increase the weight of another's cross, nor should we seek to completely carry a cross other than ours. We carry our crosses, but ultimately it was and is Jesus who is nailed to it. We bring the burden of sin- -He takes it all away.

So, what does this all mean today, right here, right now for each one of us? Just this. Christ taught, if you want to follow me you have to think of others and not just about yourself, maybe even forget about yourself sometimes. We shouldn't live always thinking about how much we can get, but rather how much we can give; not always doing the most satisfying or pleasurable to do, but what is the right thing to do. Not what is the least we can do, but the most. That, of course, may mean denying ourselves, which means putting others first and ourselves second or even third. Like forgiving AND forgetting ...it is one of the hardest things to do. But with God, all things are possible. And in this we KNOW God is with us and for us.

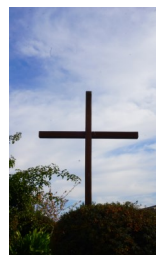
Perhaps at the very end of time a very elaborate puzzle will come together made of the billions of individual crosses borne by people over all time. And when they are finally put together they will form one giant cross that bridges earth to heaven and thereupon we shall all pass. And that is why each is so important. That is why each plays a part in the whole...

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake... will save it."

Save your life - Save others -
Take up your Cross.

It is what God asks.

Father Ron



MASS INFORMATION: September 2 –10, 2023

09/02	Sat	9:00 am	† Dominica Mollahan
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09/03	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
09/03	Sun	10:30 am	† Teresa Catelani
09/04	Mon	9:00 am	For all who are unemployed or under-employed
09/05	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
09/06	Wed	9:00 am	James King
09/07	Thur	9:00 am	† Gonzalo & Clemencia Ortega
09/08	Fri	9:00 am	† Daniel Gonzalez
09/09	Sat	5:00 pm	† Deceased members of the Jacob Family
09/10	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
09/10	Sun	10:30 am	† Maria Raymond Szulc

Labor Day: Monday, September 4, 2023

In 1981 Pope [Now Saint] John Paul II wrote *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work). In it he affirmed that “*The Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated. And to help to guide (necessary) changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.*” He thought highly of the dignity of human labor (work). But not all do.

- Work - some put in endless hours to avoid it. They work hard at not-working.
- Work - some can't get enough of it and must be busy all the time; multi-tasking is their norm.
- Work – it does a body good.

God worked. God created the earth and then God rested. But that doesn't mean the earth project was finished - far from it.

In the creation stories, God made human beings, in a manner of speaking, “co-creators” to fashion this world and to make it reflect God's goodness and love. Adam and Eve were to tend the Garden of Eden. They were, in a sense, to fashion and finish God's work. Well, that was the plan.

But sin entered in. Because of original sin, people put themselves ahead of God, people thought of themselves before others, people often saw others as a threat to their own welfare. People saw work as drudgery to be avoided rather than as a share in God's work of creation. They were more interested in accumulating things and in money than in creating.

Labor Day reminds us of the dignity of all work. It reminds us that we are called to offer all work to the Lord. And it reminds us of the dignity of each human being. All are created in the image of God. All are called to work together to build up a world of justice, peace, respect, and love. We believe that we are called to work together for a just economy in which all people of the world share in all things which the Lord has created for us all. We still have a lot of work to do; this world is far from finished. Let's get to it!
Works for me!

Father Ron

PS: Yes, we will have the 9am Mass on Labor day :]

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: September 9-10

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. Sept. 9 5:00 pm	#1– Mary H. #2– Karen S.	John S.
Sun. Sept. 10 8:00 am	#1—Patty E. #2—Lydia D.	Brian C. Elizabeth Mc Sandy S.
Sun. Sept. 10 10:30 am	#1– Mike C. #2– Mary P.L.	Donna K. Jolon W. Mike W.

Last Week's Collection	\$ 6,818
Online Offering	\$ 1,815
This weekend's 2nd collection is for Building & Maintenance	
Please write separate checks for each offering..	

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 and 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, and
The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

Kathy Stoddard, Dominica Mollahan, 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 Lanan, Dewey Kremesec, Becky Crozier Stephens, Paul Beran, Gary Knivila.

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 & 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.

If paying by check, please make payable to
Holy Spirit Church.
Scholarships are available.

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 more information, please 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)

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

"WELCOME BACK DINNER"

THE WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER WILL NOW BE ON "**THURSDAY**" EACH MONTH.

**WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST GENERAL DINNER MEETING ON:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
\$25.00 INCLUDES DINNER & DRINKS**

EACH TABLE WILL HAVE A DECORATED CENTER PIECE WHICH
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE WITH RAFFLE TICKETS 6 FOR \$5.00

TICKETS GO ON SALE STARTING:

SEPTEMBER 2nd Thru SEPTEMBER 10th after mass. No COD's please!!!!

Thank you and God Bless Your Holy Spirit Women's Club

