

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Insert Included re: Deadline for Filing Claims

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Weekend of September 16-17, 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.

from your Pastor's Desk...

Love and Forgiveness

In the Gospel reading, Peter wants to know how many times he has to forgive someone who sins against him. What is the number of times, Peter wants to know, that he has to forgive that sinner? But this question is confused. There is no such number as the one Peter is looking for. There is no limit on the number of times we have to forgive someone who has sinned against us.

We are able to understand the point of this Gospel story if we see the connection between love and forgiveness. Refusing to forgive is refusing to love, and it is never acceptable not to love. That is why it is never right to withhold forgiveness either.

The relation between love and forgiveness also helps us see the difference between forgiving a wrongdoer and enabling him to continue in his wrongdoing. Love wants the good for the beloved. A person who forgives a sinner loves that sinner; and because she loves him, she has a heart for his good. A wife who continues to live with a husband who beats her isn't forgiving him. She's helping him to get worse. There is nothing loving or forgiving about enabling a person to get worse. For her to forgive her husband is for her to want his good, even in the face of his bad treatment of her. But his good requires, first of all, that he stop hurting her, and then that he repent his terrible treatment of her.

If he is unrepentant, if he rejects goodness and love, then she can want the good for him anyway. But her forgiveness of him will be like a gift that can't be given because he won't receive it. Then the best she can do for him is to keep a distance from him, so that he doesn't get worse by continuing to hurt her.

God's love is like this, too. God's forgiveness is always there, and so is God's love. Because God loves every person, God offers the good to everyone too, no matter what that person's sins may be. God does not keep a careful distance from us when we sin. What stands between us and God is only our own unwillingness to receive the gift God is offering.

If we will only not reject it, the gift of God's love and forgiveness will be given to us and received.

Eleonore Stump

MASS INFORMATION: Sept. 16-24, 2023

09/16	Sat	5:00 pm	Millie & † David Plagge (Anniversary)
09/17	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
09/17	Sun	10:30 am	† Roger Cooney
09/18	Mon	9:00 am	† Loretta Luz
09/19	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
09/20	Wed	9:00 am	Wayne Cardoza
09/21	Thur	9:00 am	Cheryl Cardoza
09/22	Fri	9:00 am	Jerry Cardoza
09/23	Sat	5:00 pm	† Jessie Benedict
09/24	Sun	8:00 am	† Alfredo Guerrero
09/24	Sun	10:30 am	For the People

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

John McHugh, 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, 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: September 23-24

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1- Carroll C. #2- Pat B.	Judity M.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Lydia D. #2—Brian C.	Kurt K. Robin K. Arlene S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Lillia O. #2—Karen S.	Dave A. Diane H. Michelle D.

FOR THE SOULS

Doris Gianini DeFord, Bill Davis, 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

Please call the office 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.

Last Week's General Fund Collection \$ 7,111
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,354
 Diocesan Seminarians \$ 1,823

**2nd Collection next weekend is for
Religious Education**

Please write separate checks for each offering.

**HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT
"WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON"**



Judith Mattingly is our Woman of the Year for 2023

Please come and join us to celebrate Judith with a mass by Bishop Vasa and luncheon in Sonoma on: **October 14th, 2023**

Location: St. Francis Solano Parish, 469-3rd Street W., Sonoma, CA95476

Cost: \$25.00 Registration: 9:30, Rosary: 10:30, Mass: 11:00am, Luncheon: 12:00 pm

In the past our ladies who attend arrive at 10:30-10:45 to register, so that we are in time for mass. (Your choice if you would like to attend at 9:30, they start with there board meeting). All the ladies that have been chosen within the diocesan will be honored at mass by Bishop Vasa, then at lunch will be recognized once again by SRDCCW organization. **Please make your check to SRDCCW (Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) Terri Forrest will be collecting all the checks. Please send your check to her no later than: September 25th, 2023. Terri Forrest, 4938 Snark Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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

K-5 Whole Family Catechesis and First Communion prep

- Wednesdays 4:30-6pm
- Parent Informational Night Oct. 18th 4:30pm
- Classes begin October 25th
- Taught by Jessica Coffey & Lynn Lankford
- Includes students in 1st and 2nd year of First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation

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.

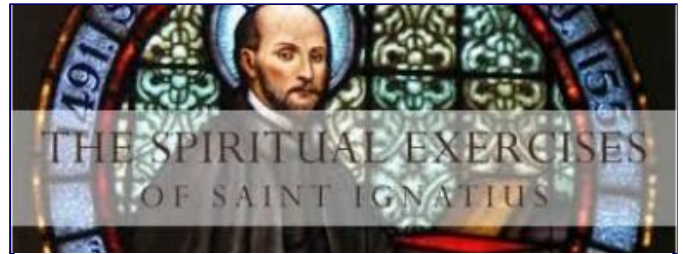
If paying by check, please make payable to
Holy Spirit Church.

~ 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**

**October 4, January 3, February 7, March 6,
April 3, May 1, and "Surviving The Holidays" on
Saturday, Nov. 18th, 1-3 pm**



Spiritual Enrichment Center

Would you like to enhance your prayer life? The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius offers an opportunity to experience a closer walk with Jesus.

The Exercises are open to all Christian Faiths and many members of the Cursillo Community have participated. The next session begins in late September 2023.

Further information can be found at www.spiritualenrichmentcenter.net, or by contacting David & Joanne Del Castillo at srsec.office@gmail.com or 707.293.7497.

Human Trafficking Presentation

Would it surprise you to learn that California has the highest rate of human trafficking in the nation?

Star of the Valley Women's Circle is pleased to present **Elizabeth Quioz and Lisa Diaz-McQuaid**, two amazingly brave former victims of abuse and human trafficking who, together, co-founded the **Redemption House of the Bay Area**. Their story is not one we think about living in beautiful Sonoma County, but trafficking happens right in plain sight and mostly under the radar.

When: **Tuesday, September 26, 3-5 p.m.**

Where: **495 White Oak Drive**, Oakmont, Santa Rosa, Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, Star of the Valley Catholic Church

No Reservation Required, FREE ADMISSION

Website for more information:

redemptionhouseofthebayarea.org

FANS OF THE CHOSEN

**Come join us for Season 3
each Tuesday @ 2:30 p.m.
in the Church Hall!**

Each gathering will include the **Bible Roundtable** analysis of each episode. Sign up at the office (no cost).

