

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## **Weekend of Oct. 28-29, 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

## Halloween – Secular or Sacred?

October 31st is Halloween. Many people, especially Christians, dismiss Halloween for what it has become. Fact is though; we are the ones who invented it, or rather, in ancient days 'converted it' as we did many other pagan festivals.

**Halloween** is an ancient festival with roots in Celtic pre-Christian times. It was adapted - as with most major and many minor Christian feasts like Christmas, Easter and May crownings. It was long ago taken over by believing Christians and given new meaning and significance being Linked with All Saints Day (Wednesday-November 1st) and All Souls Day (Thursday -November 2nd),

**Halloween is old English for “holy eve” or “eve of the holy days”.**

It begins a threefold celebration for Catholic Christians to:

1. Halloween -to first poke fun at the dark and its demons,
2. All Saints -then to celebrate our heroes and heroines of faith on their victory in Christ, and
3. All Souls - finally to remember our lost loved ones and recognize human frailty and our need for Christ.

The traditional Christian approach at Halloween was to dress as demons and devils, witches and goblins, skeletons and grim reaper so that we can laugh at the powers of darkness because we know that Jesus is victorious;

-then to throw off costumes and masks because like the saints **we are called to be new persons in Christ.**

However – that aspect has been completely lost in our times. You won't find a single Pope Francis or Mother Theresa, or John the Baptist costume at Kohl's, JC Penny's, Macy's or any store in Montgomery or Coddington Plazas!!

Today's advertising and merchandizing focuses on super-heroes, celebrities, singers, actors, athletes, and movie characters- and yes, of course – zombies, witches, ghosts and vampires too!

In many parishes there is a focus on All Saints parties on Halloween instead – I guess to counteract the misguided emphasis on Halloween.

Oh well...times change, people change...

So.... As we look to these 'three-days' let us not be afraid of demons and the powers of darkness – let us remember the saints gone before us who stood against them – and let us pray for those awaiting that final glory...

*Boo!*

*A simple thank you is not enough to express what I feel after all the festivities last weekend to celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I still can't believe the variety of refreshments offered after each mass. Many hours put in by many people – way too many to list here. As I said to a few of you Sunday - I have never felt so 'affirmed' as I did then. And do now. I am truly blessed to be here and will stay a long as I physically can.*

*Father Ron*

*Thank  
You*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
IS ALL SAINTS DAY.**

**MASSSES WILL TIMES: 9 am & 6:30 pm.**

ENVELOPES FOR SOULS TO BE PRAYED FOR  
DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.

**MASS INFORMATION: OCT. 28-Nov.5**

10/28	Sat	5:00 pm	Pete Gonzalez
10/29	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
10/29	Sun	10:30 am	†Teresa Catelani
10/30	Mon	9:00 am	† Brian Milano
10/31	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
11/01	Wed	9:00 am	
11/01	Wed	6:30 PM	All Saints Day
11/02	Thur	9:00 am	
11/03	Fri	9:00 am	† Mike Milano
11/04	Sat	9:00 am	First Saturday of the Month
11/04	Sat	5:00 PM	Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
11/05	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
11/05	Sun	10:30 am	†Alan & Tess Fisch

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE: November 4-5**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1– JoAnn A. #2– Carroll C.	Cheryl D. Karen S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Larry K. #2—Mary H.	Bob A. Brian C. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Deanna B. #2—Mike C.	Jacky M. Jolon W. Mike W.

Last Week's General Fund Collection \$ 6422  
Online General Fund Offering \$1,582.25  
World Mission Sunday \$ 2398

**NEXT week's 2nd Collection is for  
Building & Maintenance.**

**Please write separate checks for each offering.  
Thank you!**

**~ GRIEF SUPPORT ~**

Join us for "Surviving The Holidays" on  
Saturday, Nov.18th, 1-3 pm

**UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES**

Kathy Stoddard—December 16th at 11 am

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

Jon DeVault, Bruce Marts, Kathy Hauck, Bill Pinella, John McHugh, Laura Pontes, Nancy Carrey, Larry Darling, Renee Ralls, Marion Fairbank, Tim Coyne, 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.

**FOR THE SOULS**

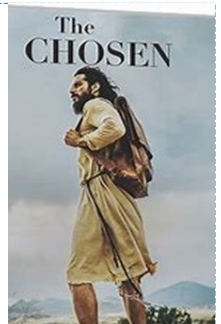
Laura Dole, Arlene Figueroa, Mike Milano, Bob Jennessee, Doris Gianini DeFord, Bill Davis, Kathy Stoddard, Dominica Mollahan, William Ouimette, Kim Seghezzi, Stephen Otis, Sister Rosann Fraher, Joe Darling, Dan Ann Hansen, Helen Keefer, Joan Martin, Toni Drucker, Frank Siroky, Kristi Allen, Mary Ann 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.*

**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.



**HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**"Soup & Salad" + Collection of New Socks**

**Thursday, November 9th, 2023 @ 6 PM**  
**8 Different Homemade Soups**

**\$25.00 INCLUDES Soup, Salads, Bread & Drinks**

Our kitchen is not available. Please note the change in our "Calendar of Events"

**Socks for Children, Men and Women will be donated to Catholic Charity who then will distribute to agencies in Sonoma County.**

**Guest Speaker: Lisa Diaz and Elizabeth Quiroz from "Redemption House" will be speaking on human trafficking.**

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

**Tickets will be on sale October 28th, 29th, and November 4th and 5th after all masses so mark your calendars.**

**NO COD's or money will be accepted after November 5th, 2023.**

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**ALL CLASSES MEET THIS WEEK**

**K-5 Whole Family Catechesis & 1st Communion prep**

- Wednesdays 4:30-6pm



**First Year Confirmation**

- Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm



**Second Year Confirmation**

- Sundays 12-1:15 pm

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**ANNOUNCING GUEST SPEAKER,  
FRANK RUNYEON!**



**A performance of  
The Gospel of John ~  
November 8th at 6:30 PM  
In the Church Hall**

Please join for this absolutely free beautiful play. We will be offering complementary desserts and refreshments along with the performance. Many of us are not comfortable approaching scripture on our own. We are excited to invite everyone to a performance of the Gospel of John by theologian and award winning actor Frank Runyeon who effectively brings Jesus to life to increase understanding and intrigue to approach Jesus through a new lens of faith.



Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts. For more than 25 years, Frank has performed the gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars, and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as "the best speaker we have ever heard" by students and faculty at private and public schools across the nation.

He is perhaps still best known, however, for his many roles on television including as Steve Andropoulos on *As the World Turns* opposite Meg Ryan and in *Santa Barbara*, *General Hospital*, *Falcon Crest*, *Melrose Place*, *Sudden Death* and *Bolero* among many others.

Frank is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Religion. After studying acting in New York and Los Angeles for 15 years, he attended Fuller Seminary. He continued his studies at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary, from which he received his Masters, with honors, in 1994.