

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## **Weekend of December 9-10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent**

### MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

*See Christmas Schedule inside*

**Weekdays:** Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., at 9 am

Tuesday there is a communion service at 9 am.

**Saturday Mass of Anticipation:** 5 pm & on Youtube

**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.

# Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 9-10, 2023

## Advent To-Do List

People ask me what they can 'do' during Advent to make it more meaningful. Lent has pretty clear-cut things, but Advent – not so much. In that light here is a practical Advent 'To-Do-List. Try a few each day, even random numbers. Your world and the world of those around you will be a better place. You'll See.

1. *Smile often.* It's infectious – isn't it? (Learned this one from my Mom)
2. *Pray like you mean it.* That is, Pray what you mean and mean what you pray. (Learned that one from God)
3. *Tell those that you love... that you do.* In words...
4. *Rediscover old friends.* Make that call. Send that Email.
5. *Make new ones.* Engage – interact –open up!
6. *Hope.* As I always say – 'The Best is Yet to Come'.
7. *Give when you can.* Time is your greatest treasure.
8. *Give in - when it is the right thing to do.* Stop arguing or fighting.
- 9a. *Buy some flowers.* 9b. *Take time to smell them.* 9c. *Share them.*
10. *Keep a promise – even if it is... to you.*
11. *Laugh often – even if it is AT you!*
12. *Reach out.* An open hand does more good than a clenched fist ever could.
13. *Hug a bug.. that is... embrace the grinch.*
- 14.... *Sloooooooow down.* And not just when driving. Be where you are when you are and with whom you are. That's where God is - you know?
15. *See a sunrise.*
16. *Listen... to rain.* It has a lot to say.
17. *Trust life.* Life... is good... when you can get it!
18. *Have faith.*
19. *Enjoy.* Whatever you choose to do – enjoy doing it. It's okay.
20. *Make some mistakes and... make sure you Learn from them.*
21. *Explore the unknown.* Be not afraid to **BE NOT AFRAID...**
22. *Celebrate your own life.* You are worth it.
23. *Give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*

# CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



We will be collecting small ham rolls and turkey breasts at all masses on December 16th and 17th for the St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Distribution on December 20th. Thank you for your generosity and support!!

*Thank You*

## MASS INTENTIONS: December 9-17

12/09	Sat	5:00 PM	† Bill Pinella
12/10	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
12/10	Sun	10:30 am	† Warren Bowers
12/11	Mon	9:00 am	† Mike Milano
12/12	Tues	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
12/13	Wed	9:00 am	Jose & Grace Gonzalez
12/14	Thur	9:00 am	† Joe Darling
12/15	Fri	9:00 am	† Ed McCarthy
12/16	Sat	5:00 PM	† Marcelina & Alfredo Guerrero
12/17	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
12/17	Sun	10:30 am	† Mary Lumibao

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: December 16-17

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Rosalinda B. #2—John M.	Judith M. Ann R. Steve R.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Michael W. #2—Brian C.	Bob A. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Mary O'N #2—Deanna B.	Dave A. Michelle D. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Fund Collection \$ 8796.00  
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 2894.88  
 Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 5014.00

**This Week's 2nd collection will be for Retired Religious Fund.**

Please write separate checks for each offering.  
 Thank you!

# Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23 – 5 pm

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

8 am—Sunday Mass

10:30 am—Sunday Mass

4 pm - Children's Mass

Monday, December 25 Christmas

12 am - Midnight Mass

9 am - Christmas Mass

12 pm - Christmas Mass



## UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES

Kathy Stoddard—December 16th at 11 am

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

Laura Zabatta, 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, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Doug Harman, Karin Lee, Margaret Duffy, Maria Alvarez, Mary Jo Toth, Mary Davis, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Ruth Ann Haisey, Lew & Margie Chase, Anthony Ibarra, the Pisenti family, Our Prayer Chain.

## FOR THE SOULS

Laura Dole, Bill Pinella, George Macaulay, Barbara Nowacki, Phyllis Smith, Ed McCarthy, Laura Dole, Arlene Figueroa, Mike Milano, Bob Jenness, Doris Giannini 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.



# Calling All Children!

Do you want to participate in the Christmas Eve Children's Mass?



We have a need for animals, shepherds, wise men, angels, the Holy Family and more!

If you are interested in joining the pageant, come to mass early on Christmas Eve to get into costume.

Please arrive between 3:00-3:30 pm.  
Mass begins at 4 pm on Sunday,  
December 24th. Thank you!

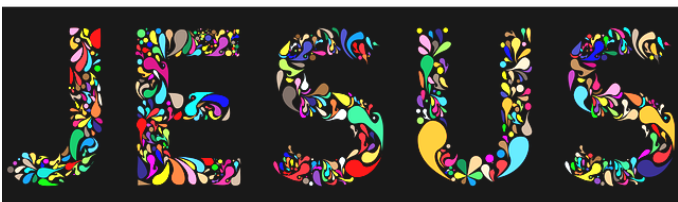
## ~ GRIEF SUPPORT ~

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.

First Wednesdays of the month 6:30-8 pm  
January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3,  
and May 1 in the Church Hall.

**Please do not leave your car parked in the parking lot because we close and lock the gates every afternoon. Thank you!**



## Illuminated Advent Retreat

An online Journey into the Heart of Christmas:

A new Jan Richardson Advent Retreat

Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Hall

with Matt Conley, DRE, and Lynn Lankford

## FAITH FORMATION

**ALL CLASSES MEET FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.**

**No classes from**

**12/24/2023 to 1/8/2024**



### **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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**You are invited...to make a difference in a senior's life!**

Everyone deserves support staying independent so they can thrive in their own home. Join our incredible team of Caring Rides volunteers at Catholic Charities who are helping seniors stay active by driving them to medical appointments and more. Volunteers and riders are uplifted by every ride! **Please call Catholic Charities at (707) 308-4805 or email [cstone@srcharities.org](mailto:cstone@srcharities.org) for more information about this volunteer opportunity.**