

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of December 16-17 2023 Third 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.

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 16-17, 2023

..from your Pastor's Desk

Happy Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete Sunday happens every year on the third Sunday of Advent. Back in the 1900's, when most of us were born – up until the early 1960's - the words were in Latin: "Gaudete, iterum dico vobis, 'Gaudete.'" Which means; "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, Rejoice! And so, this Sunday is still called "Gaudete Sunday." The whole message is one of hope and joy. While most of the other readings for the season of Advent are written in a somber tone, the readings for today are meant to remind us of an important and joyous event: the birth of our Lord. You will notice songs of Joy and rejoicing; colorful vestments and the poinsettias will make their first appearance.

This Gaudete Sunday we pause and reflect on the joy of this holy season. How can we not rejoice when we meditate on the wonder of God's love for us, the wonder of God sending His own Son to save us and the wonder of God's love that surrounds us always?

Of course, we can look at our world and think that it is a total mess, which many say it is. We can think of all the evil in the world, and there is also truth to that. We can think of all of the suffering of innocent children and that is a reality that should bring us great concern and compassion.

At the heart of the world, however, is love. For those of us who believe, this is an act of faith. How our world changes when we believe in the Scriptures, especially those that are given to us today for this Third Sunday of Advent. The prophets saw what God could do in the world and hoped that it would come about, but they were patient, knowing that God's time is not our time. God will renew all creation. God will do this when the time is His time.

Advent is about our waiting for the Lord to come into our world and into our lives. We ourselves can be bearers of that presence in our own lives—only if we believe and strive to live that belief. May this Advent strengthen our faith. May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to proclaim the presence of the living God.

One of the greatest signs of our faith is the joy that we can have in living for the Lord. Instead of being anxious and preoccupied with all the evil in our world, with the terrible things that happen, we can radiate the joy of knowing the presence of God.

Let us rejoice in Him and be glad!

Fr. Ron





Altar Flowers this week are donated in memory of Kathy Stoddard.

MASS INTENTIONS: December 16-24

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
12/18	Mon	9:00 am	† Loretta Luz
12/19	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
12/20	Wed	9:00 am	† Mary B. Byrne
12/21	Thur	9:00 am	† David Plagge
12/22	Fri	9:00 am	Fr. Ron's Birthday
12/23	Sat	5:00 PM	† Daniel P. Foster
12/24	Sun	8:00 am	Available
12/24	Sun	10:30 am	† Gerry Steele
12/24	Sun	4:00 pm	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS
12/25	Mon	12 am	MIDNIGHT MASS
12/25	Mon	9 am	CHRISTMAS MASS
12/25	Mon	12 noon	CHRISTMAS MASS/ Derek Dunn

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: December 23-24

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Carroll C. #2—Pat B.	Mary D. Kathy S. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Lydia D. #2—Patty E.	Brian C. Robin K. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Lilla O. #2—Karen S.	Diane H. Jolon W. Mike W.

Last Week's General Fund Collection \$ 6623.
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1289.51
 Retired Religious Fund \$ 2510.
 Please write separate checks for each offering.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Terry McNally, Laura Zabatta, Jon DeVault, Bruce Marts, Kathy Hauck, 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, The Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

Derek Dunn, Bill Pinella, George Macaulay, Barbara Nowacki, Phyllis Smith, Ed McCarthy, 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.

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.

Calling All Children!

Does your child 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

Sarah Hart



TWO EVENTS

JANUARY 12th at 7 pm
CONCERT—An Evening with Sarah
—FREE WILL OFFERING

JANUARY 13th from 9am to 3pm
WOMEN'S RETREAT
—\$25 includes Pasta and Salad Lunch
(Call 707.433.5536 to RSVP)

Sarah Hart will lead us in day of song, stories, laughter, prayer, reflection, and sharing! Bring yourself, your daughter, sister, neighbor or friend and be renewed in spirit and reaffirm our feminine hearts!

St. John the Baptist Church
208 Matheson St., Healdsburg, CA

FAITH FORMATION
ALL CLASSES MEET FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. No classes from 12/24/2023 to 1/8/2024

K-5 Whole Family Wednesdays 4:30-6pm
First Year Confirmation Wed. 6:15-7:30pm
Second Year Confirmation Sun. 12-1:15 pm

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