

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## NEW OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon., Wed., Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 11 am to 2:30 pm**

### Pastor

Father Ron Serban

### Deacon

John Storm 707.479.5424  
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### Liturgical Music Director

Francis Oliveira

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707.539.4495 ext.108

### Office Administrator

Ruth Canniff, 707.539.4495

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call Mon. 2-3:30 pm

### Men's Club

Jack Tolin, 707-695-4744

### Women's Club

Lynne DeCota, 707-981.8619

### Holy Communion Visitation

Ruth Canniff, 707-539.4495

### Prayer Chain

Diane Bowman. Call the office.

### Parish Finance Council Chair

Brian Connolly,  
[brian@brianconnolly.net](mailto:brian@brianconnolly.net)

### Parish Advisory Council Chair

## Weekend of January 6-7, 2024

### 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 & 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.

# The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 6-7, 2024

..from your Pastor's Desk

## Three Magi, Three Gifts for the Child-King

If I asked you to think of the three worst things you ever did in your life, even if you didn't want to admit them, you could come up with them pretty quickly – certainly one of them – instantly. Now – If I asked you to think of the three best things you have ever done in your life (other than marriage and children) it would take a great deal more time.

Sadly, many of us were raised that way. We were constantly chastised for any wrong and hardly ever acknowledged for who we were as individuals or doing the best we could. Sadly, some of us have carried this point of view into our adult life, or in how we have treated our own children or, worst of all, to think that this is how God sees us.

When we only think of ourselves as bad, unworthy or insufficient, we very much limit our own potential, that is, the person God created us to be – the person God KNOWS we can be. The person God wants to help us be.

The Feast we celebrate today speaks of three men who made a great journey to find the newborn King. They traveled to places unknown to them. Finding the King “without” – their eyes were opened to look ‘within’.

Our faith sometimes takes us to uncharted territory. We are called today to make a journey. But not to Bethlehem - Not to the Holy Land – Not to Rome - not even to Santa Rosa. Our faith calls us today to make the effort to make the *inward journey* to find ourselves.

Think about it: though we all have lived with ourselves our entire lives, we can still know very little about who we actually are. Ask someone who has known you for many years. You'll be surprised how their view of you is quite different than yours. As we said, what you know about yourself often focuses on your negative qualities, forgetting that “...*the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*” We are each and every one made in the image and likeness of God.

So, first off, we need to find Jesus in ourselves. Most people might expect a king to be in an ornate palace, He actually resides in the quiet town of Bethlehem. Most people think of God as far off watching ‘*from a distance*’; yet, He is found in the quiet of your heart. Right now - even as you read this.

In our inner search, He will not be in those things the material world values, He is present in the quiet corners of our soul. The Wise Men had to go across their known world to find the King of Israel; we only need search the expanse of ourselves for our Savior.

The three best things you have ever done are your three gifts to the Child-King. The three worst are His gifts to you in forgiving them and setting you free of their burden.

May this new found freedom bring you health, Holiness and happiness this New Year.  
For, the best - is yet to come!

*Father Ron*

## MASS INTENTIONS: January 6-14

01/06	Sat	9:00 am	For the People
01/06	Sat	5:00 PM	† Jack Keegan
01/07	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
01/07	Sun	10:30am	Elly Manfredi
01/08	Mon	9:00 am	† Lillian Sullivan
01/09	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
01/10	Wed	9:00 am	Dorothy Serban Nasser
01/11	Thur	9:00 am	Available
01/12	Fri	9:00 am	Available
01/13	Sat	5:00 PM	† Terry McNally
01/14	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
01/14	Sun	10:30am	Jacky Macy

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: January 13-14

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Karen S. #2—Henri K.	Joanne L. Judith M. Steve R.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Kathy L.	Brian C. Cindy D-H. Kurt K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Deanna B. #2—Lilla O.	Mary C. Jolon W. Mike W.

Last Week's General Collection    \$ 5923.00  
 Online General Fund Offering    \$ 924.50  
 St. Vincent De Paul                    \$ 3874.00

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

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

**NOTE TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS**  
**9:30 AM–2:30 PM ON**  
**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS**  
**AND TUESDAYS FROM 11 AM–2:30 PM.**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR END OF  
 YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS.  
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## FUNERALS

Ed McCarthy ~ Feb. 17, 2023 at 9 am

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

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**

Terry McNally, Derek Dunn, Bill Pinella,  
 George Macaulay, Barbara Nowacki,  
 Phyllis Smith, Ed McCarthy, Laura Dole,  
 Arlene Figueroa, Mike Milano, Bob Jen-  
 nessee, 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.

### **~ 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 pro-  
 vides 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.

**CHANGE OF DATE 6:30-8 pm**  
**JANUARY 31ST, March 6, April 3, May 1**  
**in the Church Hall.**

# TEENS!

***This year, the 2nd year Confirmation class will be going on a weekend retreat!***

Because we believe this to be such a meaningful experience **we are offering the retreat to all recently Confirmed teens (under 18).**

This is a pivotal moment in their faith journey and something they can build upon for their continuing faith life.

**The youth retreat will be held at CYO Retreat Center in Occidental Jan. 19th-21st, 2024.**

Programs like this are what keep our young people engaged and make them feel like they have a place in the Church. Our parish is teaming with St. Elizabeth Parish to make this a larger and more powerful experience for our young people. As a team we have run hundreds of retreats that have positively impacted youth and created enthusiastic disciples and faith leaders.

***If you have a teen that is interested contact me at 707.539.4495 ext. 8 or email Matt@holyspiritsr.org***

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL  
***Blessed Mother Baby Shower***

**Thursday, January 11th, 2024  
6:00 pm ~ Cost: \$25.00**

**Includes Dinner, 2 Beverage tickets  
Center Pieces Raffle 6 for \$5.00**

***We are honored to have The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa sing for us!***

Please bring a new unwrapped Infant item such as, Clothes, Diapers, Blankets, etc.

Sizes Preemie up to 24 months. We cannot accept used items. These items will be donated to Catholic Charity & The Living Room

**Ticket Sales after masses January 6-7, 2024**

If you cannot attend and want to donate you may drop off your items at Nora's home.

Please call (707) 484-0542. **Please no walk ins...** it is hard for us to accommodate enough food to serve if our women don't sign up. The cooks thank you oh so much...Any questions call Lynne DeCota at 707-981-8619.

***Happy New Year and Blessings to All***

## PASSIONATE POLENTA

***It is a family affair!***

**JANUARY 19th, 2024**

**Hosted by the HSMC**

**Holy Spirit Hall**

**Doors open 6 PM, Dinner@7 PM**

**Everyone is invited! Adults & children**

**Polenta, stew, salad, garlic bread**

**No Host Full Bar. \$25.00 per person**

**Tickets on sale after mass.**

**NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

**Limited to 120 People**

**RSVP to JOHN CARUSO 707-696-1279**

**hsmcsr@aol.com**

## HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB

***RELIGIOUS RIBS***

**Tuesday January 9th 2024**

**DOORS OPEN 6:00pm**

**DINNER TO FOLLOW @7PM**

**\$25.00 PER PERSON**

**\*Includes 2 drink tickets and prize tickets\***

**THE BEST BBQ'd RIBS  
YOU HAVE EVER HAD !**

**Ribs and all the fixin's**

**hsmcsr@aol.com**

***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, Salad Lunch**

**(Call 707.433.5536 to RSVP)**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

**208 Matheson St., Healdsburg, CA**