

# 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**

**OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH  
IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**Weekend of January 13-14, 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.

### **Pastor**

Father Ron Serban

### **Deacon**

John Storm 707.479.5424

[jstorm@srdiocese.org](mailto:jstorm@srdiocese.org)

### **Liturgical Music Director**

Francis Oliveira

### **Director of Religious Education**

Matt Conley, [matt@holyspiritsr.org](mailto:matt@holyspiritsr.org)

707.539.4495 ext.108

### **Office Administrator**

Ruth Canniff, 707.539.4495

### **St. Vincent De Paul Society**

707.537.7835 helpline

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**

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 13-14, 2024

*..from your Pastor's Desk*

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King Jr.. To some reading this, these names bring back memories of personal experiences during the turbulent times of the sixties and seventies; the start of the Civil Rights Movement, the Catholic Worker Houses and the beginning of the changes that are still in process today to make this country one of equality for all people. Note: *Still in Process*. To those that weren't born yet these names might as well be Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Tubman. Great historical figures all. We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Many, like Jesus Himself, shedding their blood for the good of others, for the good of all. Let them and their work be not forgotten. Let us also not delegate Jesus as merely a great historical figure.

Tomorrow, January 15th, the United States of America celebrates the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929 - 1968). He led millions of people in a non-violent movement to bring an end to the segregation of races in the United States. Martin was not alone in his non-violence stance. Throughout history men and woman have stood against the hateful '*subjectification*' of people due to race, creed, or place of origin. Many have died for this cause. Many more will.

We all are tragically made aware of how violent our world has become, indeed our own nation. The horrific, vicious shootings and bombings of recent memory will resonate for years to come and sadly, yet hopefully, serve as a reminder that the work begun by people such as Martin Luther King Jr., is never done.

His words eloquently express his passion and faith: "*You ought to believe something in life, believe that thing so fervently that you will stand up with it till the end of your days...*" He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

We pray in **thanksgiving** for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. His was indeed a prophetic voice. Was he perfect? No. Did he have flaws? As do we all. As did all the saints and martyrs. Which is why we humbly ask the God of Justice to help us **reflect** on ways in which we can live our lives – as Jesus did and Martin Luther King Jr. did and as did so many throughout time who stood up for others – so that we may become enthused with a thirst for justice for all women and men.....in all cultures and in all nations.

Let us **resolve** today to make 2024 a more 'just' year in our own parish and community **because** of our own words and deeds.

We ask the God of Mercy to help us so that we may live justly and compassionately in our families, our places of work, our places of recreation, our places of worship, and in **all** our actions.

We **fervently ask** this, Lord, in the name of your Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the guiding witness and light for Martin Luther King, Jr., and his followers.

Tomorrow is a National Holiday. Use the day wisely. Join those who pray for peace and an end to all violence.

*Father Ron*

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

**MASS INTENTIONS: January 13-21**

01/13	Sat	5:00 PM	† Terry McNally
01/14	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
01/14	Sun	10:30am	Jacky Macy
01/15	Mon	9:00 am	† Raymond Benedict
01/16	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
01/17	Wed	9:00 am	† Concepcion Zamora
01/18	Thur	9:00 am	† Tom Peterson
01/19	Fri	9:00 am	† Concepcion Zamora
01/20	Sat	5:00 PM	Elly Manfredi's 94th Birthday
01/21	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
01/21	Sun	10:30am	Lorraine Usher's Birthday

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE: January 20-21**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Rosalinda B #2—John M	Mary D. John S. Karen S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Michael W. #2—Larry K.	Bob A. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Loyde J. #2—Mary L.	Michelle D. Diane H. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 8048.00  
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1842.00  
 Building & Maintenance \$ 4311.00  
*Please write separate checks for each offering.  
 Thank you!*

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS.  
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**BAPTISM CLASS**

**Saturday, February 20, 2024 at 10 am  
in the church.**

Consider attending if you will be baptizing your child or if you will be a godparent in the near future.

**FUNERALS**

George Losada ~ Feb. 3, 2024 at 11 am  
 Ed McCarthy ~ Feb. 17, 2024 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 Jenness, 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.*

# 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](mailto:Matt@holyspiritsr.org)***

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Italian Catholic Federation is awarding scholarships to the class of 2024 high school graduates. Applicants must be a Catholic, have at least a 3.2 GPA, and any Italian ancestry. Applications available from high school counselors, online at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org), or call 888.icf1924.

## 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](mailto:hsmcsr@aol.com)**

## ~ 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.

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