

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of February 10-11, 2024

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., at 9 am

Communion Service : Tuesday at 9 am.

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 5 pm

Sunday Masses: 8 am, 10:30 am

1st Saturday of the Month: 9 am

Video Mass: A Saturday Mass is recorded each week and uploaded to our Youtube channel, **Holy Spirit—Santa Rosa.**



Fridays During Lent (except Good Friday)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2-3 pm

Reconciliation available in Sacristy after
Exposition begins to 2:50 pm.

Stations of the Cross at 3 pm

SACRAMENTS: Please call the office 707.539.4495

Reconciliation: Call the office for times.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Baptism: Call 3 months in advance.

PARISH REGISTRATION: in person, online, or by email

ONLINE DONATING at www.holyspirit-sr.org

HOME COMMUNION Please contact the office at
707.539.4495.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 10-11, 2024

...from your Pastor's Desk

This Wednesday we have a fascinating conflation of days. Wednesday is both Valentine's Day, a special day of special recognition of our loved one[s] and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent - the time we change our lives for the better in preparation for the Most Holy of days – Easter Sunday. I remember that this has happened several times in the not too distant past. But let us not have one preclude the other – for both celebrate love. One at a human level – the other at human and Divine. *“What greater love can one have than to lay down one's life for a friend?”*

This raises a yearly question for each of us. And it's not what to do for your Valentine – but, rather, what should I give up for Lent? Or, perhaps, what should I take on? Preferably – both! To make a more well-informed decision, I think it best to first address WHY we should do either - or both.

The goal is two-fold: That we realize there is value in denying ourselves every gratification, especially immediate ones, and, secondarily, to learn the spiritual value of sacrifice. In our world today of wanting everything – and wanting it NOW – this is a great lesson to learn, or re-learn as the case may be. Good things are both worth waiting for and worth working for.

It is up to each of you personally to determine how best to achieve this, but here are some ideas:

Perhaps giving up or modifying something like the consumption of chocolate or sweets, or pizza, or the amount of time per day spent playing video games, or internet surfing, or excessive texting, tweeting or twittering, or just watching TV is a great sacrifice for you.

Perhaps making daily Mass a few times a week, or the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, or saying a daily rosary, or reading some of the Bible daily – or attending the Holy Hour on Thursdays – or being faithful to taking time to read the 'Little Black Book of Lenten Mediations – any of which would involve some of your 'free-time' – would be a great sacrifice.

Again, it is up to you. **What will teach you best the virtue of sacrifice?** Pick something, pick even ONE thing and go with it. If you are not sure – ask God in prayer these next three days. You'll know – BELIEVE me – you'll know!

Remember - we add sacrifice to our lives not for its own sake, but to help us be more attuned to God and to those whose daily lives involve much sacrifice and suffering – the Body of Christ Crucified among us.

Regarding fasting – last week's bulletin gave you the official Diocesan Regulations. If you follow these – regardless of age – you will find it most edifying. There are copies of the regulations on the table in the back if you need one.

From its earliest days the Church has urged the baptized to observe the three-fold discipline of

♦ fasting, ♦ almsgiving (charity), and ♦ prayer

in preparation for the celebration of Easter. As you will hear there is something very special and specific that I want us together, as a parish to aspire to. I strongly encourage your participation. During Lent the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and giving generously to programs of sharing.

On the cover of this bulletin you will find the *Mass and Service Schedule* for Ash Wednesday and Lent. With deepest sincerity -I wish you a Holy, meaningful, and productive, and yes, Happy Lent.

Father Ron

PS: My condolences to those who plan on giving up chocolate for Lent. It's such a great Valentine gift!

The Little Black Books Are Here!

Hello Friends! As we have for both Advent and Lent the last 9 years, so we are again now. Our seasonal 'Devotion' books are once again available. Since the book begins today, February 11th, they will be handed out at the end of Mass. If you are not familiar with them; each day has a special teaching, a bit of scripture, maybe a word about the saint of the day [if there is one assigned] and often a humorous anecdote. It takes just a few minutes, but you will be greatly rewarded by making the effort. Plus, it is a good Lenten commitment.

*As always, one per household until all masses are covered, please. **Enjoy!***



Ash Wednesday Masses

February 14th

9 am and 6:30 pm

MASS INTENTIONS: Feb.10-18

02/10	Sat	5:00 PM	Available
02/11	Sun	8:00 am	Fr. John Boettcher
02/11	Sun	10:30am	For the People
02/12	Mon	9:00 am	† Leocadia Serban
02/13	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
02/14	Wed	9:00 am	Ash Wednesday- † Bob Sola
02/14	Wed	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday - † Charles Fitch
02/15	Thur	9:00 am	† Members of the Jacob Family
02/16	Fri	9:00 am	Available
02/17	Sat	5:00 PM	Available
02/18	Sun	8:00 am	Available
02/18	Sun	10:30am	For the People

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Feb. 17-18

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Rosalinda B. #2—Carroll C.	Mary D. John S. Karen S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Lydia D.	Brian C. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Mary O. #2—Deanna B.	Donna K. Jacky M. Mike W.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

ATTENTION WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS
The board is hoping to find ladies willing to bring a member to our dinners who is unable to drive at night. We'll help in connecting volunteers with those who need a ride. Please let a board member know if you are able to bring someone. **Many thanks!**

Grief Support Group: First Wednesdays of the Month at 6:30-8 pm in the church hall.

There is a place where you can bring your grief and be understood.

FUNERALS

* Ed McCarthy ~ Feb. 17, 2024 at 10 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Fr. John Boettcher, Gabriella Ibarra, Annette O'Brien Fashauer, Jim Weese, Laura Zabatta, Jon DeVault, 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, the Pisenti family, The Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

Ed McCarthy, James Barton, Jr., Nancy Bufano, Julia Gromo, Bruce Marts Sr., 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.

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.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 8,888.00
Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,450.38
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 4,477.00

This week's 2nd collection is for our Religious Education Department.

Ash Wednesday will have a 2nd collection for the Church in Eastern Europe.

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



**CATHOLIC MOMS
GROUP**

Calling all moms with children from the newborn stage to the teenage years!

Join us for friendship, fellowship, and faith-sharing at our upcoming gatherings:

--Wed, 2/14, 10am - Walk, pray and talk as we begin Lent. Meet at Howarth Park Lake Ralphine trail-head.

--Wed, 2/28, 10am-12pm - Potluck brunch at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cotati. Time for visiting and reflecting on Eve's example in "Becoming Women of the Word" by Sarah Christmyer. The book is not necessary to join.

Children are welcome at all events!
RSVP by emailing:
srdicese.catholicmoms@gmail.com
for more details.



Holy Spirit Men's Club

Laissez les bons temps rouler



**FEBRUARY DINNER - FAT TUESDAY (MARDI GRAS!)
FEBRUARY 13TH**

DOOR OPEN AT 6 PM DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM
*ITALIAN MEAT LOAF— ALA BASTONI
WITH POTATOES, SALAD, BREAD, AND DESSERT-
---MAYBE SOME GARLIC ADDED!*



MEET THE COOKS OF HOLY SPIRIT-A GREGARIOUS CREW AT BEST!

**\$25.00 includes
Dinner, two cocktails and fun tickets**

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR February 10-18, 2024

SUNDAY	2/11	12:00 PM	2nd Year Confirmation Class Meets
MONDAY	2/12	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Meet
TUESDAY	2/13	6:00 PM	Men's Club Dinner
WEDNESDAY	2/14	9:00 AM	Ash Wednesday; Mass with distribution of Ashes
WEDNESDAY	2/14	4:30 PM	2nd Year Communion Class Meets
WEDNESDAY	2/14	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday; Mass with distribution of Ashes
THURSDAY	2/15	7 PM	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	2/16	2:00 PM 3:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Reconciliation Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	2/17	10:00 AM	Mass of the Resurrection, Ed McCarthy
SUNDAY	2/18	12:00 PM	2nd Year Confirmation Class Meets

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Easter Egg Hunt and more! Holy Saturday Morning, March 30th.
Watch for more news in upcoming weeks.