

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend of March 2-3, 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.

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 2-3, 2024

..from your Pastor's Desk

MID-WAY.

No, not the WWII battle or the Aircraft Carrier. This Thursday you will be mid-way through Lent 2024. How is it going? Have you been able to maintain your Lenten resolutions? I find myself doing a series of 're-starts'. I think God is okay with that. We do the best we can. But you may be asking yourself, "What if I'm at the midpoint of Lent and not much is going on? I began with the best of intentions, but I am not sure what I'm doing or what I want to be doing. Can my Lent be 'rescued'? Can a six-week journey be completed in the remaining three weeks - waiting for my heart to be open?" Of course, the answer is "yes." It doesn't take long for God, when we are ready.

How to Begin

The first step to beginning again has already begun, if you have the desire for something real during Lent. A therapist once said that "*we get better when we get tired of not being better.*" This isn't the same as "*guilt.*" Feeling guilty for not doing much about Lent will not get us very far. What we need is a real desire - a real sense of expectation that God has something for me to hear, to learn, to change, and I want to be ready to listen. This desire can co-exist with fear, with resistance, with bad habits that have been obstacles in the past. God does not need much of an opening to begin to free us and show us a transforming love.

A little desire is enough to shape deeper desires.

Once we can say we want to make something of these precious days remaining in Lent, then we can start naming some more specific desires. For some of us, it is obvious. There is a big, glaring self-defeating pattern staring us in the face. Most of the time, however, it takes a little reflection, a bit of honest examination of conscience to really see what is getting in the way of my being a follower of Jesus.

Lent begins again when I can say "*Help me, Lord!*" Now I can turn to the Lord, with some real, concrete desires. Now I can practice waking up each morning and naming a specific (working on one at a time is fine) desire - while I am getting out of bed, or taking a shower or getting dressed or

even when enjoying that first cup of coffee. A prayer as simple as this:

"Lord, it feels so good to be honest with myself before you. Let me know your presence today. Help me face the challenges that will be there today. Give me some more freedom to make different choices, and act on the Graces you are giving me, to refrain from escaping, but rather to give myself to loving, as you have loved me."

Imagine all the different prayers like that - one minute long - that would shape our day! With these desires to let God's Grace transform me, then I can pause before going to bed each night, and look back through the day to thank God for the places I felt God's presence and help.

What a joy that we have 3 weeks left! Let us give Lent a new start in the days ahead. God is offering us more than we can ask or imagine.

Lenten Blessings and Grace,

Fr. Ron

Our **Confirmation Class** will be celebrating the **Rite of Enrollment** Sunday at the 10:30 o'clock Mass. We ask you, as members of the Holy Spirit family of God to support, help and pray for these candidates as they journey toward their **Confirmation on May 1st.**

Ainoa B.

Maika B.

Summer B.

Tessa C.

Madison (Maddie) D.

Lizet F.

Kenneth H.

John M.

Benjamin (Ben) N.

Derek P.

Kristen P.

Damian P.



**Our Lenten Almsgiving Partner
Father Boniface Mbithi Nduva's
hometown, The Village of Ulu in Kenya**

**We will have a collection later in Lent and
Online giving is activated on our website.**



MASS INTENTIONS: March 2-10

03/02	Sat	9:00 am	For the People
03/02	Sat	5:00 PM	†Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
03/03	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
03/03	Sun	10:30am	†Thomas Malley Jr.
03/04	Mon	9:00 am	† Manuel Benedict
03/05	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
03/06	Wed	9:00 am	Angeline & Suresh Desai
03/07	Thur	9:00 am	Available
03/08	Fri	9:00 am	† Frank Dirksen
03/09	Sat	5:00 PM	†Mike Miller
03/10	Sun	8:00 am	Available
03/10	Sun	10:30am	Available

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: March 9-10

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—JoAnn A. #2—Carroll C.	Judith M. Shirley S. Tim S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Lydia D. #2—Mary H.	Kurt K. Robin K. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Deanna B. #2—Rosalinda B.	Dave A. Diane H. Donna K.

FUNERALS

Karin Lee ~ Thurs., March 14, at 10 am

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

Greg Macy, 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, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Doug Harman, Margaret Duffy, Maria Alvarez, Mary Jo Toth, Mary Davis, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Ruth Ann Haisey, Lew & Margie Chase, the Pisenti family, Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

Karin Lee, Peggy Levy, Regina Dieter, 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, Bob Jenness, Doris Gianini DeFord, Bill Davis, Kathy Stoddard, Dominica Mollahan, William Ouimette, Kim Seghezzi, Stephen Otis.

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.

The Diocese Chancery team is looking for an accounting leader. If you are interested in learning more about the position, call Lori at 707-566-3322 or email LNorcia@srdioocese.org.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,107.00
Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,688.75
**THIS WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE.**
*Please write separate checks for each offering.
Thank you!*

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays: March 6th
& April 3rd at 6:30-8 pm
and the potluck will be on
May 8th from 5:30-8 pm
in the church hall.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
FOR **CARING RIDES** AND **CARING**
VOICES. If you think you'd like to
volunteer in one of those roles
please call (707) 528-8712 .



Sr. Joann
Heinritz



Marcy Fox

Choose Joy

A Lenten Reflection

Hosted by The
Women's Circle

Thursday, March 7th, 2024
3:00-4:30pm

Star of the Valley Catholic Church

No Charge or RSVP. All are
welcome. 545 White Oak Drive,
Santa Rosa, CA 95409



Holy Spirit Men's Club
St. Pat's Day Dinner
FRIDAY, March 15th



Corned Beef and Cabbage Sit Down Dinner

* Two Italian Bartenders*

A Special Night for all.



Doors open at 6 PM

\$25.00 Dinner, \$5.00 cocktails

Adults Only - **LIMITED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES**

Tickets on sale after Sunday Masses
beginning 2/24/24

No ticket sales at the door!!!!!!

JOHN CARUSO 707-696-1279

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SAVE THE DATE

HOLY SPIRIT
Catholic Church

All Are Welcome!

Easter Egg Hunt & Activities!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024
9:30 AM - NOON at Holy Spirit Church
1244 ST. FRANCIS RD, SANTA ROSA 95409

- BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 8 AM
- 2 BOUNCE HOUSES
- FACE PAINTING
- EASTER BUNNY PHOTO OP
- FUN GAMES
- EGG HUNT AT 9:30 AM FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR March 3– March 10, 2024

SUNDAY	3/03	12:00 PM	2nd Year Confirmation Class
MONDAY	3/04	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Meet
TUESDAY	3/05	6:00 PM	Hostess Meeting for Women's Club Victorian Tea
WEDNESDAY	3/06	4:30 PM	K-5 Class & 2nd Year Communion Class
		6:15 PM	1st Year Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Grief Support Group
THURSDAY	3/07	7 PM	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	3/08	2:00 PM 3:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	3/09	9:00 AM	First Saturday of the Month Mass
SUNDAY	3/10		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME—SPRING FORWARD 1 HR
		12:00 PM	2nd Year Confirmation Class