

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

HE IS RISEN!

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EASTER SUNDAY March 30-31, 2024

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**OFFICE HOURS: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:30 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays 11 am to 2:30 pm**

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.



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.

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..from the Pastors Desk

HAPPY EASTER! A Happy Thought on a Happy Feast.

Have you ever considered that this is the only time when people, even strangers, give a spiritually based greeting? Merry Christmas is often replaced by 'Happy Holidays' and 'Happy Thanksgiving' has become a secular salutation; but so far 'Happy Easter' stands firm in its acknowledgement of what we commemorate. Even though there is more wide-spread celebration at Christmas, we are truly an Easter people.

On Christmas Day we rejoice because Christ has been born and so has become one of us. Today we rejoice because having died for us on The Cross, He has come back to us by rising from death and will live with us until the end of time – and we have the opportunity to live to the end of time – and beyond -with Him! There is no doubt that this is the high point of the church year. And we are able to celebrate together – in person! We hear the Easter story proclaimed at Mass, but, in truth, the Gospels do not explain Easter – EASTER explains the Gospels!

Belief in Christ rising for the dead is not just something we believe – it IS what we believe! If Christ had not risen, you and I would not be here today – because there would be no church. If Christ had not risen, the over one point two Billion Catholics (over 18% of the world's population!) who will go to church today, would not have an altar to approach. But, you see, Christ HAS died and Christ HAS risen, and what is more – Christ WILL come again. And when we rise with Christ – WE begin again.

Easter is a Feast of Hope. Until that first Easter morning, death had never been conquered. The world of Peter, James, and John, of Mary Magdalene and the other apostles had crumbled into dust when Jesus died on The Cross. What a transformation for them that Easter morning when they realized that he had truly risen, just as HE said.

The sun began to shine. God was indeed in Heaven and all was once again right in the world. Death had at last been beaten and Heaven's gate was once again open. In Him who rose from the dead our hope of Resurrection dawned. New life to the fullest on earth and eternal life in Heaven became a reality. This is what 'Happy Easter' means.

So, I say to you, all those you love, and all those who love you; Happy Easter!

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS: March 30—April 7

03/30	Sat	5:00 PM	†Leocadia Serban
03/31	Sun	8:00 am	For the sick & suffering
03/31	Sun	10:30am	For the Children
03/31	Sun	1:00 PM	For the People
04/01	Mon	9:00 am	Greg & Patricia Steele's Anniversary
04/02	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
04/03	Wed	9:00 am	†Roger Cooney
04/04	Thur	9:00 am	†Steve Lankford
04/05	Fri	9:00 am	†Tom Peterson
04/06	SAT	9:00 am	For the People
04/06	Sat	5:00 PM	Rachel Bjornstrom
04/07	Sun	8:00 am	†Lilian & Daniel Sullivan
04/07	Sun	10:30am	For the People

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: April 6-7

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Holly K. #2—Pat B.	Ann R. Steve R. Shirley S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Brian C.	Robin K. Elizabeth M. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Mike C. #2—Loyde J.	Dave A. Sherry J. Jolon W.

Last Week's General Collection \$6,562 .00
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,978.13
 Catholic Relief Services \$ 2,228.00
 The Village of Ulu, Kenya \$13,710.00

*NEXT WEEK'S 2nd Collection is for
 BUILDING & MAINTENANCE*

Please write separate checks. Thank you!

BAPTISM CLASS—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

In the church. Doors open at 6:15 pm.

Class begins at 6:30 pm.



Consider taking the class if you will be baptizing your child in the next couple of years or if you will be a Godparent.

VICTORIAN TEA— APRIL 20 at noon

Some tickets available. If interested, contact Margie DeMeo 707.538.3376.

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

Please make checks payable to
Holy Spirit with ULU, KENYA in the Memo line.
Online giving is activated on our website.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK
& THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Leiberman, Mike Murray, Greg Macy, Fr. John Boettcher, Gabriella Ibarra, Annette O'Brien Fashauer, Jim Weese, Laura Zabatta, 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, Our Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

Scot Gordon, Arlene Pearson, 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 Jennessee, 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.

You are invited!

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON THE VILLAGE OF ULU, KENYA

**Wednesday April 10th
6:30 pm in the Church**

We will learn about the circumstances of the village, the story of the people and the goals we would like to accomplish in order to answer the needs of the people suffering from hunger and illness. Please join us.

It will be both a moving and spiritual experience as we recognize the joy and pain that exist within the community.

Grief Support Group

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

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.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	3/31	Easter	NO CLASS
MONDAY	4/01	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Meet
TUESDAY	4/02		
WEDNESDAY	4/03	4:30 PM	Communion Class
		4:30 PM	Whole Family Catechesis
		6:15 PM	First Year Confirmation Class
		6:30 pm	Grief Support Group
THURSDAY	4/04		
FRIDAY	4/05		
SATURDAY	4/06	12:00 PM	Celebration of Life for Scot Gordon
SUNDAY	4/07	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class

**REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2024-2025
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.**



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

As followers of Christ, we're encouraged to care for each other. Jesus' parable of the judgment

of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) lists the ways we can care for those in physical need:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me .." (Matthew 25:35). These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Essentially, "it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize His chosen ones" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2443). **The Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others' needs and responding to them. Living the Corporal Works of Mercy is how**

we can make our love for God and others visible and effective.



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"Whatever you did for one of these... you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

**SAVE THE DATE
PARISH PASTA FEED
FRIDAY, MAY 3 @ 6 PM**