

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY April 6-7, 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.

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.

**A baptism class is scheduled for Wed.,
April 24th at 6:30 pm.**

PARISH REGISTRATION: in person, online, or by email

ONLINE DONATING at www.holyspirit-sr.org

HOME COMMUNION Please contact the office at

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ April 6-7, 2024

..from the Pastors Desk

Thinking Thomas” – No Doubt.

There is something to be said for doubt at times. It is a good thing to be able to doubt oneself, provided it doesn't become an addiction that cripples us; to doubt one's ideas, one's principles, one's work and to doubt much of what we hear.

Although religion can provide emotionally unstable people with a vast canvas for their illusions, and a platform for the arrogant and the power-hungry - It is healthy and essential to be able to doubt many things. It is proof that your life is not on automatic pilot, that you have not finished thinking and weighing things up.

Doubt is not always the opposite of faith; the real opposite of faith is a certain kind of fear. Fear makes you curl up and do nothing, or it makes you run away. Faith pushes you to risk yourself, to pit yourself against difficulties.

The Apostle Thomas was a careful man, but he was not a fearful one; he was capable of fearless action; “*Let us go to Jerusalem and die with him,*” he said (John 11:16). It is not that Thomas lacked faith; it is simply that he was not going to be fooled!

He wanted to “*see the mark of the nails made in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks they made...*” Basically, he wanted to experience it for himself. The same evangelist John, who told this story about Thomas' doubts, once wrote, “*... what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hand.... concerns the Word of Life*” – (1 John 1:1)

Why should Thomas be blamed for wanting the same kind of experiential knowledge that John says he himself and the other disciples had? There is no blame to Thomas for wanting to experience the reality for himself. Isn't it what every disciple of Jesus has to do?

Thomas was also a thinking man; he always wanted to understand and figure things out. Once when Jesus was speaking obscurely about going away and He said, “*You know the way to where I am going,*” Thomas cut in and said, “*Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?*” It was a practical man's question, and you can imagine the puzzled look on his face. It was puzzlement, not doubt! He didn't doubt Jesus or lack trust in him.

Why (in today's reading) was he missing from the group when Jesus appeared? I think it likely he had gone away by himself to think. It would be entirely in character. We discredit him when we call him ‘**Doubting Thomas.**’ We should call him ‘**Thinking Thomas.**’

There is no area of life more subject to delusion than religion. We have to thank Thomas for his distinctive combination of carefulness and courage.

Of this... I have no doubts – I think.

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS: April 6—April 14

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
04/08	Mon	9:00 am	†Jerry Day
04/09	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
04/10	Wed	9:00 am	†Clarence Conrad
04/11	Thur	9:00 am	†Gloria Norcia
04/12	Fri	9:00 am	†Geevamalar & Shylan Jeyendran
04/13	Sat	5:00 PM	Christian
04/14	Sun	8:00 am	†Claire A. Giampaoli
04/14	Sun	10:30am	For the People

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

Donna McMullen, Sharon Leiberman, Mike Murray, Greg Macy, Fr. John Boettcher, Gabriella Ibarra, Annette O'Brien Fashauer, 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

Jim Weese, 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: April 13-14

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Carole R. #2—Tina T.	Mary D. John S. Karen S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Patty E. #2—Lydia D.	Brian C. Cindy D-H. Kurt K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Mary L. #2—Jane G.	Michelle D. Jolon W. Mike W.

Last Week's General Collection	\$ 15,055.00
Online General Fund Offering	\$ 1,089.38
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 906.00
The Village of Ulu, Kenya	\$ 8,750.00

*THIS 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.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

You are invited!
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION
ON THE VILLAGE OF ULU, KENYA

Wednesday April 17th
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.

SR Catholic Moms



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, 4/10, 12pm - Picnic and playgroup then walk at 1pm. Walk, pray and talk together. Meet at Howarth Park Playground.

--Wed, 4/24, 10am-12pm - Potluck brunch at Sierra's house in Santa Rosa (RSVP for address). Time for visiting and reflecting on Leah and Rachel's examples in "Becoming Women of the Word" by Sarah Christmyer. The book is not necessary to join.

Children are welcome at all events! RSVP at srdiocese.catholicmoms@gmail.com for more details.

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

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB
INVITES YOU !!!!!

FREE PARISH PASTA FEED

Friday May 3, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30pm
DINNER SERVED 6:00 TO 7:00pm
PASTA, SALAD AND BREAD
NO HOST BEER AND WINE

ALL HOLY SPIRIT PARISHIONERS
ARE INVITED! IT IS A FAMILY AFFAIR-
KIDS AND ADULTS.



WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR April 7 – April 14, 2024

SUNDAY	4/07	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
MONDAY	4/08	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Meet
TUESDAY	4/09	6:00 PM	Men's Club Dinner
WEDNESDAY	4/10	9:30 aM	St. Vincent de Paul
		4:30 PM	Communion Class
THURSDAY	4/11	7:00 PM	Choir practice
FRIDAY	4/12		
SATURDAY	4/13	10:00 am	Retreat for CCD
SUNDAY	4/14	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class