

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SUNDAY April 27-28, 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](http://www.holyspirit-sr.org)

**HOME COMMUNION** Please contact the office at

## Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 27-28, 2024

### ... From Your Pastor's Desk

In last Sunday's gospel reading Jesus was the good shepherd and we the sheep. Today's image expresses an even closer relationship: a vine and its branches. This is so close a relationship that you could say it is beyond relationship; it expresses identification. *"I am the vine...you the branches."* But, as I've found out since living in 'wine-county' – technically, a vine is all branches! It is not like a tree or a big shrub where you have a substantial trunk and a profusion of branches. The vine is just branches.

In using this analogy Jesus has even more clearly identified himself with us. It is obvious that a branch cut off from the vine (or from any tree or shrub) will wither. In the case of the vine, not only is the branch destroyed but the vine itself is diminished. To destroy a branch is to destroy the vine in some measure; to cut off a brother or sister in Christ is to cut off Christ.

This is also the teaching of St Paul. Christ, he said, is the head and we are the body. *"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another"* (Romans 12:4); *"Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ"* (1 Corinthians 12:12).

A favorite word in John's gospel and letters is 'abide' (or as the newer translations put it: '*remain*'): abiding/remaining in God, abiding/remaining in Christ, abiding/remaining in his word. Whichever translation you prefer - I counted its use 37 times in John. To abide/remain is not to be a visitor, it is even more than being a friend, it is to be at home.

It seems that no image can go far enough in expressing our union with Christ and God. Meister Eckhart said, *"If anyone put water in a barrel, the barrel would surround the water, but the water would not be in the barrel [i.e., it would not occupy the same space as the wood of the barrel], nor would the barrel be in the water: but the soul is wholly one with God.... In spiritual things there is no separating of one from another."*

I remember a magazine article some many years ago, which proposed and answered *"After affluence, what? Individualism."* It was ever only a dream, of course – one that the world is waking up from now. We in our culture pride ourselves on our '*individualism*.' But, nobody can really be an independent individual, least of all a wealthy person. Oddly enough, wealth does tend to separate people from one another, while poverty often brings them together. But then wealth traps people in a complex financial web with other people, a very caricature of closeness. The dream of individualism is just, that, a dream – and not a very good one either. As God intended - we depend on other people in a thousand ways. Our Christian faith celebrates this and reveals its ultimate depth. Even the Persons of the Trinity depend on one another. To live, through Christ, in the heart of that mystery is our destiny.

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit..."*

And that is a good thing.

*Father Ron*

## MASS INTENTIONS: April 27—May 5

04/27	Sat	5:00 PM	Grace Gonzalez
04/28	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
04/28	Sun	10:30am	† Jack Macy
04/29	Mon	9:00 am	† Harold Ripple
04/30	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
05/01	Wed	9:00 am	Fr. John Boettcher
05/02	Thur	9:00 am	† Marilyn Darling
05/03	Fri	9:00 am	† Catherine Rastler
<b>05/04</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	For the People
05/04	Sat	5:00 PM	† Deceased Members of the Conrad Family
05/05	Sun	8:00 am	† Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
05/05	Sun	10:30am	For the People

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: May 4-5

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Pat B. #2—Mary H.	Mary D. John S. Karen S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Brian C.	Donna K. Elizabeth M. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Jane G. #2—Mary L.	Dave A. Diane H. Donna K.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,164.  
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,330.13  
 The Village of Ulu, Kenya \$ 2,614.

*THIS WEEK'S 2nd Collection is for Catholic Home Missions. Next week's is for Building & Maintenance.*

*Please write separate checks.*

**There will be a basket at the front of church for your offerings for the Village of Ulu, Kenya.**

**If writing a check, please write Ulu in the memo.**

## 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.

## FUNERALS

Chris Christianson ~ Sat., May 18 at 10 am

### 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, 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

Kathy Hauck, Chris Christianson, 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.*

## Grief Support Group

**Wednesdays: 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.

**HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB**

*Please Join Us!*



**"Woman of the Year"  
+ Ladies Night**

**THURSDAY May 9th @ 6 pm**

**\$25.00 includes**

**Dinner & Drink Tickets**

**Raffle Tickets 6 for \$10.00**

**Photo Booth**

**Girls 12 and under: Free entry**

**Girls 13 to 18: Entry \$10.00**

Bring your, Daughters,  
Granddaughters, Grandmothers,  
Aunts, Nieces and those  
Special Girlfriends

"All Ladies are Welcome"

**Tickets will be sold after mass**  
**starting Saturday, April 27th thru**  
**Sunday, May 5th, 2024**

**No COD's - must call by May 5th, 2024**  
**Questions: Lynne at 707-981-8619**

**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 28 – May 5, 2024**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4/28</b>	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4/29</b>	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts Meet
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>4/30</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>5/01</b>	4:30 PM	Communion Class
		4:30 PM	K-5 Whole Family Catechesis
		<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass with Bishop Vasa</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5/02</b>	7:00 PM	Choir practice
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>5/03</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>FREE PARISH PASTA FEED</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5/04</b>	2:00 PM	Baptism
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5/05</b>	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class