

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY August 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.

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 Go to www.holyspirit-sr.org

HOME COMMUNION Please contact the office at
707.539.4495.

... *From Your Pastor's Desk*

Appreciating What We Have

We all know people that are complainers. I know someone that if said; “*I ‘d like to give you a hundred dollars*” and handed her a ‘Benjamin’ – she’d frown and say “*But I want 2 fifties !*” Well, we all do our fair share of complaining, and sometimes with good reason. We complain about the weather a great deal. How many times have I been asked ‘*Is it hot enough for ya?*’ Or, conversely, ‘*Cold enough?*’ The answers are always, ‘*Yes*’ and ‘*No*’.

We complain about all kinds of things. If we are not careful, we can find ourselves complaining about nothing in particular, **just complaining!**

- We can easily get ourselves into a very negative frame of mind.
- -We see the problems but we see nothing else.
- -We fail to see the bigger picture which will nearly always have brighter shades in it.
- Sadly, then, our vision can be restricted to what is wrong or missing or lacking.
- What a miserable outlook on life, yet we see it all too often.

Today’s Gospel opens with the Jews complaining to each other about Jesus. As far as they were concerned, He was a problem, and they could not see beyond the problem. They had always known Him as the son of Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth; they knew His family and His mother. Yet, here He was claiming to be the bread that came down from heaven. They were scandalized that one of their own could make such claims for himself. Their response to Jesus was to **complain** about him.

Complaining on its own is rarely an adequate response to anything or anyone; it is certainly not an adequate response to the person of Jesus. Jesus calls for a very different kind of response. He speaks of this response initially as coming to Him. To come to Jesus is the first step on the way to faith.

In the First Chapter of John’s Gospel, when Jesus meets the disciples of John the Baptist for the first time, He says to them, “*Come and see.*” They came, they saw, and eventually they went on to believe in Him. Jesus’ call to come to Him is given even to those who already believe. He calls those

who believe to come closer to Him so as to believe more fully, more deeply. As followers of Jesus, we spend our whole lives coming to Him. We never fully arrive to Him in this life; we never fully grasp Him, either with our minds or with our hearts. This is not a bad thing. We are always on the way towards Him. No matter where we are on our faith journey, the Lord keeps calling on us to come.

The language of the today’s Gospel is very graphic. Jesus speaks of Himself as the bread that comes down from heaven and calls on us to eat this bread. When we hear that kind of language we probably think instinctively of the Eucharist. Yet, **it might be better not to jump to the Eucharist too quickly.**

The Lord invites us to come to Him and to feed on His presence, and in particular to feed on His Word. In the Jewish Scriptures bread is often a symbol of the Word of God. We may be familiar with the quotation from the Jewish Scriptures, ‘*we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*’

We need physical bread, but we also need the spiritual bread of God’s word. We come to Jesus to be nourished by His Word. The food of His Word will sustain us on our journey through life, just as, in the first reading, the baked scones sustained Elijah, until he reached his destination, the mountain of God.

When we keep coming to Jesus and feeding on His Word, that Word will shape our lives. It empowers us to live the kind of life that Saint Paul puts before us in the Second Reading, a life of love essentially, a life in which we love one another as Christ has loved us, forgive one another as readily as God forgives us.

That, in essence, is our baptismal calling. And that, in essence... is nothing to complain about.

Father Ron



Altar Flowers are donated
in memory of Tom Brady.

MASS INTENTIONS: August 10-18

08/10	Sat	5:00 PM	† Ada Nourse
08/11	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
08/11	Sun	10:30am	† Tom Brady
08/12	Mon	9:00 am	† Mary Ann O’Leary
08/13	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
08/14	Wed	9:00 am	Lynn & †Steve Lankford
08/14	Wed	6:30 pm	Vigil Mass—Feast of the Assumption
08/15	Thur	9:00 am	Feast of the Assumption † Joe Piasta
08/16	Fri	9:00 am	† Jeanne Huffman
08/17	Sat	5:00 PM	† Patrick Rodriguez
08/18	Sun	8:00 am	† Gail Azevedo
08/18	Sun	10:30am	For the People

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Aug. 17-18

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Carol R. #2—Tina T.	Joanne L. John S. Karen S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Kathy S. #2—Michael W.	Bob A. Sandy S. Martie S.
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Mary L. #2—Jane G.	Diane H. Loyde J. Jacky M.

Last Week’s General Collection	\$ 10,242.–
Online General Fund Offering	\$ 1,699.13
Building & Maintenance	\$ 4,102.–
Diocese of Nalgonda, India	\$ 4676.–

This week’s 2nd collection is for
Black & Indian Missions.

Please write separate checks. Thank you!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*



HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS
Wed., August 14 at 6:30 pm.
and
HOLY DAY MASS
Thursdy, August 15 at 9 am.

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

Rose-Ann Saporita, Gail Flatt, Sachiko Gomez, Juan Scott, Dean Kennedy, Charlene Abayon, Gerri Peterson, Carlos Perez, Donna McMullen, Sharon Leiberman, Mike Murray, Greg Macy, Fr. John Boettcher, Gabriella Ibarra, 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 Davis, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Ruth Ann Haisey, Lew & Margie Chase, the Pisenti family, Holy Spirit Prayer Chain.

FOR THE SOULS

Joe Piasta, Patricia Breuer, Patrick Rodriguez, Lynda Adams, Gail Azevedo, Gloria McKay, Miriam Castillo, Jeanne Anderson, Mary Jo Toth, Kathy Hauck, Chris Christian-son, 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.

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.



Faith Formation Classes

We are pleased to announce that Family Faith Formation classes will return to the parish house classrooms!

K-5 classes will begin Wednesday, September 18, from 4:30–6:00. This includes students in the second year of First Communion preparation (they will start with the K-5 classes and then in January, second year First Communion students will also meet separately in the parish house (rectory) on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00.) Forms are at the back of church.

Classes for first and second year Confirmation as well as OCIA /Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (adult education for those who have not been baptized or confirmed or who wish to become Catholic—formerly RCIA), will also be offered, with times and days to be determined.



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT CENTER

Would you like to enhance your prayer life? The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius offers an opportunity to experience a closer walk with Jesus.

The Exercises are open to all Christian Faiths and many members of our parish community have participated. The next session begins in late September 2024.

Further information can be found at www.spiritualenrichmentcenter.net or by contacting David & Joanne Del Castillo at srsec.office@gmail.com or 707.293.7497.



St. Vincent de Paul BABY SHOWER

Good news: The St. Vincent de Paul Society district council for Sonoma County was recently blessed to find permanent housing for a single, soon-to-be mother. This young, courageous woman needs many infant care needs (e.g. diapers, bibs, wipes, lotions, thermometer, etc.) to keep her future baby happy and healthy.

Additionally, if you know anyone who no longer needs their previously used, good condition baby furniture — e.g., changing mat, rocking or high chair, bouncer, swing, monitor, etc.—please consider dropping items at the Holy Spirit SVDP storage room or email SVDP volunteer/gift coordinator

AlanKarbousky@yahoo.com.

Thank you!



Wednesday, September 4, 2024

6:30-8 pm in the Parish Hall

Grief is so disorienting and touches each of us. If you are experiencing a loss and would like the support and comfort of a group of parishioners who share fellowship and center their focus on the Word of God, join us!

For further information, call Deanna at 707-595-3050 or Mary at 707-495-3095.