

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY August 31-Sept. 1, 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*

History is not the past; it is the present **looking** at the past. By placing the Pharisees before our eyes in so many readings the Liturgy today is clearly calling us to see ourselves in them.

Like them, we know that it is much easier to deal with outer, visible things than with the inner world of attitudes: with the heart. And so, like them, we might tend to evaluate ourselves and others in purely external ways: the number of prayers we recite, the amount of money we give, etc. There is nothing wrong with external things, but there is also an inner world that shapes and gives meaning to the external.

If we make religion a 'business' we turn the inner spirit into an external 'thing'. The German philosopher, Hegel, one of the most influential thinkers of the 19th century, wrote: "*The Holy as a mere thing has the character of externality; thus, it is capable of being taken possession of by another to my exclusion; it may come into an alien hand, since the process of appropriating it is not one that takes place in the Spirit.... The highest of human blessings is thus thought to be in the hands of others.*"

This was not written about the historical Pharisees, but about Christians who developed a similar attitude to theirs. It is difficult to retain a clear vision of the Gospel: that "*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him should worship in spirit and in truth* (John 4:24)". We are forever **in danger of stepping into the shoes** of the Pharisees, not the Carpenter.

What the Pharisees lacked in spectacular fashion was any kind of interiority or depth; their minds were turned outwards, **to rules and casuistry**. To clever, but unsound reasoning.

What matters, Jesus said, is not what goes into a person from **the outside**, but what comes out **from the inside**. **Religion is not about things**; it is about you! It is about the kind of response you make to the world, to others, and to God. It is about whether that wonderful 'chemistry' of the Gospel is happening in you: the kind of 'chemistry' that can turn bad stuff into good, curses into blessings, suffering into prayer.

The Spirit of faith is hard to always keep in sight, yet it is meant for all times. It is the most sublime Wisdom, yet it is meant to be very practical and not just a philosophy, a way of thinking. One way to make these ends meet is to not only identify religion with visible practices. This is what the Pharisees and others did in the time of Jesus, and it is a constant temptation for ourselves.

Father Ron

Labor Day: Monday, September 2, 2024

In 1981 Pope [Now Saint] John Paul II wrote *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work). In it he affirmed that "The Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated. And to help to guide (necessary) changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." He thought highly of the dignity of human labor (work). But not all do.

- Work - some put in endless hours to avoid it. They work hard at not-working.
- Work - some can't get enough of it and must be busy all the time; multi-tasking is their norm.
- Work - it does a body good.

God worked. God created the earth and then God rested. But that doesn't mean the earth project was finished - far from it.

In the creation stories, God made human beings, in a manner of speaking, "co-creators to fashion this world and to make it reflect God's goodness and love. Adam and Eve were to tend the Garden of Eden. They were, in a sense, to fashion and finish God's work. Well, that was the plan.

But sin entered in. Because of original sin, people put themselves ahead of God, people thought of themselves before others, people often saw others as a threat to their own welfare. People saw work as drudgery to be avoided rather than as a share in God's work of creation. They were more interested accumulating things and in money than in creating.

Labor Day reminds us of the dignity of all work. It reminds us that we are called to offer all work to the Lord. And it reminds us of the dignity of each human being. All are created in the image of God. All are called to work together to build up a world of justice, peace, respect, and love. We believe that we are called to work together for a just economy in which all people of the world share in all things which the Lord has created for us all. We still have a lot of work to do; this world is far from finished. Let's get to it! **Works for me!** 😊

PS: Yes, we will have the 9am Mass on Labor Day

MASS INTENTIONS: August 31—Sept.8

08/31	Sat	5:00 PM	† Richard & Mary Cecilia Dahl
09/01	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
09/01	Sun	10:30am	† Marino Michicich
09/02	Mon	9:00 am	† Jennie Turnbull
09/03	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
09/04	Wed	9:00 am	† Jeanette Bauer
09/05	Thur	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
09/06	Fri	9:00 am	† Wayne Cardoza
09/07	Sat	9:00 am	For the People
09/07	Sat	5:00 PM	† Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
09/08	Sun	8:00 am	† John Ripple
09/08	Sun	10:30am	For the People

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sept. 7-8

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—John M. #2—Holly K.	Judith M Ann R Steve R
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Lydia D. #2—Kathy S.	Bob A Kurt K Robin K
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Mike C. #2—Lilla O.	Dave A Dian L John L

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6046.—
Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,064.75

*This week's 2nd collection is for our
Building & Maintenance. NEXT week's is for
the Diocesan Seminarian Foundation.
Please write separate checks. Thank you!*



Grief Support Group

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.

FUNERALS

Estelle Donovan ~ Sat., Aug. 31st at 10:00 a.m.

Patricia Breuer ~ Wed., Sept. 11th at 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Molly Touchette, 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 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.

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.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

6:30-8 pm in the Parish Hall

Grief is so disorienting and touches each of us.

Faith Formation

Welcome back!

Now that the kids are back in school we know parents' focus turns toward religious education for their children. All forms for our programs for Sacramental Preparation are available at the entrance to our church.

All youth programs start September 18th and

we want to get all families interested in religious education registered as soon as possible. For more information regarding religious education please call

Matt Conley @707.539.4495 x 108

K-5 Whole Family Catechesis (includes First Communion preparation year 1 and 2)

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

Taught by Jessica Coffey and Lynn Lankford

Confirmation—Year One

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

Taught by Matt Conley and Monica Brent

Confirmation—Year Two

Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm

Taught by Matt Conley and Maggie Vera

Adult Education: OCIA taught by Fr. Ron: reach out to us if you are interested in becoming Catholic or being confirmed as an adult. **Other courses** for adults will be periodically offered and announced in the bulletin.

CPR/AED COURSE FOR PARISHIONERS



Saturday, September 21st at 10 am

FREE in the Church Hall

Certification card cost is \$25—optional

This 2 hour class taught by Ted Williams of KZST covers scene safety, responsiveness assessment, the 911 system, criteria and skills of CPR on adults and children, use of an AED, and choke saving.

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB WELCOME BACK DINNER

We will have our first general event on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th @ 6:00 PM

\$25.00 includes dinner & drinks

Raffle Prizes: 6 FOR \$10.00

Guest Speaker: Bonnie L. Petty, from CA Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), will be speaking on Medicare.

**Tickets after mass AUG. 31st—SEPT. 8TH
No COD's please!! Thank you and God Bless!**



WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

Phyllis Rogers is our Woman of the Year for 2024!

RSVP & mail check to Lynne DeCota by 9/23.

SEE POSTER IN THE BACK FOR MORE INFO.

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



ON FIRE—SIX FLAGS TRIP!

Middle School & High School Youth-\$50

SEPT. 14 Meet at Holy Spirit 7:30 am - Return 10 pm

Summer is over and I am sure you are all a little disappointed, but there is still one activity we are offering as a parish to hold onto that summer feeling. On Fire is not only a day at an Amusement Park it is a unique celebration of our Faith with an energy and design specifically for youth. The day begins with an energetic celebration of the Mass with contemporary music and lively speakers. The day will then continue with all the rides and features Six Flags has to offer. The Park will remain open for two hours after its normal closing time specifically for those of us attending the On Fire Event. For those interested please contact the **Director of Religious Education Matt Conley @ 707 539-4495 ext. 108. General Admission for On Fire is \$64 but Holy Spirit is covering some of that cost and only charging \$50.** *Please contact Matt Conley if further financial assistance is needed, we will not allow cost be a prohibitive factor for any event we offer as a parish.