

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY Sept. 7-8, 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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept.7-8, 2024

.....*from the Pastor's Desk*..

This Wednesday will mark the twenty-third year since the September 11 ("9-11") terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, New York City. Most of us can recall exactly where we were when we first heard of the attacks. But the details already fade. And, for those who were not yet born, it is ancient history .

While the starkness of that day and memories of the weeks that followed have grown dimmer, the insecurity that was created that day continues to haunt our lives. Over these past twenty three years, fear has spawned more horrible wars, and the world still suffers the evils of terrorism.

In contrast, this Sunday's readings are filled with hope for our future. Isaiah assured the captive Israelites that, if they repent, their land and their people will again prosper and they will rejoice at the lavish blessings that will come to them.

The relationship between the first reading, from the Prophet Isaiah, and the Gospel, from Saint Mark, is very clear. Our God is a God who does miracles from time to time in order to manifest His divinity. Probably what bothers us is that God does not make miracles all of the time. This question points us to the heart of the mystery that we live: creation and redemption.

God wants us all as fully alive as possible, living for Him and for one another. But - we live in a world that is broken. This is a world in which children die, a world with wars, a world with hatred and deception, lies, cover-ups and abuse. This is a world where both good and bad thoughts struggle for our attention. This is a world in which it is not easy to choose for the good in every situation. We are tempted to choose for the values of the world: for money, for power and for pleasure.

Yet it **is still a world which God loves**. God chooses to love each one of us, honoring our freedom while at the same time inviting us to love Him in return. There are many signs of God's love: beauty, truth, incredible acts of kindness, art and music, the parish community, and the like.

Because God does not interfere with our freedom, we continue to live with the brokenness of the world and its sinfulness, as has been all too recently - painfully brought to our attention. It is this same brokenness that is spoken about in the Letter of Saint James. This letter speaks about common human experiences such as pride and envy. We Catholics are not any better than anyone else. But, on the other hand, we can have God's grace and help when we ask for it.

The Word of God today might be inviting us to see God's presence when we see miracles, great and small; to see God's presence when people do good; to see God present in all good and to see God inviting us to live a different way when we experience evil and brokenness.

Blessed be God!

Father Ron

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER—SEPT. 12
- FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN—SEPT. 18
- NEWCOMER DINNER—SEPT. 20
- CPR/AED COURSE—SEPT. 21
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP—OCT. 2
- OCIA with Fr. Ron—OCT. 3
- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—OCT. 5 at 11 am
- MEN'S CLUB OKTOBERFEST—OCT. 8
- WOMEN'S CLUB OKTOBERFEST—OCT. 10
- TRUNK OR TREAT—OCT. 25

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.

FUNERALS

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sept. 7—15

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
09/09	Mon	9:00 am	† Bob Jenness
09/10	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
09/11	Wed	9:00 am	Available
09/12	Thur	9:00 am	† Daniel Gonzalez
09/13	Fri	9:00 am	Available
09/14	Sat	5:00 PM	Cheryl Cardoza
09/15	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
09/15	Sun	10:30am	† Daniel Lanahan

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sept. 14-15

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Rosalinda B. #2—Mary H.	Shirley S. Tim S. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Michael W. #2—Lydia D.	Cindy D-H. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Don F. #2—Deanna B.	Michelle D. Diane H. Donna K.

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 Jenness, 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.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,875.—
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,814.63
 Building & Maint. Collection \$ 4,423.00

*This week's 2nd collection is for the
 Diocesan Seminarian Foundation.*

*Next week's is for the
 Archdiocese for Military Services.*

Please write separate checks. Thank you!



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.

Faith Formation

All forms for our programs for Sacramental Preparation are available at the entrance to our church. Registration fee is \$50. Scholarships available. For more information regarding religious education please call Matt Conley @707.539.4495 x 108
All youth classes start September 18th.

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

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

(taught by Jessica Coffey, Lynn Lankford)

***Confirmation—Year One**

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm (Matt Conley, Monica Brent)

***Confirmation—Year Two**

Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm (Matt Conley, Maggie Vera)

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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. The next session begins in late September 2024. Further information can be found at www.spiritualenrichmentcenter.net or by

NEWCOMER DINNER

Have you joined our parish in the last two years or since our last Newcomer Dinner? Get to know other people who are new to the parish. Bring the family!

Join us on Friday, September 20, 2024

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Dinner is at 7 p m.

Pasta, salad, garlic bread, soft drinks and water. Free of charge. No alcohol will be served.

Please try to RSVP by September 16th by emailing office@holyspiritsr.org or calling 707.539.4495.

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.

 **LAST WEEKEND TO BUY TICKETS AFTER MASS
No COD's please!! Thank you and God Bless!!**



Fans of The Chosen –

We will present episodes of Season 4 of The Chosen, including the Bible Roundtable analysis of each episode, on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00, in the Cornerstone classroom (formerly the Rosary Room) in the parish house, starting October 1 through November 19. Please contact the church office to sign up (no cost.)