

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY Sept. 21-22, 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 21-22, 2024

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

Some Truths are Hard to Hear

Some questions are hard to ask.

We can all struggle at times to listen to someone if what they say arouses painful emotions in us. They might be trying to tell us something about ourselves that we find difficult to hear. That very human tendency is reflected in the disciples in today's gospel.

Jesus had something very important to say about what was going to happen to him. He told them that he would find himself in the hands of others, who would put him to death. This was something that the disciples found very hard to hear and were not able to take in or accept.

As the gospel says, 'they did not understand what he said and they were afraid to ask him.' Jesus had already told them what was likely to happen to him. They were no more open to hearing it the second time than they were the first. They did not understand it and were reluctant to question him for fear they might not be able to live with the answers he would give them.

We may find ourselves unwilling to ask questions because we suspect we would struggle with the answers we receive. Yet, in our heart of hearts, we often recognize that there are certain realities we must face, even if they are painful. There are certain illusions, or ambitions, we may have to let go of, even if we have come to cherish them.

In the second part of today's gospel Jesus worked to pry his disciples away from the illusions that being part of his inner circle would bring them privilege and status. They argued amongst themselves as to which of them was the greatest. This is the kind of self-centered ambition of which James says is '...an ambition that you cannot satisfy...'

Jesus places before his disciples a very different kind of ambition; the ambition to serve in a new way, as he says, 'those who want to be first must make themselves last of all and servant of all.' This ambition to serve is something that 'makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.'

As Jesus teaches his disciples, and all of us, he performs a very significant action. He takes a little child and sets the child in front of his disciples, puts his arms around the child and declares that whoever welcomes one such child, welcomes him and not only him but God the Father who sent him.

By this action Jesus says that the ambition to serve must give priority to the most vulnerable members of society, symbolized by the child who is completely dependent on adults for his or her well-being. This new ambition is to serve those who, for one reason or another, are not in a position to serve themselves. Jesus puts this ambition to serve him, as he comes to us in and through the weakest members of society, over and above the ambition of the disciples to serve themselves.

In our gospel Jesus places before us what his family of disciples, what the church, is really about.

So, may our question be, "Jesus, how may I serve you today?"
You may be surprised by the answer you receive.

Father Ron

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FANS OF THE CHOSEN—OCT. 1
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP—OCT. 2
- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—OCT. 5 at 11 am
- MEN'S CLUB OKTOBERFEST—OCT. 8
- OCIA 2nd & 4th Wed. with Fr. Ron—OCT. 9
- WOMEN'S CLUB OKTOBERFEST—OCT. 10
- TRUNK OR TREAT—OCT. 25

MASS INTENTIONS: Sept. 21—28

09/21	Sat	5:00 PM	Jerry Cardoza
09/22	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
09/22	Sun	10:30am	† Mike Milano
09/23	Mon	9:00 am	† Jesse Benedict
09/24	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
09/25	Wed	9:00 am	† Gary Peterson & all PSA flight 182 victims
09/26	Thur	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
09/27	Fri	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
09/28	Sat	5:00 PM	† Joan Hon
09/29	Sun	8:00 am	† Mike Ripple
09/29	Sun	10:30am	For the People

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sept. 28-29

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Carole R. #2—Jo Ann A.	Ann R. Shirley S. Tim S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Kathy S. #2—Michael W.	Bob A. Brian C. Cindy D-H.
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Mary L. #2—John M.	Michelle D. Loyde J. Sherry J.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,341.—
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,185.50
 Military Archdiocese \$ 2,292.—

*NEXT week's 2nd collection is for
 St. Vincent de Paul*

Please write separate checks. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Barbara Spaulding, Sharon Larrance, 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

Bill Hoffman, Ario Bigattini, 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.

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.

Build a deeper and closer relationship with your spouse. Married and engaged couples are invited to the Oct. 5th natural family planning class in Santa Rosa. For information, please visit ccli.org.

Blessing of the Animals will take place on our plaza on Saturday, October 5th at 11 am.



FAITH FORMATION

ALL CLASSES TAKE PLACE IN THE CLASSROOM WING AT THE BACK OF THE PARISH HOUSE.

K-5 Whole Family Wednesdays 4:30-6pm
Year 2 Communion Wed. 4:30-6pm
Year 1 Confirmation Wed. 4:30-6pm
Year 2 Confirmation Wed. 6:15-7:30 pm

Director of Faith Formation: Matt Conley

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It's not too late to register your child for Faith Formation! Pick up a form at the back of church or fill it out online!



HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB

OKTOBERFEST DINNER

Tuesday October 8th

Doors open at 6 PM,

dinner at 7:00 PM

Come join us for fun, tasty food and friendship!

\$25.00 per person, Dinner & 2 drink tickets AND A CHANCE TO WIN A DOORPRIZE!

Brats, sausages, cooked in beer.

German Potato salad and much more

ARE YOU NEW TO HOLY SPIRIT?

Let us buy you a FREE dinner (new men only)



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.)

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation

(formerly RCIA) taught by Fr. Ron begins **OCTOBER 9** and meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7-8 pm in the church.** Consider

attending if you are interested in becoming Catholic, are an unconfirmed adult, or would like more information about your Catholic faith. Weekly topic will be announced the Sunday prior.



Did you know there is a group of Catholic men and women who regularly meet to support one another as we grieve the loss of a loved one?

Whether your loss was recent or more distant, the feelings and challenges are the same. Feel free to drop by and check us out.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 2 from 6:30-8 p.m at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 1244 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa.

We are a friendly, compassionate, down to earth group of people who use Scripture as an anchor to make sense and find comfort in our grief. For further information, call Deanna at 707-595-3050 or Mary at 707-495-3095.