

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY Oct. 5-6, 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.

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

(i.e, Flower arranging, Video Board, Eucharistic Ministers, Homebound, Maintenance, Helping Hands, etc.)

Please contact the office at 707.539.4495.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — Oct. 5-6, 2024

.....FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Sunday the readings invite us to consider marriage and the relationship between a man and a woman in marriage. Just a few years back that would not be even considered remotely controversial. Today, such a topic has so many challenges because; let's face it, modern culture **has changed the perception of marriage**, the perception of commitment, the perception of chastity and the perception of love.

For most of the centuries after Christ, the teaching of all who followed Him was the same: One woman and one man enter into a commitment with each other, to love one another, to honor one another and to live chastely with one another. Over time there have been many attempts to change this but the Scriptures have always been clear in this teaching.

Today, again, there is an enormous movement to understand the teachings of our Lord Jesus on many things - in new ways. Some who follow Christ accept such changes but, let us not kid ourselves – some such changes are based not on Sacred Scripture but on human teachings and the influence of the age.

In our day many say to accept every person just as that person is, rather than challenging all of us to conversion (no matter how good we are – there is always room for improvement!). And, we are not talking about rejecting the person – but we don't always have to accept their behavior. Remember - it works both ways - no one can tell you how to think or what to feel.

Some of us need to be challenged and some of us need conversion of spirit and heart. Today's readings are a challenge to those who chose to enter into a Sacramental Union. Always in the Christian tradition there has been an understanding that sometimes marriages do not work out, but the ideal has remained in place. And, when over half of the marriages that are celebrated end in divorce, there is something radically wrong within the culture. Why is that not questioned more? I don't know.

Today's readings invite us to question ourselves and our society and to look for ways to strengthen marriage once again and to strengthen the family.

I have never been married. And looks like I won't ever be. However, I've been around enough people to know the ideal is not often the real and some best-made plans often do not come to fruition. But we have to have hope. And hope is what helps us set goals.

Regarding Catholic Marriage specifically: The goal is a functioning, Sacramental Marriage in which both wife and husband seek God through their relationship with one another. And so, to bless any children born of their union because they are truly born into a relationship that is centered in God, while at the same time rejoicing in the sexuality and love and goodness of our humanity. Does this always happen? No, as we said - the ideal is often not the real.

-But it doesn't mean we shouldn't try!

-It doesn't mean those who are having difficulties in their marriages should just give up.

-It doesn't mean that those contemplating marriage should be discouraged.

-And, it doesn't mean it can't work – even for those for whom it previously has not.

Let us pray today for those who are married, and those contemplating Marriage, that they may grow in awareness of the Sacramentality of Marriage and its capacity to reflect the love of God into our world in such special ways.

This is our hope. May the way we show our love to others, especially in our intimate relationships, always reflect our Love for God.

God bless you and the one you love most – no matter who, how or why.

Father Ron

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

Wayne Lavelle, Mickey Smith,
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, Renee Ralls, Marion Fair-
bank, Tim Coyne, John Scrempo, Mike
and Nancy Cusack, Cecelia Bautista, Bob
Spalding, Donald Brent, Tristan Humble,
Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Doug Har-
man, 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: October 5-13

10/05	Sat	9:00 am	For the People
10/05	Sat	5:00 PM	† Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
10/06	Sun	8:00 am	† Laura Dole
10/06	Sun	10:30am	For the People
10/07	Mon	9:00 am	Available
10/08	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
10/09	Wed	9:00 am	† Theresa McElroy
10/10	Thur	9:00 am	† Marcelina Guerrero
10/11	Fri	9:00 am	† Milton Gregorio
10/12	Sat	5:00 PM	† Joan Conrad
10/13	Sun	8:00 am	† Bill Vinson
10/13	Sun	10:30am	For the People

FOR THE SOULS

Larry Darling, Bill Vinson, 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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Oct. 12-13

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Jo Ann A. #2—Carroll C.	Ann R, Steve R. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Lydia D. #2—Mary H.	Brian C. Cindy D-H Martie S.
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Mary O. #2—Deanna B.	Donna K. Jolon W. Mike W.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6452.—
Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,515.13
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 3882.—
*This week's 2nd collection is for
Building & Maintenance.
Please write separate checks. Thank you!*

Trunk or Treat



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
SIGN UP TO BRING YOUR
CAR AND DECORATE IT
IN THE PARKING LOT.
**FORMS AT THE BACK OF
CHURCH!**



**HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB
OKTOBERFEST
DINNER**

Tuesday October 8th
Doors open 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)

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but maybe have not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Are you Catholic and want to learn more about your faith? If you answered yes to any of the above, you are highly blest!

Do you know why we have candles in church? Do you know why we ring bells? If you come to our first session, you will because our first topic is 'The Mass'. We will walk through history up to the modern Liturgy and explain why we do what we do, why we do not do some of what we used to do, and why were changes made? And just what is all this standing, sitting and kneel-

ing about? And many, many more things.

This **Wednesday, October 9th**, Fr Ron is starting a series of Classes that will cover various aspects of our faith. Classes will meet in church every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Starting at 7pm. Ending at 8pm. Those who wish may stay after for questions or further explanations of the topic.

Classes are open to all. Each topic will be announced the weekend before so you can decide. In typical Fr. Ron style, classes will be informal and interactive.

Bible Study: *The Good News Journey!* *An opportunity to learn and share*

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month
Beginning October 16, 2024
7-8 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
with Kenn Vondrak

Holy Spirit Church is starting a new bible study exploring the weekly readings to create an environment that will increase understanding of the wisdom and spirituality found within the Gospels and how it can be applied in our contemporary lives.

These classes will be a series of meetings where we learn the context and deeper meanings found in the language of scripture in a space where the perspectives of scripture and experience from individuals can be shared and discussed regarding the lessons found in the Gospels.

These meetings will be facilitated by long-time ministry professional, Kenn Vondrak, from 7-8 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Church. Our first meeting will be October 16, 2024 and the calendar and scriptures can be found online or at the entrance of the church.

Recommended: *New American Bible*

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

"Fall Festival + Collection of Toiletries **Catered by Los Tres Chiles**

Thursday, OCTOBER 10th @ 6:00 PM
\$25.00 includes Dinner & Drinks
(Margaritas will be the signature drink)
Toiletries will be donated to Catholic
Charity who then will distribute to
different agencies in Sonoma Co.
+ Fun Prizes: 6 for \$10.00

Last Weekend to get Tickets after
5 pm, 8 am, and 10:30 am
weekend masses.



There will be "NO COD'S",
as this dinner is being catered.

FAITH FORMATION



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



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 p.m. in the Cornerstone classroom (formerly the Rosary Room) in the parish house, starting October 1—November 19.**