

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY Oct. 12-13, 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 12-13, 2024

.....FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There is something appealing about the question in today's gospel. It comes from a sincere young man who was serious about finding the way to eternal life. It is a serious question, "*What must I do to gain eternal life?*" He REALLY WANTS an answer.

Interestingly enough - In his reply Jesus named a number of commandments, all of which have to do with how we are to relate to other people. Jesus indicates that the way to eternal life for us entails relating in a life-giving way to others here and now...

interesting...isn't it? This young man was not satisfied with Jesus' answer because he felt he was already doing what Jesus was asking for, and, yet, he knew there was more he could be doing.

When Jesus revealed what this "more" would involve for this particular young man, it again had to do with his relationship to others, in particular the poor, the needy. Jesus called on him personally to sell what he had...and give the money to the poor. This was a step too far for the man.

HERE IS THE POINT OFTEN MISSED ABOUT THIS SCRIPTURE TEXT:

- Jesus did not make this particular demand of everybody he encountered then.
- Jesus does not make this particular demand of everybody he encounters now!
- If everyone became poor – then who would provide for them?

AND – AND, please take this in the light of which I am saying it, that we are always called to reach out and attend to the poor – still it's a serious mistake to think that mere poverty makes someone holy. Nor does wealth make someone generous. Both can be neither – or both. It isn't poverty or wealth, but it is the mind-set of the person involved.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Margaret of Scotland as well as St. Louis IX of France, were all fabulously wealthy, but their wealth was not the center of their lives. They used what they had to serve God ...completely.

What Jesus wants is our allegiance. He wants us to release ourselves from mere earthly possessions that keep us bound to material things, and allow our spirits to soar where the Holy Spirit leads. He wants us to be free. When thinking about wealth, we should not be considering *how best to display it*, but how best to use it for the common good. All are welcome. God only asks that we value what is real and eternal rather than what will pass away with us.

For all of us, rich, poor and everything in-between, the path to life, the path of life, will always be the path of love, of loving relationships with others. That is the greatest treasure of all, and the only thing we will take with us into eternity - loving relationships with others. That is what Jesus, in His compassion for this young man, was trying to show him. By his teaching, by his life and his death, Jesus shows us all what relating in a loving way to others looks like.

Come, let us follow Him...

Father Ron

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FANS OF THE CHOSEN**—Tuesdays at 2 pm
- **OCIA 2nd & 4th Wed. with Fr. Ron** 7-8pm
- **BIBLE STUDY 1st & 3rd Wed. 7-8pm**
- **TRUNK OR TREAT**—Oct. 25
- **MEN'S CLUB DINNER**—Nov. 12
- **WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER**—Nov. 14
- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS"** —Nov. 23 at 1 pm

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 12-20

10/12	Sat	5:00 PM	† Joan Conrad
10/13	Sun	8:00 am	† Bill Vinson
10/13	Sun	10:30am	For the People
10/14	Mon	9:00 am	Available
10/15	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
10/16	Wed	9:00 am	† Leo & † Maxine Linkenheimer
10/17	Thur	9:00 am	† Jean Macy
10/18	Fri	9:00 am	Available
10/19	Sat	5:00 PM	† Members of the Conrad Family
10/20	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
10/20	Sun	10:30am	† Bill McElroy

FOR THE SOULS

Joseph Panara, 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.

*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.*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Oct. 19-20

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Laurie B. #2—Carole R.	John S. Karen S. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Brian c.	Kurt K. Robin K. Martie S.
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Rosalinda B. #2—Deanna B.	Sherry J. Diane L. John L.

Last Week's General Collection	\$ 8,809.—
Online General Fund Offering	\$ 3,054.66
Building & Maintenance	\$ 5737.78

Thank You!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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
 For more information contact Matt Conley,
 DRE matt@holyspiritsr.org



TRUNK OR TREAT!



Join us for some family fun!
Friday, October 25th

Holy Spirit Parking Lot & Plaza
All are welcome!
Come in costume!
Bring plenty of candy for trick or treaters!

5:30 pm: Decorate your cars
Sign your car up in the back to give us an idea of how many cars we will have.
6 pm: Hot Dogs & Games on plaza
6:30 pm: Trunk or Treating after opening prayer



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—Nov. 19.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S DENIM DRIVE ENDS OCTOBER 31st

Help us meet the need this fall by donating new or used men's jeans today! All Men's styles and sizes welcome. Men's jeans only.

Donations accepted at **Resurrection Church**
303 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, Ca
707.776.6573, COUNGERN@SRCHARITIES.ORG

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 longtime 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*

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation

OCTOBER 23 from 7-8pm

(formerly RCIA) taught by Fr. Ron 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.