

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SUNDAY NOV. 2-3, 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.

.....from the Pastor's Desk

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS

This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> Presidential election in which I am eligible to vote. I also believe it is the most crucial. I must admit that I did not vote in all of them in my early years. A few I thought, 'oh well, what does one vote really matter'? A few more it seemed that there just was not a 'lesser of two evils' choice. Maybe you have experienced the same in the course of your life.

But not this time. I want to emphasize as strongly as I can that I believe this coming election will be a major turning point for our country. We have an opportunity to become a greater nation based on morals and principles.

Does this mean I am telling you for whom to vote? Absolutely not. **You can take that last statement and apply it to either candidate depending on your preference.** Nor should any religious leader tell their people whom to vote for - because I do believe in the real meaning of separation of church and state. I am obligated as a religious leader to help you form and make conscientious, well-informed decisions with full knowledge of what we believe and uphold as Roman Catholics. So, I will tell you how I chose to vote for the last 8 Presidential elections.

Campaigns always compare the final two candidates against each other - what their track record is, how much experience they actually have 'governing', how they voted, and such. That is all fine and well; we do need to know those things. But there is another way. Instead of comparing them to each other - compare each of them to Christ Himself. Does one 'talk the talk' more - than 'walk the walk'? Who lives their life in more accord with Jesus's life regardless of what religion they profess? This is not a 'judgment' on anyone - it is an honest appraisal needed to make a good decision.

Be wary of choosing because of just one issue or voting based purely on emotion. We believe God is the author of all life and God alone decides when it will start and when it will end. We have always held the sanctity of life most dear. Clearly, we know that just because something is legal does not make it moral. Personal research is imperative. What you

'know' is a better basis from which to decide than what you 'think' or what you 'feel'.

Freedom of Religion: Catholics believe that all people should be free to exercise their beliefs and live their values without compromise. Federal law has long been generous in protecting the rights of individuals and institutions to not act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Is that now changing? Are we entering a time when the federal government may now force the Church—consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions—to act against Church teachings? To many, it seems so.

The next section is a direct quote from the bulletin inserts published a few years ago by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Regarding the protection of conscience rights:

*"What we ask is nothing more than the right to follow our consciences as we live out our teaching. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day.*

*...What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative, and robust civil society—or whether the state alone will determine who gets to contribute to the common good, and how they get to do it."*

So, all this being said, here is my final recommendation on how to decide for whom to vote.

Pray. Pray a lot... for wisdom... and the Holy Spirit's guidance. And then do what you think God wants you to do.

*Father Ron*

PS: Many say that your individual vote does not matter. That the direction California is going for President has long ago been determined. That is probably true. But, your vote, for either candidate DOES matter to someone. It matters to you.



Envelopes for Souls to be prayed for during the month of November will be available in the back of church.

**MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 2-Nov. 10**

11/02	Sat	9:00 am	ALL SOULS DAY
11/02	Sat	5:00 PM	Gracie Roja
11/03	Sun	8:00 am	† Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
11/03	Sun	10:30am	For the People
11/04	Mon	9:00 am	† Barbara Spaulding
11/05	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
11/06	Wed	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
11/07	Thur	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
11/08	Fri	9:00 am	† Barry Ahern
11/09	Sat	5:00 PM	† Ann & Ted Stachak
11/10	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
11/10	Sun	10:30am	† Marcelina Guerrero

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Nov. 9-10**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Henry K. #2—Mary H.	John S. Karen S. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Mike W. #2—Brian C.	Bob A. Robin K. Martie S.
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Jane G. #2—Mike C.	Michelle D. Diane H. Donna K.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,700.—  
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,563.25  
 World Mission Sunday \$ 2,567.—

This week's second collection is for Building & Maintenance.  
 Please write separate checks. Thank you.

LOST & FOUND

**FOUND** 10/27—Key Fob (rubbery)

**FOUND** 7/11—A silver house key

**FOUND** 7/14—A woman's ring

Call the office for more information.

**Thank you Fr. Ron, Deacon John  
 And our new Deacon, Bob Holgren!**

**NOV. 5-11th is  
 PRIEST APPRECIATION  
 & VOCATION  
 AWARENESS WEEK.**



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

Jessica Berlo, Kathryn Chere, Wayne Lavelle, Mickey Smith, 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 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, and our Holy Spirit Prayer Phone Tree.

**FOR THE SOULS**

Barbara Spaulding, 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,

**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, email: matt@holyspirits.org



## HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB

*Let us give thanks together...  
Gather with friends and enjoy a good meal,*

### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

Traditional Thanksgiving Feast  
with all the fixings

Cocktails at 6:00, Grace at 6:45 pm

Dinner to follow.

\$25.00 includes:

Dinner, two cocktails and prize tickets.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Ken Rossi, Jim Underhill, Chris Smith

## HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Thursday, November 14th, 2024

6:00 PM

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes:

Dinner & Two Beverages

Prizes! 6 for \$10

Tickets will be sold after all

Weekend Masses November 2nd-10th.

No-walk-ins PLEASE. Any questions call/text

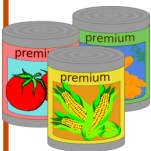
Kathleen: 415.860.2581



## HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

### Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Collection of Canned & Dry Food for REFB

Saturday, November 16th, 2024  
between 10:00 and 2:00 P.M.



Enter on St. Francis Road  
(Drop off at back door of kitchen)  
and Exit thru Parking lot on Raters Drive

Example: canned beans, canned corn,  
small canned hams, canned yams,  
fruit cocktail, rice, stuffing mix, onions, pota-  
toes, dried beans, instant potatoes, etc.

Please place all items in a bag

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## **Bible Reflections: The Good News Journey!**

*An opportunity to learn and share*  
**NOVEMBER 6 & 20th**

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month

7-8 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
with Kenn Vondrak

Scriptures and calendar can be found  
online or at the back of church.

## OCIA Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

**NOVEMBER 13 from 7-8pm**

The next topic is Sacraments taught  
by Fr. Ron. We meet 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 adult seeking the Sacraments,  
or would like more information about  
your Catholic faith.



## **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, Oct. 1—Nov. 19.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- FANS OF THE CHOSEN—Tuesdays at 2 pm
- BIBLE REFLECTIONS—Nov. 6th & 20th
- MEN'S CLUB THANKSGIVING—Nov. 12
- OCIA - Nov.13th with Fr. Ron 7-8pm
- WOMEN'S CLUB THANKSGIVING—Nov. 14
- CANNED FOOD DRIVE—Nov.16, 10-2 pm
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP "SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS" —Nov. 23 at 1 pm