

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC. 14—DEC. 15, 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursdays at 7 pm in the church.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Dec. 14-15, 2024

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



Happy Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete Sunday happens every year on the third Sunday of Advent. Back in the 1900's, when many of us were born – up until the early 1960's - the words were in Latin: “Gaudete, iterum dico vobis, Gaudete.” Which means; “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, Rejoice!” And so, this Sunday is still called “Gaudete Sunday”. The whole message is one of hope and joy. While most of the other readings for the season of Advent are written in a somber tone, the readings for today are meant to remind us of an important and joyous event: the birth of our Lord. You will notice songs of Joy and rejoicing; colorful vestments and the poinsettias will make their first appearance.

This Gaudete Sunday we pause and reflect on the joy of this Holy Season. How can we not rejoice when we meditate on the wonder of God's love for us, the wonder of God sending His own Son to save us and the wonder of God's love that surrounds us always?

Of course, we can look at our world and think that it is a total mess, which many say it is. We can think of all the evil in the world, and there is also truth to that. We can think of all of the suffering of innocent children and that is a reality that should bring us great concern and compassion.

At the heart of the world, however, is love. For those of us who believe, this is an act of faith. How our world changes when we believe in the Scriptures, especially those that are given to us today for this Third Sunday of Advent. The prophets saw what God could do in the world and hoped that it would come about, but they were patient, knowing that God's time is not our time. God will renew all creation. God will do this when the time is His time.

Advent is about our waiting for the Lord to come into our world and into our lives. We ourselves can be bearers of that presence in our own lives—only if we believe and strive to live that belief.

May this Advent strengthen our faith. May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to proclaim the presence of the living God.

One of the greatest signs of our faith is the joy that we can have in living for the Lord. Instead of being anxious and preoccupied with all the evil in our world, with the terrible things that happen, we can radiate the joy of knowing the presence of God.

Let us rejoice in Him and be glad!

Fr. Ron

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—NEW YEAR'S DAY
JAN. 1, 2025 MASSES**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- **NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY—MIDNIGHT MASS—12 AM**
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY—9 AM MASS**
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY—6:30 PM**

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

K-5 Whole Family Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

Year 2 Communion Wed. 4:30-6pm

NO CLASSES for K-5 on 12/25 & 1/01

Year 1 & 2 Confirmation:

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS ON DEC. 18TH.

Resumes January 8th. Wed. 6:15-7:30 pm

For more information contact Matt Conley,
DRE, email: matt@holyspiritsr.org or
707.539.4495 ext. 108



St. Vincent De Paul
distribution is this
Wednesday, July 18,
9:30-11 am

Call 707.537.7835 on Mondays 2-3:30
to get on the list for every other
Wednesday distribution.

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 14—Dec. 22

12/14	Sat	5:00 PM	† Mr. & Mrs. Saverimuttu
12/15	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
12/15	Sun	10:30am	† Maria Skarzynska
12/16	Mon	9:00 am	† Warren Bowers
12/17	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
12/18	Wed	9:00 am	† Robert Hayes
12/19	Thur	9:00 am	Elizabeth Shields
12/20	Fri	9:00 am	† Ralph Rigdon
12/21	Sat	5:00 PM	† Mary B. Byrne
12/22	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
12/22	Sun	10:30am	Happy Birthday Fr. Ron & Charlie Vera

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Dec. 21-22

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Henri K. #2—Carroll C.	Cheryl D. Kathy S. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Brian C. #2—Lydia D.	Bob A. Kurt K. Martie S.
Sun. 10:30a	#1—Rosalinda B. #2—Carole R.	Loyde J. Sherry J. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Collection	\$ 6,053.—
Online General Fund Offering	\$ 1661.75
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 2663.—
Thank you! Please write separate checks.	

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS: Our online giving options in 2025 are expanding to include Venmo, ApplePay, Paypal, & Stock/Crypto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Diane Drew, John Scott, Char Lavelle,
Jessica Berlo, Kathryn Chere, 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,
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 Piseni family,
and our Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

FOR THE SOULS

Sharon Vaughn, 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.

*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.*



Christmas Mass Schedule

- *Christmas Eve 12/24 at 4 p.m.
~ Children's Mass
- *Midnight Mass 12/25 at 12 a.m.
- *Christmas Day 12/25
8 am, 10:30 am, & 1 pm

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGED FOR
THE CHILDREN'S MASS—4PM**

ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

Please pick up a survey in the back of church.
We would like to hear from you. What classes
would you be interested in attending?



Grief Support Group

Wednesday, January 8 from 6-8 p.m.
at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 1244 St. Francis Rd,
In the Church Hall

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. If you are experiencing feelings about your loss, but don't know how to talk about them, perhaps the next monthly grief group can offer you an alternative in creatively expressing them.

All materials will be provided.

Feel free to drop by and check us out.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCIA with Fr. Ron 01/08—7-8 pm
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 01/08—7-8pm
- BIBLE REFLECTIONS 01/15—7-8pm

Calling All Children!

Does your child want to participate in the 4 pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass?



We have a need for animals, shepherds, citizens, wise men, angels and the Holy Family!

If you are interested in joining the pageant, come to mass early on Christmas Eve to get into costume. Costumes provided.

There are no speaking parts. As Father reads the story of Jesus' birth, the children will receive cues to stand in the manger scene near the altar. We will rehearse two Christmas Carols with our Music Director, Francis Oliveira, at 3:40 pm. Please meet at the back of church at 3:15 pm.

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation for Adults—JANUARY 8 from 7-8pm

ALL ARE WELCOME ! Front of 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.

Bible Reflections: *The Good News Journey!*

An opportunity to learn and share

JANUARY 15—IN PARISH HOUSE

DEC. 18TH CLASS IS CANCELED.

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month
7-8 pm with Kenn Vondrak. Scriptures and calendar can be found online or at the back of church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you need community service hours or would like to learn a new skill? Would you like to join our media team and learn how to run the video board during mass? Teenagers to seniors are welcome.