

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Epiphany of the Lord January 4-5, 2025

### 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](http://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.

# Epiphany of the Lord, January 4-5, 2025

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

## Three Magi, Three Gifts for the Child-King

If I asked you to think of the three worst things you ever did in your life, even if you didn't want to admit them, you could come up with them pretty quickly, certainly one of them, instantly. Now, if I asked you to think of the three best things you have ever done in your life (other than marriage and children) it would take a great deal more time.

Sadly, many of us were raised that way. We were constantly chastised for anything wrong we did and hardly ever acknowledged for who we were as individuals or doing the best we could. Sadly, some of us have carried this mindset into our adult life, or in how we have treated our own children or, worst of all, to think that this is how God sees us.

When we think of ourselves as only bad, unworthy or insufficient, we very much limit our own potential, that is, the person God created us to be. The person God KNOWS we can be. The person God wants to help us be.

The Feast we celebrate today speaks of 'Magi' who made a great journey to find the new born King. They traveled to places unknown to them. Finding the King without – their eyes were opened to look 'within'.

Our faith sometimes takes us to uncharted territory. We are called today to make a journey. But not to Bethlehem, not to the Holy Land, not to Rome. Not even to San Francisco. Our faith calls us today to make the effort to make the inward journey to find ourselves.

Think about it: though we all have lived with ourselves our entire lives, we can still know very little about who we actually are. Ask someone who has known you for many years. You'll be surprised how their view of you is quite different than yours. As we said, what you know about yourself often focuses on your negative qualities, forgetting that, "...the glory of the Lord shines upon you." We are each and every one made in the image and likeness of God.

So, first off, we need to find Jesus in ourselves. Most people might expect a king to be in an ornate palace, He actually resides in the quiet town of Bethlehem. Most people think of God as far off watching 'from a distance'; yet, He is found in the quiet of your heart. Right now - even as you read this.

In our inner search, He will not be in those things the material world values, He is present in the quiet corners of our soul. The Magi had to go across their known world to find the King of Israel; we only need search the expanse of ourselves for our Savior.

The three best things you have ever done are your three gifts to the Child-King. The three worst... are His gifts to you in forgiving them and setting you free of their burden. May this new found freedom bring you health, holiness and happiness this New Year, 2025

***For, the best - is yet to come!***

Father Ron

## 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.



## 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@holyspiritsr.org or 707.539.4495 ext. 108

## MASS INTENTIONS: Jan. 4—Jan. 13, 2025

01/04	Sat	9:00 am	For the People
01/04	Sat	5:00 PM	† Denise Mason
01/05	Sun	8:00 am	Tom Darling & Family
01/05	Sun	10:30am	For the People
01/06	Mon	9:00 am	Available
01/07	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
01/08	Wed	9:00 am	Available
01/09	Thur	9:00 am	Available
01/10	Fri	9:00 am	Dorothy Serban Nassar— Birthday
01/11	Sat	5:00 pm	Elly Manfredi
01/12	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
01/12	Sun	10:30 pm	† Jerzy Kozikowski, Maria & Raymond Szulc

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: January 11-12

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Rosalinda B. #2—Mary H.	Joanne L. Tim S. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Michael W. #2—Kathy L.	Brian C Robin K Elizabeth M
Sun. 10:30am	#1—John McH #2—Don F.	Dave A. Diane L. John L.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 4,814.00  
 Christmas Offerings: \$ 17,488.40  
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,670.00  
 St. Vincent De Paul \$ 3,616.00

**This week's second collection is for Building & Maintenance.**

Please write separate checks. **Thank you!**

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

## FUNERALS

Laura Zabatta ~ January 4, 2025 at 11 am  
 Ken Campbell—February 6, 2025 at 1 pm

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

Scott Humble, MaryEllen Friesen, John O'Connell, Diane Drew, John Scott, Char Lavelle, Jessica Berlo, 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, 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, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Ruth Ann Haisey, Lew & Margie Chase, the Pisenti family, and our Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

## FOR THE SOULS

Ken Campbell, John Kerrige, Laura Zabatta, 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCIA Front of Church 01/08—7-8 pm
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 01/08—6-8pm
- WOMEN'S CLUB 01/09—6pm  
Blessed Mother Baby Shower—tickets on sale after Mass 1/4, 1/5
- MEN'S CLUB 01/14—6PM BBQ RIBS
- BIBLE REFLECTIONS 01/15—7-8 pm
- PARISH POLENTA FEED—1/31—6pm

## OCIA

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Consider attending if you are interested in becoming Catholic, are an adult seeking the Sacraments, or would like more information about our Faith

**On Wednesday, January 8th, 2025**  
from 7 pm until 8 pm , we will have our next OCIA (Adult Ed) Class.

### Eternity. Smoking or Non?

#### **TOPIC: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory.**

There is so much mis-information about what we **do** believe and **do not** believe regarding what happens to us, to our souls, when we die.

You do not want to miss this one. You may have a lot riding on it! All are welcome

**Enter through front doors of Church.**

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

*An opportunity to learn and share*

**JANUARY 15—IN PARISH HOUSE**

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.

## ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

Please pick up a survey in the back of church.

We would like to hear from you.

What classes/programs would you be interested in attending?

Holy Spirit Women's Club  
**BLESSED MOTHER BABY SHOWER**  
Thursday, January 9th at 6 pm

\$25 Dinner, Raffle & Beverage tickets  
*Please bring a new unwrapped Infant item: Clothes, Diapers, Blankets, etc.*  
Sizes 0 to 24 months  
These items will be donated to Catholic Charities.

Tickets will be sold after Mass on January 4th & 5th.  
Please bring your checkbooks or cash.

**Please no walk-ins....Our cooks need time to prepare enough yummy food for all who attend!**

Any questions call or text  
Kathleen 415.860.2581



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

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.