

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Baptism of the Lord January 11-12, 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.

## The Baptism of the Lord

*And a voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased"*

Jesus has just been baptized by John. There's a crowd. Many of them have also just been baptized. Jesus feels the enormity of the occasion and kneels to pray. Then, suddenly, something happens to change everything. The heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove and God speaks to His Son.

What an overwhelming experience it must have been for everyone who witnessed the event. Jesus had shown both acceptance of his humanness and solidarity with the people. The loving words of His Father gave Him strength and courage to set out on the mission that would ultimately lead to the cross. He clearly knew God's Will and what He must do to follow it.

Unlike Jesus who began His ministry with Divine endorsement, few of us can ever be certain that we are totally pleasing God. While we strive to do God's Will, very often it is not clear whether God's Will and our will are the same. We tend to follow our inclination, assuming that since God placed these desires in our hearts, we must be on the right track. When we are nagged by self-doubt, there are two useful questions for self—assessment.

The first is to ask ourselves whether we are at peace – whether personally or professionally. If we spread love and joy, then in all likelihood we are living out God's dream for us. On the other hand, if we experience constant chaos within and without, then we may need to pray for clarity and seek advice from those wiser than ourselves.

*Father Ron*

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

### **Baptism Requirements:**

If you attend the Sunday Morning Masses, especially the 10:30 Mass, you will notice an increased number of families. What a joy to see. And with families come young children and babies. And with babies and young children comes baptism!

Accordingly we are including the basic requirements to have a child baptized in a parish. As you know we cannot do baptisms 'on-demand'. Nor is there any sense in baptizing a child into a faith in which the child has little or no chance of being raised, particularly if someone wanted the baptism for more cultural than spiritual reasons. However, we do understand that many do not know the specific conditions that need to be met preceding baptism, conditions set by Holy Mother Church, which gracefully bring a person, of any age, into the local Catholic Community.

So, for clarification purposes – here are the basic requirements:

- ◆ Family must be registered in a parish and be regular Mass attendees
- ◆ One or both parents need to be a practicing Catholic
- ◆ Child must have a reasonable chance to be brought up in the Faith.
- ◆ Parents and Godparents must attend a 'Baptism Preparation' class.
- ◆ At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic
- ◆ A three month waiting period (after initial request) is required – so the Parish and the family can become fully acquainted as the child is being baptized into this Parish Family.

These may seem obvious, but some

might need clarification or explanation, especially to people who are either new to the faith or are recently returning to the practice of the faith. Please contact Fr. Ron who will be very happy to meet with you.



**MASS INTENTIONS: Jan. 11—Jan. 19, 2025**

01/11	Sat	5:00 pm	<i>Elly Manfredi</i>
01/12	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
01/12	Sun	10:30 pm	† Jerzy Kozikowski, Maria & Raymond Szulc
01/13	Mon	9:00 am	† Bill Vinson
01/14	Tues	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
01/15	Wed	9:00 am	† Raymond Benedict
01/16	Thur	9:00 am	† Leo Sobieski
01/17	Fri	9:00 am	† All Souls—PW
01/18	Sat	5:00 pm	<i>Elly Manfredi 95th Birthday</i>
01/19	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
01/19	Sun	10:30 pm	† Edith Barthome

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: January 18-19**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Jo Ann A. #2—Pat B.	Cheryl D. Shirley S. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Brian C.	Cindy D-H Kurt K. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Mike C. #2—Deanna B.	Michelle D. Loyde J. Sherry J.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 8,824.00  
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,555.62  
 Building & Maintenance \$ 4,176.99  
 Please write separate checks. **Thank you!**

**Thank You!**

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

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

**From the bottom of my heart, Thank you for all the Ordination, Birthday and Christmas cards and gifts with which you have blessed me over the last months. They were innumerable, and I have enjoyed reading and re-reading your notes to me. I feel very loved, encouraged, and appreciated. You are the best!**

*Father Ron*



**FUNERALS**

Ken Campbell—February 6, 2025 at 1 pm

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

Francis Dolan, Scott Humble, MaryEllen Friesen, John O'Connell, Diane Drew, John Scott, Char Lavelle, Jessica Berlo, Renee Ralls, 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, Tris-tan Humble, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, Doug Harman, Margaret Duffy, Maria Alvarez, Arthur Tyler, Lisa Bennett, Ruth Ann Haisey, Lew & Margie Chase, the Pimenti family, and 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, Imogen Swaney, Patrick Rodriguez, Lynda Adams, Gail Azevedo, Gloria McKay, Miriam Castillo, Jeanne Anderson, Mary Jo Toth, Kathy Hauck, Chris Christian-son, Jim Weese, Scot Gordon, Arlene Pearson, Karin Lee, Peggy Levy, Regina Dieter, James Barton, Jr., Nancy Bufano, Julia Gromo, Bruce Marts Sr.



**DO YOU HAVE SOME OF OUR WHITE LINEN CLOTHS?** *We ran out of linen cloths. If you have them at home, please return them to the church. 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, email: matt@holyspiritsr.org or  
707.539.4495 ext. 108

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MEN'S CLUB 01/14—6PM BBQ RIBS**
- **BIBLE REFLECTIONS 01/15—7-8 pm**
- **OCIA 01/22—7-8 pm**
- **PARISH POLENTA FEED—01/31—6pm**
- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 02/05—6-8pm**

**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?

### 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

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**  
**7 pm until 8 pm**

## **Holy Spirit Men's Club "Passionate Polenta"**

**JANUARY 31, 2025**

**Doors open 6 PM**

**Dinner served @ 7 PM**

***Polenta, stew, salad, garlic bread***

Everyone is invited!  
Men & Women, Boys and Girls!  
It is a family affair!

No Host Full Bar

**\$25.00 per person**

Tickets on sale after mass

**BEGINNING 1/5/2025**

**NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

Limited to 120 People

JOHN CARUSO 707-696-1279

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***Mangiare!***



### **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.



***A gift for each married and engaged couple-  
natural family planning. The next live class is  
taking place Jan. 20, 2025, in Santa Rosa.***

***For registration, please visit the  
website: Diocese of Santa Rosa  
Family Life Department or Couple  
to Couple League.***