

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Presentation of the Lord February 1-2, 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

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.

....from the Pastor's Desk

The Story of 'Children's Bread'

If you've been to the 10:30 mass here before, you've noticed that we do something special right after it. It is 'Children's Bread'. A few of you know the origins of this custom, and a few more have asked me to tell 'the story'.

So, here it goes. Back in the 1990's one of my duty assignments as an Active Duty Army Chaplain was The National Training Center – Fort Irwin, California. Where is that? Basically, go down to Barstow, turn left and drive for an hour [literally] straight into the open desert.

The base itself is quite huge, more like an independent functioning city with over 9,000 residents. Like most Army bases, there are a lot of people from various ethnic backgrounds and a lot of young people and a LOT of children.

There were also a lot of Catholics. Several Thousand actually, and one priest. Me.

One day, shortly after I arrived, I was sitting in church listening to the readings and gazing at the congregation with so many different nationalities, races and ethnicities represented. And the phrase came to mind; '*In Our Diversity is our Unity*'. I wanted a way for us all to socialize together other than attend mass. We had a giant hall next to the church with a huge kitchen. What better way to bring people together than a meal! So, the idea quickly formed. Have a 'Food-Festival' where each group could bring a dish or several that highlighted their individual backgrounds. I drew up a sign up list and announced it at Mass. By the end of that day I had, Filipino, Italian, German, Kenyan, Mexican, Guamanian, Polish, Ghanaian, French, Cuban, Portuguese, and Hawaiian. Just to name a few!

It was a success. I noticed a lot of the small children huddling around the Hawaiian table. They were all eating the Hawaiian bread. I tried a piece. Wow.

An idea hit me. I thought of how when all the young families come up to receive Holy Communion, the littlest ones receive nothing. They are told to sit still and be quiet during mass, and, in their eyes anyway, everybody gets a 'reward' – so to speak. Except them. I would even see the ones in their parent's arms reaching for the Host. The idea of children's bread was born. I asked one of the ladies how to get some and she said, oh – they sell it right here on base at the commissary. And, the rest is history.

It is their special time and their special thing. It is not consecrated or in any way a substitution for Holy Communion, in fact, it is only for those who have not yet received First Holy Communion.

Cost: \$9.99 per package. Value: Incalculable – you've seen their faces.

Now, those first group of children are in their early 30's. Many still practice their faith. And have passed it – and 'Children's Bread' on to their children. No wonder Jesus is called the 'Bread' of life.

Mahalo and Aloha!

Fr. Ron

**BAPTISM CLASS
FEBRUARY 19, 2025
6:30—7:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**



For parents who will be baptizing their child this year. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Children welcome. Call the office to RSVP.

MASS INTENTIONS: Feb. 1-9, 2025

02/01	Sat	9:00 am	† Barbara Hilton
02/01	Sat	5:00 pm	† Francis J. Saporita
02/02	Sun	8:00 am	† Denise Mason
02/02	Sun	10:30 pm	<i>For the People</i>
02/03	Mon	9:00 am	† Mary Sisk
02/04	Tues	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
02/05	Wed	9:00 am	† Verah Frances Bugbee
02/06	Thur	9:00 am	† Ricardo Flores
02/07	Fri	9:00 am	† Jessie Benedict
02/08	Sat	5:00 pm	† Abel, Jessica, & Flora Cardenas
02/09	Sun	8:00 am	† Sharon Vaughn
02/09	Sun	10:30 pm	<i>For the People</i>

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: February 8-9, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Laurie B. #2—Carroll C.	Joanne L. Ann R. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Lydia D. #2—Mary L.	Brian C. Robin K. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Don F. #2—Deanna B.	Diane L. John L. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,104.00
Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,093.25
Church in Latin America \$ 2,227.00

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

FUNERALS

Ken Campbell—February 6, 2025 at 1 pm

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

Phyllis Rogers, Brenda L. Winters, 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, 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 Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

FOR THE SOULS

Robert O'Donnell, William Westendorf, Ken Campbell, John Kerrige, Laura Zabatta, Sharon Vaughn, Barbara Spaulding, Joseph Panara, Larry Darling, Bill Vinson, Karin Lee, 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 Christianson, Jim Weese, Scot Gordon, Arlene Pearson, Peggy Levy, Regina Dieter, James Barton, Jr., Nancy Bufano, Julia Gromo, Bruce Marts Sr.

NOTE: There is an AED Defibrillator machine at the back of church. It is on the wall to the left of the hallway that leads to the bathrooms.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 2/05—6:30-8pm**
- **BIBLE STUDY 02/05—7-8pm**
- **MEN'S CLUB 02/11—6 pm**
- **OCIA 02/12—7-8 pm**
- **WOMEN'S CLUB Soup & Bingo 2/13—6pm**

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

Lots of Love, Soup & Bingo!



Thurs. February 13th

Starts at 6PM



**\$25 includes dinner, 2 drink tickets
and 1 Bingo card**

**Bring new clean socks which will
be donated to Catholic Charities.**

**Tickets sold after all weekend
masses February 1st—February 9th**

**No walk-ins or CODS as our
volunteer board needs time
to prepare this fun event!**

**Call or text Kathleen
with any questions: 415.860.2581**

Bible Reflections: *The Good News Journey!*

An opportunity to learn and share

FEBRUARY 5—IN PARISH HOUSE

Usually 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.

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

Grief Support Group

Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 6:30-8 p.m.
at Holy Spirit Parish 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 experi-
encing 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 friend-
ly, 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.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

7 pm until 8 pm in the Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

**“Sacramentals and
Other Catholic Stuff”**

What do Rosaries, Holy Water, Scapulars,
Saints Metals, Crucifixes and Crosses,
Statues, Icons, Fire and Candles, Incense,
Ashes, Holy Oils, The Miraculous Metal,
Relics, Holy Cards, The Sign of The Cross
and Palm Branches all have in common?

They are all 'Sacramentals', not
'Sacraments', but very important to us.
At this week's class, we will explain the
why, how, and when of each.

Fr. Ron