

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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*The office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17th in observance of President's Day.*

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15-16, 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.

.....from the Pastor's Desk

## The Four Beatitudes and the Four Woes

Huh? Well, we are most familiar with the Eight Beatitudes that we hear in the Gospel of Mathew. But today we have Luke's version.

Why the difference? Read on.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the 'Plain' is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favored.”

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed.

This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

So, as I often say, “*Keeping the Ten Commandments will get you to Heaven. Living the Beatitudes; will let you experience Heaven on Earth*”

*Fr. Ron*

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**THIS WEEK!**  
**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.

**YOU CAN WATCH OUR MASS ON YOUTUBE!**



Remember, if you're not feeling well enough to come to mass in person, please go to our YouTube channel. We livestream our Saturday evening mass. Past masses are also available to watch. Search for Holy Spirit Santa Rosa or click on <https://www.youtube.com/@holyspiritcatholicchurch-s3653/streams>

**MASS INTENTIONS: Feb. 15-23, 2025**

02/15	Sat	5:00 pm	†Deceased Members of the Jacob Family
02/16	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
02/16	Sun	10:30 pm	<i>Jacky Macy</i>
02/17	Mon	9:00 am	† Bob Hayes
02/18	Tues	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
02/19	Wed	9:00 am	† Elizabeth Tallman
02/20	Thur	9:00 am	† Mary Ann O'Leary
02/21	Fri	9:00 am	† Iolanda Manfredi
02/22	Sat	5:00 pm	† Imogen Swaney
02/23	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
02/23	Sun	10:30 pm	† Bob, Bob Jr. and John Philip Foster

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

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, 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 Pimenti 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.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: February 22-23**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Laurie B. #2—JoAnn A.	Ann R. Steve R. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Kathy L. #2—Brian C.	Bob A. Cindy D. Martie S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Holly K. #2—Henri K.	Dave A. Diane H. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,075.00  
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,401.00

This week's second collection is for our Religious Education department. Please write separate checks. **Thank you!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BAPTISM CLASS 02/19 6:30-7:30 pm**
- **BIBLE STUDY 02/19—7-8 pm**
- **OCIA 02/26—7-8 pm—"Lent"**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY—03/05**
- **GRIEF SUPPORT—03/12**

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**K-5 Whole Family** Wednesdays 4:30-6pm  
**Year 2 Communion** Wed. 4:30-5:45 pm  
**Year 1 & 2 Confirmation:** Wed. 6:15-7:30 pm  
For more information contact Matt Conley,  
DRE, email: [matt@holyspiritsr.org](mailto:matt@holyspiritsr.org) or  
707.539.4495 ext. 108

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

*An opportunity to learn and share*

### **FEBRUARY 19—IN PARISH HOUSE**

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month.  
7-8 pm with Kenn Vondrak.

*Reflecting on the upcoming gospel reading.*

## **ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS**

**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF)  
OFFERS \$400 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Criteria:**

1. Roman Catholic
2. Italian Descent or ICF Member  
or Child/Grandchild of an ICF member
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.2  
(from Gr.9 to 1st Qtr/Sem of Gr. 12)

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION & AN APPLICATION**

- See your class counselor
- Call the ICF office at 1.888.423.1924 or
- Visit our website: <https://www.icf.org/scholarships/>

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2025**

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



HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



*Monday, March 17th*

*St. Patrick's Day!*

\*Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner\*

Two Italian Bartenders\*

Doors open at 6 PM

\$25.00 Dinner, \$5.00 cocktails

*Adults Only*

LIMITED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

Tickets on sale after Masses

beginning 3/1/25

No ticket sales at the door!!!!

Contact: John Caruso 707-696-1279

Email: [hmscsr@aol.com](mailto:hmscsr@aol.com)



## **OCIA**

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**

**Topic: LENT**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

**7 pm until 8 pm in the Church**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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

*Fr. 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.**