

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Third Sunday of Lent March 22-23, 2025

MASS & SERVICE LENT SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Monday-Fridays 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: The Saturday Mass is recorded each week and uploaded to our Youtube channel, **Holy Spirit—Santa Rosa.**



Fridays During Lent (except Good Friday)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2-3 pm

Reconciliation available in Sacristy after

Exposition begins to 2:50 pm.

Stations of the Cross at 3 pm

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 Please contact the office.

....from the Pastor's Desk



Bearing Fruit for God

All parables make us ponder what they might mean.

Today, Jesus imagines a withering fig tree that has failed to bear fruit for the past three years.

The reaction of the owner seems quite normal.

That fig tree must be cut down because it is only wasting space in the vineyard.

But the gardener had a different perspective. Looking closely at the ailing fig tree he saw that with care it could still bear fruit. Experience had taught him a more hopeful vision. With the help of some fertilizer all was not lost and the fig tree could revive and fruit again.

This is how God regards us.

In spite of what we have failed to do up to now, -God knows all we are capable of doing in the future.

God sees the potential in each of us; and indeed, that is how we must regard each other and everything in life, with... *hopeful eyes.*

Like the vineyard gardener, we need to be patient, able to wait, ready to see beneath the unpromising surface... to the faint green shoots of new potential.

PS: There is more about 'fig-trees' in Sacred Scripture, as in what they stand for...

*But that is another story, for another time...
Blessing and Mercy,*

Father Ron

Top 10 Things Catholics Believe

Wed. March 26TH 7-8 pm

This is a topic I teach every few years to our Adult Education Class. Some who attend are in the process of becoming Catholic and other attendees are often surprised to learn the 'How's' and 'Why's', of our beliefs. And, although you think the Top 10 would be set in stone, when I elicit responses from folks [as I did this week] they do tend to shift a bit. It is not that we change our belief in them – it is that in any given moment one might be predominant over another. It is a very interactive class and I encourage active participation.

Here are a few topics that always come up:

- Body and Blood of Christ are really that and remain so.
- The Pope is the direct successor all the way back to Peter.
- The Trinity.
- Mary's on-going role in salvation.

And usually during the end of class we get into a few Top Things that Catholics do NOT believe, although others, and even a few of ourselves - think we do. So, come join us.

And bring your list!



Father Ron



OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING PARTNER IS YWCA SONOMA COUNTY!
YWCA Sonoma County is our community's answer to the call from local families suffering from the impacts of domestic violence.

Their domestic violence services include the area's only 24/7 domestic violence crisis hotline, confidential Safe House shelter as well as counseling and childcare services. **You may donate at www.ywcasc.org or on our website, www.holyspirit-sr.org or write a check out to YWCA and mail to YWCA or bring to church.**

MASS INTENTIONS: Mar. 22—30, 2025

03/22	Sat	5:00 pm	† David Frey
03/23	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
03/23	Sun	10:30 am	† Ed Trousdale
03/24	Mon	9:00 am	<i>Don & Julie Radcliff</i>
03/25	Tues	9:00 am	<i>Sr. Diane Heiss</i>
03/26	Wed	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
03/27	Thur	9:00 am	† Fr. Bala Govindu
03/28	Fri	9:00 am	James Rockwell
03/29	Sat	5:00 pm	† Marylou Gadbois
03/30	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
03/30	Sun	10:30 pm	† Leocadia Serban

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Patty Ouimette, Russ Dieter, Ralph Sobieski, 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, Rose-Ann Saporita, Gail Flatt, Sachiko Gomez, Juan Scott, 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 Pisenti family, and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Mar. 29—30

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Pat B. #2—Laurie B.	Shirley S. Tim S. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Brian C. #2—Mary H.	Robin K. Elizabeth M. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Lilla O. #2—John M.	Diane H. Diane L. John L.

FOR THE SOULS

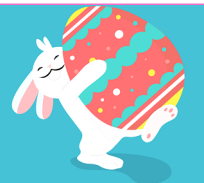
Andrew Gonzalez, Robert O'Donnell, William Westendorf, Ken Campbell, John Kerrige, Laura Zabatta, Sharon Vaughn, Barbara Spaulding, Joseph Panara, Larry Darling, Bill Vinson, Karin Lee, Ario Bigattini, Joe Piasta, Patricia Breuer, Imogen Swaney, Patrick Rodriguez, Lynda Adams, Gail Azevedo, Gloria McKay, Miriam Castillo, Jeanne Anderson, Mary Jo Toth, Kathy Hauck, Chris Christianson, Jim Weese, Scot Gordon, Arlene Pearson,

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.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,741.00
 Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,489.63
 Catholic Relief Services \$ 2,263.00

Next week's second collection is for Saint Vincent de Paul.

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



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

Breakfast starts 8:30 am

EASTER EGG HUNT 10 am

ACTIVITIES UNTIL 12 pm

Jumpy houses, Bunny, Egg Hunt & Games!

'Practical' Work of Mercy

Another way of 'Almsgiving' is to volunteer to do 'hands-on' ministry. For instance - The St Vincent de Paul Society District operates the SVdP "Commons" at 2400 Mendocino Ave.

It serves 51 previously homeless residents. A few local SVdP conferences routinely volunteer to prepare and serve a simple dinner for these appreciative residents; this act is helping turn a "house into a Home." Might you - or any group at Holy Spirit parish - be interested in preparing and/or serving a simple meal (e.g., casserole, salad) during Lent? Consider contacting volunteer coordinator AlanKarbousky@yahoo.com for more details.

Lent in the Footsteps of Christ

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Parish House

Enter through the office facing Raters Dr.

These classes stand alone so you are welcome to join us anytime!

We will dive passionately into the historical context, author and language used in the writings to come to the celebration of the Eucharist with a new perspective on some of the stories we have heard many times. The class will be led by Matt Conley, DRE.

Grief Support Group

Wednesday, April 2 from 6:30-8 p.m.

at Holy Spirit Parish in the Church Hall,

Whether your loss was recent or more distant, the feelings and challenges are the same. 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 909.532.0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LENT SCRIPTURE STUDY_3/25 at 1pm

•OCIA _03/26 from 7-8 pm

•CONFESSIONS & HOLY HR._03/28 2-3pm

•STATIONS OF THE CROSS _03/28, 3-3:30pm

•BIBLE STUDY_04/2 7pm

•PENANCE SERVICE_4/3, 6:30pm

•EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES_4/12

Faith Formation Classes

Communion class with Ms. Lynn will be meeting on March 26th.

Confirmation Class will be meeting on March 26th.

The children's k-5 will **NOT** be meeting on March 26th.



FANS OF THE CHOSEN!

Theatre update! Season 5,

The Last Supper, which covers Holy Week, will

be released in Boulevard 14, Petaluma and Cinemark Century Rowland Plaza, Novato theatres in three parts as follows:

Part One: Episodes 1, 2—March 28, 2025

Part Two: Episodes 3, 4, 5—April 4, 2025

Part Three: Episodes 6,7,8—April 11, 2025.

The full season will be available for viewing in select theatres Easter weekend, April 19-

20, 2025. The Chosen Season 5 will be

available for streaming on Prime Video in June 2025. Prime Video has an exclusive 90

-day window before the episodes move to

the Chosen app. Once the accompanying

Bible Roundtable analyses are available,

Lynn Lankford will schedule a class to

watch both the episodes and roundtable

discussion, likely in the fall of 2025.



HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

Annual Victorian Tea

Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 12-3 p.m.

If you would like to be placed on a Reservation list, call Angela Provisor at 310-498-9444. Cost is \$40