

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Fifth Sunday of Lent April 5—6, 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.**

**Penance Service with 4 priests:** April 3 at 6:30 pm



## 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](http://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

## One in Great Misery and the One with Great Mercy



From the film "The Passion of Christ"

Holy Week is drawing nigh. In fact, a week from today is Palm Sunday and the following Sunday is Easter.

For many or most of us the season of Lent has sped by very quickly, since, at least for me, it seems we just began, and are now moving toward the conclusion of this season of renewal. With extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we put our focus on what the Lord has done for us in taking on the sins of the world, so that we might be set free and enjoy the eternal life promised us by the Risen Savior.

Just as it did for the previous four Sundays, the Gospel focuses on something as relevant now as it was 2000 years ago. Maybe even more so now. The Gospel text for this final Lenten Sunday before Palm Sunday focuses on the power of God's mercy... to those who have strayed.

And so, the scene is cast. The Scribes and Pharisees are eager to see the response of Jesus in the face of someone breaking the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment, considered a cause for death by stoning according to the prevailing Jewish Law. They were seeking a chance to trap Jesus in His response to the situation, but the Lord refused to pass any judgement. In fact, Jesus simply stoops down and starts writing with His finger in the ground. What did He write? We do not know, but the gesture was a way of saying without words that Jesus was unwilling to discuss the matter with the accusers. The silence of Jesus in this instance becomes an outright condemnation of the hypocrisy of the fault-finders.

Jesus does speak some words to the accusers, though, well known to us now: "*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" In response, the hypocritical audience drifts away one by one, until no one is left, only the woman and Jesus. Saint Augustine says of this scene: "*There remained only two: the one in great misery and the one with great mercy.*"

The woman did not try to escape when the others did, but stayed put, presumably because she would be further hounded by the accusers if she had left with the rabble. By staying, she opened the possibility of experiencing the mercy she no doubt desired. Jesus utters no condemnation, but only a word of advice and encouragement: "*Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.*" By his response, Jesus not only saved the life of the woman, but also made her realize her true condition and the need for conversion.

We are all in need of such an encounter with the Lord, who can help us to become aware of our true condition as He gently draws us nearer to Himself.

As we draw closer to Holy Week and the recounting of the final events in the earthly life of Jesus, we await a profound renewal in our own lives as followers of the Lamb and members of God's household. By our baptism into Christ, we are formed into God's people and called to declare by our lives great wonder and gratitude for God's saving love as we have experienced it.

I pray you all have a 'Lenten Moment' when you hear Jesus speaking directly to you - words of Mercy and Forgiveness.

*Fr. 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](http://www.ywcasc.org) or on our website,**

**[www.holyspirit-sr.org](http://www.holyspirit-sr.org) or write a check out to YWCA and mail to YWCA or bring to church.**

**MASS INTENTIONS: Apr. 5—Apr. 13, 2025**

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|-------|------|----------|--|
| 04/05 | Sat  | 9:00 am  | <i>For the People</i>                    |
| 04/05 | Sat  | 5:00 pm  | † David Drew                             |
| 04/06 | Sun  | 8:00 am  | † Ronnie Harriott                        |
| 04/06 | Sun  | 10:30 am | <i>For the People</i>                    |
| 04/07 | Mon  | 9:00 am  | <i>James Rockwell</i>                    |
| 04/08 | Tues | 9:00 am  | † Marge Westhoff                         |
| 04/09 | Wed  | 9:00 am  | † Bishop William Higi                    |
| 04/10 | Thur | 9:00 am  | <i>Clarence Conrad</i>                   |
| 04/11 | Fri  | 9:00 am  | † Bob Charbonnier                        |
| 04/12 | Sat  | 5:00 pm  | <i>Geevamalar &amp; Shylan Jeyandran</i> |
| 04/13 | Sun  | 8:00 am  | † Bill Vinson                            |
| 04/13 | Sun  | 10:30 am | <i>For the People</i>                    |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: April 12-13, 2025**

| Mass            | Lectors                       | Eucharistic Min.                  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat.<br>5:00 pm | #1—JoAnn A.<br>#2—Carole R.   | Cheryl D.<br>Shirley S,<br>Tim S. |
| Sun.<br>8:00 am | #1—Bob A.<br>#2—Mary H.       | Brian C.<br>Robin K.<br>Sandy S.  |
| Sun.<br>10:30am | #1—Rosalinda B.<br>#2—Mary O. | Diane L.<br>John L.<br>Jacky M.   |

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| Last Week's General Collection | \$ 6,041.00 |
| Online General Fund Offering   | \$ 1,234.50 |
| St. Vincent De Paul            | \$ 4,318.00 |

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

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

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

Lorri Pimentel, Theresa Shanahan, Judy Pinella, Richard Vitali, Patty Ouimette, Russ Dieter, Ralph and Sharon Sobieski, Brenda L. Winters, Francis Dolan, Scott Humble, MaryEllen Friesen, 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.

**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, Peggy Levy, Regina Dieter.

*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.*





# HOLY WEEK



**PALM SUNDAY** April 12th mass 5 pm & April 13th at 8am, 10:30 am

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS:** April 17th at 6:30 pm (no morning mass)

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** April 18th at 3 pm (no morning mass)

**HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL MASS:** April 19th at 5 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY:** April 20th at 8 am, 10:30 am, and 1 pm



## EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

***Jumpy houses, Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt & Games!***

**Breakfast starts 8:30 am, Easter egg hunt at 10 am**

**Activities until 12 pm! Go to Information Tent for map & flyer!**

### **'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? Contact volunteer is coordinator [AlanKarbousky@yahoo.com](mailto:AlanKarbousky@yahoo.com).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- LENT SCRIPTURE STUDY\_4/8 at 1pm
- MEN'S CLUB DINNER\_4/8 at 7pm
- OCIA\_4/9 from 7-8 pm
- CONFESSIONS & HOLY HR.\_4/11 at 2-3pm
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS\_4/11 at, 3-3:30pm
- EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES\_4/12
- BIBLE STUDY\_4/16 at 7pm in Parish House

### **HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB**

*Relax & Enjoy Dinner*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH**

**DOORS OPEN 6 PM, DINNER AT 7 PM  
PORK ROAST, LAMB ROAST, FIXINGS,  
AND TWO COCKTAILS FOR \$25**

**Bring a Friend!**

**Newcomers get free dinner!**

### ***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.

**DIOCESE NEWS-** Please visit [www.srdiocese.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.srdiocese.org/employment-opportunities) to see what positions are available in our parishes and schools.

**ST. ROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, Preschool, TK - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, is accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Application can be found on their website:**

[www.strosecatholicsschool.org](http://www.strosecatholicsschool.org). Or call for more information, 707-545-0379.

**GRIEF SUPPORT—WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall. Friendly, compassionate, down to earth group of people who use scripture as an anchor to make sense and find comfort in our grief.**