

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 18TH AND APRIL 21ST



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PALM SUNDAY April 12-13, 2025

MASS & SERVICE 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.***



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.

Palm Sunday ~ April 12–13, 2025

.....from the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week

This week we begin a time so Sacred to us Catholics that it is called 'Holy Week.' It is true that as far as individual celebrations go, Christmas seems to overshadow Easter, but Holy Week is more than just Easter Sunday. Today's Liturgy makes a diametrical shift from the celebration of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the agony of His Passion and death as told in the Gospel of Luke. This day is an 'Overture,' if you will, of the days to come.

Holy Thursday: Mass of The Lord's Supper. 6:30 pm. It is a great joy to celebrate the REAL event where Our Lord Jesus truly gave us bread as His Body and wine as His Blood. Where He establishes that we are to re-enter this moment in time every time we do the same, and where He empowers the apostles to do the same in His name. It is at this Mass that we have the true meaning of priesthood established – that of being a servant to the people of God, not one who is to be served.

Next we have **Good Friday:** The Service starts at 3pm., to coincide with the time of Jesus' death of the Cross. Good Friday is the only day in the entire year where **no** Mass is said anywhere in the world. This is the day Our Lord died. We relive his arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and burial. It is a solemn celebration with deeply moving ritual of the '**Veneration of the Cross**' where each of us has the opportunity to approach the cross of Christ and bow reverently as the ultimate sign of respect and thanksgiving for His suffering for us. Reception of Holy Communion, for those who wish, is also part of this day's service.

Holy Saturday is the last of the 'Three Days.' Begins at 5pm in the plaza. This is traditionally a day of quiet meditation as we contemplate the darkness of the world without a future and without hope apart from God and God's Grace. It is also a time to remember family and friends who have died and await the Resurrection. This day ends with the celebration of all celebrations: the Easter Vigil.

We begin outside with the Fire and Water Ceremony in which our new Christ Candle is blessed. We then have a candlelight procession into the darkened church and hear the singing of the Exsultet. This is followed by a scriptural journey through salvation history. After the readings we have the Profession of Faith and Confirmation for the members who have been preparing this past year to come into full Communion with our faith. Please note – this is a very beautiful and rich service, and therefore, longer than other Masses.

This week ends with **Easter Sunday Masses.** A celebration of the center of our faith – Christ's Resurrection from the dead. Our Easter Sunday masses are at 8am, 10:30am and 1pm. I ask that even if you are a regular 10:30 mass attendee to consider going to the 1pm Mass just this once as the 10:30 will be very, very full.

Do you have to go to all of these services? Of course not. Should you? If you possibly can, yes! I can tell you that you will benefit spiritually from each in its own unique way. Ask God which ones you need to go to.

God Bless you and yours,
Father Ron

REMINDER: There will NOT be 9 am masses on Holy Thursday or Good Friday. There will NOT be Confessions, Exposition of the Sacrament, or Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS: Apr. 12—Apr. 20, 2025

04/12	Sat	5:00 pm	Geevamalar & Shylan Jeyandran
04/13	Sun	8:00 am	† Bill Vinson
04/13	Sun	10:30 am	For the People
04/14	Mon	9:00 am	† Ann Teller
04/15	Tues	9:00 am	† Ben Ernst
04/16	Wed	9:00 am	† Anne Katherine Krempely
04/17	Thurs	6:30 pm	HOLY THURSDAY
04/18	Fri	3 pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
04/19	Sat	5:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL OCIA CANDIDATES
04/20	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
04/20	Sun	10:30 am	For Our Country
04/20	Sun	1:00 PM	EASTER—Available

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: April 19-20 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Holy Thursday 6:30 pm	#1—Deanna B. #2—Lynn L.	Brian C
Good Friday 3 pm	N-Lilla O. V-Therese M. C-Mary O.	Brian C. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Laurie B. #2—Pat B.	Cindy H. Tim S. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Kathy L. #2—Brian C.	Kurt K. Michel M. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Holly K. #2—Henri K.	Diane H. Loyde J. Sherry J.
Sun. 1:00 pm	#1—Tina T. #2—Lynn L.	Jacky M

Last Week's General Collection	\$ 8,084.00
Online General Fund Offering	\$ 1,526.28
Building & Maintenance	\$ 4,972.00

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

FUNERALS

Judy Pinella—May 3, 2025 at 12 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Betsy Crook, Lorri Pimentel, Theresa Shanahan, 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, 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

Judy Pinella, 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.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND in 2024—woman's ring, unique. Call the office for more information.



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



LOOKING FOR CALLA LILIES!

If you have Calla Lilies that you are willing to donate for our Easter décor, please email, text, or call Cindy, cindy@holyspiritsr.org, 707.494.8797. We can arrange to go and cut them or meet you at the church.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- LENT SCRIPTURE STUDY_4/15 at 1pm
- OCIA CANDIDATES_4/16 from 7-8 pm
- BIBLE STUDY_4/23 at 7pm in Parish House
- VICTORIAN TEA_4/26
- GRIEF SHARE_05/7 AT 6 PM
- SARAH HART WOMEN'S RETREAT_5/18_12-5PM

SAVE THE DATE—SARAH HART WOMEN'S RETREAT—MAY 18TH 12-5 PM

Sarah will play at the 10:30 am mass. The retreat starts soon after mass. Lunch will be catered. Look in future bulletins for ticket sale dates!



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.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th
NOTE TIME CHANGE 6-8pm

in Church Hall—Whether your loss was recent or more distant, the feelings and challenges are the same. **Friendly, compassionate, down to earth group of people who use scripture as an anchor to make sense and find comfort in our grief.**

DIOCESE NEWS- Please visit

www.srdioocese.org/employment-opportunities to see what positions are available in our parishes and schools.

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

www.strosecatholicsschool.org. Or call for more information, 707-545-0379.