

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

He is Risen!

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EASTER SUNDAY
April 19-20, 2025

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Mon., Wed., Thurs, Fri. at 9 am
Tuesday- Communion Service

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.

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.....from the Pastor's Desk



HAPPY EASTER! A Happy Thought on a Happy Feast.

Have you ever considered that this is the only time when people, even strangers, give a spiritually based greeting? Merry Christmas is often replaced by 'Happy Holidays' and 'Happy Thanksgiving' has become a secular salutation; but so far 'Happy Easter' stands firm in its acknowledgement of what we commemorate. Even though there is more wide-spread celebration at Christmas, we are truly an Easter people.

On Christmas Day we rejoice because Christ has been born and so has become one of us. Today we rejoice because having died for us on The Cross, He has come back to us by rising from death and will live with us until the end of time – and we have the opportunity to live to the end of time – and beyond – with Him! There is no doubt that this is the high point of the church year. And we are able to celebrate together – in person! We hear the Easter story proclaimed at Mass, but, in truth, the Gospels do not explain Easter – EASTER explains the Gospels!

Belief in Christ rising for the dead is not just something we believe – it IS what we believe! If Christ had not risen, you and I would not be here today – because there would be no church. If Christ had not risen, the over one point two Billion Catholics (over 18% of the world's population!) who will go to church today, would not have an altar to approach. But, you see, Christ HAS died and Christ HAS risen, and what is more – Christ WILL come again. And when we rise with Christ – WE begin again.

Easter is a Feast of Hope. Until that first Easter morning, death had never been conquered. The world of Peter, James, and John, of Mary Magdalene and the other apostles had crumbled into dust when Jesus died on The Cross. What a transformation for them that Easter morning when they realized that he had truly risen, just as HE said.

The sun began to shine. God was indeed in Heaven and all was once again right in the world. Death had at last been beaten and Heaven's gate was once again open. In Him who rose from the dead our hope of Resurrection dawned. New life to the fullest on earth and eternal life in Heaven became a reality. This is what 'Happy Easter' means.

So, I say to you, all those you love, and all those who love you; Happy Easter!

Father Ron

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025.
We will be checking voicemail and email messages.**

Thank You Volunteers!

We appreciate your hard work and dedication to Holy Spirit! It takes a small village to keep our parish running. We could not do it without all of you!

MASS INTENTIONS: Apr. 19—Apr. 27, 2025

04/19	Sat	5:00 pm	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	For Volunteers
04/21	Mon	9:00 am	James Rockwell
04/22	Tues	9:00 am	Communion Service
04/23	Wed	9:00 am	† John & Rose Conrad
04/24	Thurs	9:00 am	† Marlas Walz
04/25	Fri	9:00 am	† Jose Lumibao
04/26	Sat	5:00 pm	Grace Gonzalez
04/27	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
04/27	Sun	10:30 am	Deceased Members of the DeSimone Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: April 26-27, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—JoAnn A.. #2—Carroll C.	Ann R. Steve R. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Brian C.	Cindy D. Robin K. Martie S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Jane G. #2—Deanna B.	Dave A. Diane K. Jacky M

Last Week's General Collection \$ 8,026.75
Online General Fund Offering \$ 1,216.38
Please write separate checks.
Thank you for your generosity!

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

LOST & FOUND

FOUND in 2024—woman's ring, unique.
Call the office for more information.
LOST 4/12—gold rosary

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, 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 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.



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.



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

Sarah will play at the 10:30 am mass.

Lunch will be at 1 pm and catered. Tickets for parish-

ioners will be available beginning April 22nd in the office for \$30 and after weekend masses beginning April 26th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- BIBLE STUDY_4/23 at 7pm in Parish House
- VICTORIAN TEA_4/26
- FIRST COMMUNIONS_5/4 at 1 pm
- GRIEF SHARE_05/7 at 6 pm
- SARAH HART WOMEN'S RETREAT_5/18 at 12-5pm
- CONFIRMATIONS_5/21 @ 6pm

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

Bible Reflections: *The Good News Journey!*

An opportunity to learn and share

APRIL 23rd—IN PARISH HOUSE

7-8 pm with Kenn Vondrak.

Reflecting on the upcoming gospel reading.



Wednesday, March 12 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 experiencing 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 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR **CARING RIDES** AND **CARING VOICES**.

If you think you'd like to volunteer in one of those roles please call [\(707\) 528-8712](tel:7075288712).

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.

WATCH OUR SATURDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE! . Search for Holy Spirit Santa Rosa or click on <https://www.youtube.com/@holyspiritcatholicchurch-3653/streams>

