

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 10-11, 2025

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.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS—May 22, 5-6 pm

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

Are you interested in helping out?

We can use help with Flower Arranging (we can teach you), Video Board, Maintenance, Helping Hands, etc. Please call or email the office.

Our Hope and Strength

The risen Christ is our shepherd. “We are his people: the sheep of his flock.” He gives us eternal life, and we shall never perish.

The risen Christ is “a light to the nations,” so that all people everywhere are renewed by the Easter event.

The poor, the hungry and the homeless stand in the presence of the risen Christ: “He will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

Abused children and the neglected elderly stand before the risen Christ: “He will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

The victims of war and torture, the masses of uprooted refugees, and the despised people of the world stand before the risen Christ: “He will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

We walk in the valley of darkness, but we fear no evil, for we follow in faith the call of the shepherd, who was “sent for our hope and strength.” *Gerald Darring*

NOW THIS FROM U.S. BISHOPS, ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL, 1986: 28

Jesus has entered our history as God's anointed son who announces the coming of God's kingdom, a kingdom of justice and peace and freedom.

And, what Jesus proclaims, he embodies in his actions. His ministry reveals that the reign of God is something more powerful than evil, injustice, and the hardness of hearts.

Through his crucifixion and resurrection, he reveals that God's love is ultimately victorious over all suffering, all horror, all meaninglessness, and even over the mystery of death.

Thus, we proclaim words of hope and assurance to all who suffer and are in need.

MASS INTENTIONS: May 10—May 18, 2025

05/10	Sat	5:00 pm	† Judy Pinella
05/11	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
05/11	Sun	10:30 am	† Teresa Catelani
05/12	Mon	9:00 am	† Fr. Bala Govindu
05/13	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
05/14	Wed	9:00 am	† Bill Vinson
05/15	Thurs	9:00 am	† Sue Lathrop
05/16	Fri	9:00 am	† Deceased members of the Conrad Family
05/17	Sat	5:00 pm	Grace Gonzalez
05/18	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
05/18	Sun	10:30 am	† Brian Milano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: May 17-18, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Laurie B. #2—Mary H.	Ann R. Steve R. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Bob A. #2—Lydia D.	Brian C. Kurt K. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—Holly K. #2—Mary Ann O.	Loyde J. Sherry J. Mike W.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 8,320
 Online General Collection \$ 1,612
 Building & Maintenance \$ 4,161

Thank You!

NEXT week's second collection is for
Catholic Home Missions.

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

Found 4/23/25—woman's gold ring.

Call the office for more information.

LOST 4/12—gold rosary

FUNERALS

Shelly Schofield ~ Fri., May 30, 2025 at 1pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Joe Turdo, Betsy Crook, Lorri Pimentel, Theresa Shanahan, Richard Vitali, Patty Ouimette, Russ Dieter, Ralph 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 Scremos, 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

Shelly Schofield, Catherine Kubo, Pope Francis, Doug Lightfoot, 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.



BAPTISM CLASS
Thursday, May 22nd
from 5-6pm

For parents who will be baptizing their child this year. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Children welcome. Call or email the office if interested. 707.539.4495—office@holyspiritSR.org



HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB

Aloha! Join Us for a
Hawaiian Brisket Dinner

Get ready for a night of delicious food, great company, and inspiring words!

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

Doors open at 6 PM Dinner served at 7PM
 Mouthwatering Hawaiian-style brisket with creamy coleslaw & roasted golden potatoes

Special Guest Speaker: A representative from the Santa Rosa Police Department

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Don't miss this night savoring the flavors of the islands and engage with our community!

Get out your Hawaiian shirts for this event.....flip flops optional



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Sarah Hart
Women's Retreat

MAY 18th — 12-5 PM

Award winning composer, Sarah Hart, presents "Re: Creation, sharing your gifts in all stages of life". Lover of music & the written word; mom & wife; sinner & daughter; friend & clueless wonder.

Sarah will play at the 10:30 am mass. Retreat begins at noon. Lunch will be at 1 pm and catered. Tickets are on sale for \$30, online, after weekend masses beginning April 26th and in the office Mon-Thur. 9:30-2:30 pm.

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>

STUDY OF THE CREED
REV. MOSES BROWN

Explore the foundations of our Catholic faith.

THE COURSE

Join us for a nine-week study of the Nicene Creed using Bishop Barron's book "What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed." Led by Rev. Samuel Moses Brown, this series offers a deep and meaningful exploration of the core truths of the Catholic faith.

CLASSES 6:00-6:45PM
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. EUGENE

June 19, 26
July 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21

COST: \$10 (INCLUDES BOOK)
 Please call the Cathedral Office to sign up. 707.542.6984



VBS at St. Eugene's

July 21st-25th

In the Becker Center

from 9-12:00

****Sign ups will began in May**
for students grades K-5th..

If you can volunteer, contact
 Anna DeLaney (707) 539-5185.

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.

Mother's Day Prayers

July will mark my eleventh year here. I have prayed, cried, laughed and rejoiced with many of you. I have seen you in great sorrow and great joy. I implored the Lord for what have asked.

What follows here flows from those requests, concerns and often time, tears, as well as those from previous parishes and ministries through the years. We don't always have words to say when our hearts are breaking or our patience worn thin.

These prayers may be shared with anyone you wish or kept for the time in your life when you are hard-pressed to find the right words to pray.

These prayers are offered in the spirit of our common experience - every one of us has been borne by a mother. Our mothers may be part of our everyday lives or live far away. Perhaps our communications are strained. Maybe our mother is no longer living. We may know of a young mother, living in the chaos of a newborn, who needs our prayers. Or one who lives in the darkness of dementia.

These prayers – your prayers - from the heart are offered for mothers here and everywhere.

Prayer of a Mother concerned about her adult children

As I turn to you, Lord, my heart is troubled. You know the journey that brought my children to where they are today. I am so sorry if my husband or I might have done wrong, Lord. Our children don't seem to practice the faith we tried to hand on to them. Their values are so different from ours. It breaks my heart to see them passing those same values on to their children, my grandchildren.

Oh, Lord, I place them in your hands. I surrender the judgments and anger that can fill me. I know that, at times, in my frustration and desire to help them, I have pushed them farther away. Give me the graces I need to change my heart. Fill me with your mercy and forgiveness for my sins so that I might grow in the ability to forgive and embrace my kids with compassionate love. Let me be a healer of wounds, rather than a wounder. Let me build bridges of understanding. I know that is the only way I will be able, with your grace, to heal our relationship.

Father of Love, help my kids grow in gratitude to you. Help them to find you in their busy lives. Help me to affirm them and support them with love, that they might recognize authentic faith and love, and turn to you in their time of need. Thank you, Lord. Thank you.

Prayer for a Single Mother

Dear God, she seems to bear the weight of the world on her shoulders, but to carry it more lightly than I think I would. I see her balancing work and home, money and no money, friends who no longer make time to see her, and I send up a prayer for her. Her old friends have moved on with their lives, and in truth, she doesn't have much in common with them anymore. She is lonely, loving God. She would like company but doesn't want to make time for new relationships because her waking hours are already full: she is a mother. She walks when gas is too expensive for the car and forgoes new clothes so her child can have shoes. This is not how her life started out, but circumstances changed from her life of privilege to this life she embraces so fully. Her life is difficult and she seems so tired much of the time, but I am inspired by the love she has for her child.

Give her the strength to put in long hours each day; the courage to face those who dismiss her with blaming and knowing nods; the ability to maintain her loving life at home; and the deepest knowledge in her heart that you love her.

For Working Mothers

My Loving Creator, You know how really tired I am. On days when things are really frantic, I consider how you made the world in seven days -- and then I try to remember that you aren't asking me to re-create that feat. Please help me to remain a loving mother to my children and to keep some balance in my life. Help me to remember that you are with me in every packed hour of every day. As I am finishing a work project or planning dinner or buying the kids shoes, (sometimes all at the same time) help me to remember your loving care for me and let me sometimes stop for a moment and just wallow in that.

Most of all, my caring Father, let me remember to ask for help and to rely on you for strength when I have none left; for patience when mine is so often gone; and for the wisdom and endless well of compassion and love I need in my job as mother.

Prayer for a Birth Mother, from an Adoptive Mother

Please, God, bless the life of this courageous woman. She gave me the great gift of motherhood, and I can imagine the cost to her: an empty spot in her own heart where this child we somehow share, will always abide. Bless her life, dear Lord. Give her an abundance of happiness and love and family. Please let her feel the prayers we have for her on each birthday of our child, each Mother's Day. We think of her with reverence and love and inexpressible gratitude.

For a Mother with Alzheimer's Disease

"Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my entire will... Give me only your love and your grace and that is enough for me." Ignatius of Loyola

Loving God, Please bless every mother who has Alzheimer's disease. She was with us children as we learned to walk -- Guide her uncertain steps today as her balance fails her. She taught us to cross streets and be safe-- Help her not to get lost, even in her familiar surroundings.

She held us close in the terrors of the darkest nightmares -- May she not be frightened today by the reality of her life, which is strange and totally out of her control. She cooked thousands of meals over decades of time -- Please allow her to accept the caring hand that now feeds her. She changed diapers, Lord, and served you each time she did -- Please give her now the humility and grace to be served in this way.

Loving God, the familiar eyes of my mother now respond with a blank stare. She is unable to carry on a conversation, to ask about her family or to serve in the central role she has in our family.

Help her accept the surrender of her life these days. Open her prayerful heart and fading mind to be aware of your presence with her, perhaps now closer than ever. Give us, her family, the patience, courage and acceptance to love her as she is and to support her in her daily needs.

For a Mother who has died

Dear Lord, relying on your promises to us, I turn to you in trust that my mother is with you and that she is enjoying your loving embrace. You alone know how she loved the best she could and how she faithfully endured the struggles that she faced. You know the graces you gave her and you know the grace she was for me and for so many. For all the ways she truly loved the way you loved her, please reward her, Lord. May she enjoy the communion of all her family and friends who are with you.

Lord, I know my mother still loves us who are still here on earth. I ask You that you might listen to her fervent prayers for us. Help me to grow into a new and deeper relationship with my mother now, as I long for the day when we will both meet in Your embrace - freed from all that might have hindered our relationship on earth, knowing and understanding everything we did not know or understand on this earth. I ask you this with faith in the resurrection, trusting my mother's love, and desiring that she know my love for her. Amen.

I wish for you a most blessed Mother's Day. Father Ron