

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 17-18, 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](http://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.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 17-18 2025

## *... From Your Pastor's Desk*

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*

A theme of today's Mass is Love – a subject that is so easy to write badly about, so hard to write well about. There exists a tendency in all of us to place love (and all the things that challenge us) at a distance. We place them at a distance (1) in time, or (2) in place.

1. It seems we are always willing to postpone good things, someone said, but bad things we do right away. We tend to postpone faith, hope and love: to put them over the horizon and into the future. But fear, greed and anger we attend to at once. Love is one of the good things: the very best, St Paul said (*"the greatest of these is love."* 1 Cor. 13:13). And yet we tend to postpone it. How many times have we wished we had told someone we loved them before it was too late - too many? Somewhere deep in us there is the wisdom to know that love is for now or never.

2. And it is easy to love people who are at a safe distance. When I love I make myself vulnerable, and if I am afraid of that - I won't love. I will dream and sentimentalize instead. *"But sure, a body's bound to be a dreamer / When all the things he loves are far away,"* said the words of an old Celtic song whose title and author escape me at the moment. Ah, if only we could do the good things now, and postpone the bad things! What a world it would be if our love were as quick and as warm and as long-lasting as our hate. A wise man said a startling thing to me once: *"There's no future!"* I thought he was expressing despair about the country or the modern world.... But he didn't seem at all a despairing kind of person; quite the contrary. *"There's no future,"* he repeated cheerfully. *"The future exists only in your head, nowhere else. It is only an idea. So don't tell me what you're going to do in the future. Tell me what you're doing now."*

Hmmm – healthy food for thought. Who am I? What am I? The answer to those two ponderous questions is actually quite easy: **I am what I'm doing now.** If I don't love the people and the things around me now, I am not a loving person and I can have nothing to say about love. We don't say, *"Give us tomorrow our daily bread."* We want real bread, not an idea of bread. Real things are for now. And God, too, is for now. If I don't love now, I know nothing about God. *"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love,"* wrote St John (1 John 4:8).

Love is not a Black Orchid or a Lily of The Valley. It is not an expensive rare-bloom reserved only for the most special of occasions. It is more something ordinary and familiar, like a dandelion – whose seed-bearing parachutes sail on the wind where they will- where God needs them to land. So, it is with our love - our love for God and for each other. It is for everyday use, not just for Sundays.

That being said – please do not bring your loved one a bouquet of dandelions for your next anniversary because Father Ron said so!

With much Love,  
*Father Ron*

## MASS INTENTIONS: May 17—May 25, 2025

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
05/19	Mon	9:00 am	
05/20	Tue	9:00 am	†Dr FV & †Shirley Desimone
05/21	Wed	9:00 am	† Dr. William Serban
<b>05/21</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Confirmandi</b>
05/22	Thurs	9:00 am	† Catherine Kubo
05/23	Fri	9:00 am	†Thomas Mautner
05/24	Sat	5:00 pm	† Joan Conrad
05/25	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
05/25	Sun	10:30 am	† Derek Turdo

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: May 24-25, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1—Carole R. #2—Pat B.	Shirley S. Tim S. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1—Michael W. #2—Henri K.	Bob A. Cindy D. Martie S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1—John M. #2—Mary L.	Michelle D. Diane H. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,324  
Online General Collection \$ 1,533

**Thank You!**

This week's second collection is for  
Catholic Home Missions.  
Please write separate checks.

**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.

**Please welcome**  
**Bishop Most Rev. Robert F. Vasa**  
and pray for our **Confirmandi**



whom he will Confirm on  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

<b>Marika</b>	<b>Veronica</b>	<b>Esperanza</b>
<b>Carlos</b>	<b>Brynn</b>	<b>Martin</b>
<b>Onario</b>	<b>Emma</b>	<b>Elise</b>
<b>Jonathan</b>	<b>Kaitlyn</b>	<b>Leslie</b>
<b>Paloma</b>	<b>Andrew</b>	<b>Orlando</b>
<b>Armand</b>	<b>Andrea</b>	<b>Cassandra</b>

## FUNERALS

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

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

Joe Turdo, Betsy Crook, Lorri Pimentel, Theresa Shanahan, Richard Vitali, Russ Dieter, Ralph Sobieski, Brenda L. Winters, Francis Dolan, Scott Humble, MaryEllen Friesen, Diane Drew, John Scott, Jessica Berlo, Renee Ralls, Mickey Smith, 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

Shelly Schofield, Catherine Kubo, Pope Francis, Sharon Larrance, 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,

*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**  
**in Church from 5-6pm**  
**For parents who will**  
**be baptizing their**  
**child(ren) this year.**

**Godparents are encouraged to attend. You may bring your infant, too, if childcare is unavailable.**

**Call or email the office if interested.**  
**707.539.4495—office@holyspiritSR.org**

**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



**HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB**  
**Man of the Year Award**  
**Election & Installation**  
**of Officers**

*All Adults Welcome!* **June 10, 2025**

**Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm**

**Wonderful Prime Rib Dinner & Fixings**

*Limited to 100 tickets. \$25 per person.*

**Tickets go on sale after mass 5/31**  
**or call Loyde Johnson 707.921.9292.**



Congratulations to   
**Peggy Boito**

Holy Spirit Women's Group  
**Woman of the Year!**  


*Save the Date:*  
 October 11, 2025 for the Diocesan Event



**We Welcome**  
**Award winning**  
**composer**

*Sarah Hart*

*presenting her Women's Retreat*

"Re: Creation, sharing your gifts in  
 all stages of life".

**MAY 18th — 12-5 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>



VBS at St. Eugene's  
 July 21st-25th  
 In the Becker Center  
 from 9-12:00

**\*\*Sign ups began in May**  
**for students grades K-5.**  
 If you can volunteer, contact  
 Anna DeLaney (707) 539-5185.

**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.**