

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH IS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED OUT OF RESPECT.**

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**January 17-18, 2026**

## 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** Visit us at [www.holyspirit-sr.org](http://www.holyspirit-sr.org)

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

**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.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 17-18, 2026

... *From your Pastor's Desk*

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King Jr. To some reading this, these names bring back memories of personal experiences during the turbulent times of the sixties and seventies; the start of the Civil Rights Movement, the Catholic Worker Houses and the beginning of the changes that are still in process today to make this country one of equality for all people. Note: *Still in Process*. To those that weren't born yet these names might as well be Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Tubman: great historical figures all. We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Many, like Jesus Himself, shedding their blood for the good of others, for the good of all. Let them and their work not be forgotten. Let us also not delegate Jesus as merely a great historical figure.



**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness:  
only light can do that. Hate cannot  
drive out hate: only love can do that."**

Tomorrow, January 19th, the United States of America celebrates the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929 - 1968). He led millions of people in a non-violent movement to bring an end to the segregation of races in the United States. Martin was not alone in his non-violent stance. Throughout history men and woman have stood against the hateful '*subjectification*' of people due to race, creed, or place of origin. Many have died for this cause. Many more will.

We are all tragically made aware of how violent our world has become, indeed our own nation. The horrific, vicious shootings and bombings of recent memory will resonate for years to come and sadly, yet hopefully, serve as a reminder that the work begun by such men as Martin Luther King Jr., is never done.

His words eloquently express his passion and faith: "*You ought to believe something in life, believe that thing so fervently that you will stand up with it till the end of your days...*" He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

We pray in **thanksgiving** for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. His was indeed a prophetic voice. Was he perfect? No. Did he have flaws? As do we all. As did all the saints and martyrs. Which is why we humbly ask the God of Justice to help us **reflect** on ways in which we can live our lives – as Jesus did and Martin Luther King Jr. did and as did so many throughout time who stood up for others – so that we may become enthused with a thirst for justice for all women and men.....in all cultures and in all nations.

Let us **resolve** today to make 2026 a more 'just' year in our own parish and community **because** of our own words and deeds.

We ask the God of Mercy to help us so that we may live justly and compassionately in our families, our places of work, our places of recreation, our places of worship, and in **all** our actions.

We **fervently ask** this, Lord, in the name of your Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the guiding witness and light for Martin Luther King, Jr., and his followers.

Tomorrow is a National Holiday. Use the day wisely. Join those who pray for peace and an end to all violence.

*Father Ron*

## MASS INTENTIONS: January 17-25, 2026

01/17	Sat	5:00 pm	Elly Manfredi's Bday
01/18	Sun	8:00 am	For The People
01/18	Sun	10:30 am	† Gerri Asti
01/19	Mon	9:00 am	Helen Ripple
01/20	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
01/21	Wed	9:00 am	Angie Vera
01/22	Thurs	9:00 am	Communion Service
01/23	Fri	9:00 am	† Jacob Busienei
01/24	Sat	5:00 pm	† Daniel Sullivan
01/25	Sun	8:00 am	† James Kaiser
01/25	Sun	10:30 am	For The People

# God is Love

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

The Bowker Family, Danny Ruckman, Cindi Doell, Deb Stucke, Joanne Landen, Jordyn P. (infant), Richard LaRussa, Tristan Humble, Patricia Crook, LuAnn Capps, Wayne LaVelle, Larry Kubo, Yolanda Farias, Marie Mahoney, Gary Mahoney, Diana Rives, Charles Marchese, Mollie Nichols, Roland Thibault, John Guth, Eliana Pavlicka, Ellie Steffens, John May, Janice Wright, Joe Turdo, Russ Dieter, Ralph Sobieski, Francis Dolan, Scott Humble, John Scott, Jessica Berlo, Renee Ralls, Mickey Smith, Rose-Ann Saporita, Juan Scott, Charlene Abayon, Gerri Peterson, Carlos Perez, Donna McMullen, Mike Murray, Nancy Cusack, Greg Macy, Gabriella Ibarra, John McHugh, Nancy Carrey, Marion Fairbank, Tim Coyne, John Scrempo, Cecelia Bautista, Bob Spalding, Donald Brent, Marlene Knivila, Jenny Lemp, and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: January 24-25

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Ed R. #2— Deanna B.	Cheryl D. Ann R. Steve R.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Bob A. #2— Kathy L.	Rita B. Donna K. Kurt K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Mary L. #2— Therese M.	Loyde J. Sherry J. John L.

## FOR THE SOULS

Mike Cusack, Erma DeSimone, Julie Caruso, Karen Panoski, Benjamin and Jessica Stone, Horst Tilsch, Louis Capuano, Richard Vitali, Mike Largent, Eileen Poggi, Roger Provey Jr., Dale Hands, Barbara Bardella, Diane Drew, Charlene McDaniel, Peg Devine, Cecelia Hurst, Josephine Battaglia, Bernice Rogers, Elizabeth Olsen, Larry Bancroft, John Vander Vennet, Frank Moreda, Gary Meagher, MaryEllen Friesen, Gail Flatt, Jim Murray, Laura Pontes, Jacob Busienei, Shelly Schofield, Catherine Kubo, Pope Francis, Sharon Larrance, Doug Lightfoot, Judy Pinella, Andrew Gonzalez.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 9,073  
Online General Collection \$ 2,010

## **Thank You!**

This week's second collection is for our the Church in Latin America.  
Please write separate checks.

**ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS:** *Our online giving options have expanded to include Venmo, ApplePay, Paypal, & Stock/Crypto. Visit our website at [www.holyspirit-sr.org](http://www.holyspirit-sr.org).*

**LOST AND FOUND** **LOST**—gold earring with pearl. **FOUND KEYS** with leather tag. **FOUND EARRING**—an silver and turquoise earring. **FOUND FOB KEY.** Call the office at 707.539.4495. For other items, check the small table at the back of church.



*Please call the office if you wish to add, remove 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.*



## UPCOMING

- JUSTICE & SERVICE—MON., JAN 19 @ 6:30 PM
- SCRIPTURE STUDY TUESDAYS, JAN 20 @ 1 PM
- OCIA—WED. JAN 21 @ 7:30-8:30 PM
- PASSIONATE POLENTA—FRIDAY, JAN 23rd
- GRIEF SUPPORT—WED. FEB. 4th, 2-4 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>



## JOIN OUR RIVETING CONVERSATION ON SCRIPTURE!

An academic reflection on the upcoming Gospels. Led by Matt Conley, DRE

**Weekly Tuesdays 1-2:30 pm**

**Drop ins are welcome!**

*Enter through the office.*



## Justice & Service In Community

**JAN. 19th 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Third Mondays of the Month**

*Cornerstone Room in the Parish*



## OCIA/RCIA 7:30-8:30 pm

**Usually First and Third Wednesdays**

*In the Church. Led by Matt Conley, DRE.*

Consider attending if you are interested in becoming Catholic, are an unconfirmed adult, or would like more information about your Catholic faith. Topics vary.



## ICF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Italian Catholic Federation is offering \$500 scholarships to high school graduates, Class of 2026. You are eligible if you are a Catholic, have a 3.20 GPA and any Italian ancestry. To receive an application, visit our website: [www.ICF.org](http://www.ICF.org) or call (888) ICF-1924.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

Holy Spirit Parish cares about the safety of all who visit our facilities and participate in our programs. We are forming a Safety Committee to meet periodically to review federal, state, and Diocesan compliance, inspect for hazards, and update preparedness plans. Initially the meetings should be quarterly and then as needed but at least once a year. We need people who are knowledgeable about fire safety, disaster preparedness, health safety, and violence prevention to participate in this committee. If you are interested, please contact Dcn John at [jstorm@srdiocese.org](mailto:jstorm@srdiocese.org) or (707) 479-5424.

## PASSIONATE POLENTA

**HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB  
"PASSIONATE POLENTA"**

**Holy Spirit Hall**

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**Doors open 6 PM,**

**Dinner served @ 7 PM**

**Everyone is invited!**

**\$30.00 per person.**

***Polenta, stew, salad, garlic bread. No Host Full Bar.***

**Tickets on sale after mass.**

**NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR.**

**Limited to 150 People**

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