

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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January 31—February 1, 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.

... From your Pastor's Desk

## Seek The Lord

At the very beginning of this day's readings, we are told to seek the Lord. And then, gratefully, we are told how to do that. Both readings, the psalm and the Gospel, all come together to give a definition of how to seek the Lord. We seek the Lord by seeking justice and righteousness, by seeking peace, by seeking humility. This we know. This we have heard every year when the Gospel is about the 'Beatitudes'.

But, the Beatitudes can seem sort of oxymoronic. How will the meek lead? Leadership usually comes to the bold. We see injustice around us every day. How are those who hunger for justice satisfied? Where is the comfort for the mourning? I know I continue to mourn. I am in mourning now as I write this over the recent death of a parishioner.

In a perfect world, people would treat each other decently. A perfect world would be at peace, and justice would prevail. Unfortunately, this world is not perfect. God chose the foolish to shame the wise, the weak to shame the strong, but not everyone understands that. Jesus was born poor, went against the standard norms of the time and the government. Did not seem to have the stuff to be a leader, but he was the greatest leader. And still people did not and do not understand him and his message.

The way to seek the Lord is to seek justice like he did, to seek righteousness like he did, to seek peace like he did. Unfortunately, even he did not get justice and righteousness and peace here on earth. He took the form of the lowly to shame the higher-ups, but they didn't understand. Many still don't understand—Too many.

We have to seek for justice and righteousness and peace, even if we don't get it. We need to do the right thing, even if we don't get what's right in return. We are blessed who show mercy, who seek for justice, who are humble and helpful. Our blessings come from knowing we are acting appropriately. Even if we suffer for our actions here, our rewards will be great in heaven. And if our recompense is not in this imperfect world, it will be in the next perfect one. But our motivation is not just for our eternal reward – it is for our brothers and sister – here and now!

*Father Ron*

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was give weakness  
that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy my life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for,  
but everything I had hoped for.  
I am among men, most richly blessed.

(by an anonymous Confederate Soldier)

AMEN



## MASS INTENTIONS: January 31-Feb. 1, 2026

|       |       |          |                          |
|-------|-------|----------|--------------------------|
| 01/31 | Sat   | 5:00 pm  | † Lorane Tavlian         |
| 02/01 | Sun   | 8:00 am  | † Ken Nelson             |
| 02/01 | Sun   | 10:30 am | For The People           |
| 02/02 | Mon   | 9:00 am  | † Gerri Asti             |
| 02/03 | Tue   | 9:00 am  | <i>Communion Service</i> |
| 02/04 | Wed   | 9:00 am  | Sue Dacharia             |
| 02/05 | Thurs | 9:00 am  | Robert Hurstak           |
| 02/06 | Fri   | 9:00 am  | † Doretta Nelson         |
| 02/07 | Sat   | 9:00 am  | For The People           |
| 02/07 | Sat   | 5:00 pm  | † Jessie Benedict        |
| 02/08 | Sun   | 8:00 am  | Cindy Dowgewicz-Hordyk   |
| 02/08 | Sun   | 10:30 am | For The People           |

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: February 7-8

| Mass            | Lectors                        | Eucharistic Min.                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat.<br>5:00 pm | #1— Carole R.<br>#2— JoAnn A.  | Carla A.<br>Jerry A.<br>Kathy S.      |
| Sun.<br>8:00 am | #1— Michael W.<br>#2— Kathy L. | Pauline B.<br>Rita B.<br>Elizabeth M. |
| Sun.<br>10:30am | #1— John M.<br>#2— Karen S.    | John S.<br>Mike W.<br>Jolon W.        |

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,028  
Online General Collection \$ 1,833

## **Thank You!**

This week's second collection is for our Building & Maintenance Fund. Please write separate checks.

**2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE BEING MAILED OUT THIS MONTH.** Please call if you have any questions: 707.539.4495.

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## FUNERALS

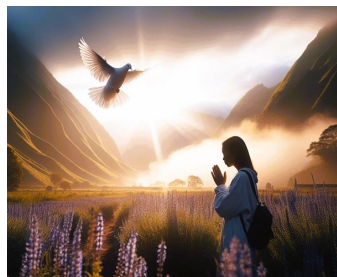
Mike Cusack ~ February 7, 2026 at 11 am

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

Sister Noreen Duffy CSJ, Betsy Crook, Manuel Martinez, The Bowker Family, Danny Ruckman, Cindi Doell, Deb Stucke, Joanne Landen, Jordyn P. (infant), Richard LaRussa, Tristan Humble, LuAnn Capps, 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, 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.

## FOR THE SOULS

John Scott, Patricia Crook, Millie Jaskola, 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.



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

SCRIPTURE STUDY TUESDAYS, FEB. 3 @ 1 PM  
 GRIEF SUPPORT—WED. FEB. 4th, 2-3:30 pm  
 OCIA—WED. FEB. 4th @ 7:30-8:30 PM  
 THE CHOSEN—THURSDAY, FEB. 12th at 1 pm  
 WOMEN'S CLUB SOUP SOCKS BINGO—FEB. 12

## Grief Support Group

Feelings are difficult. They can catch us off guard, especially if they revolve around grief. Whether our loss was recent or more distant, the feelings and challenges are the same. The Holy Spirit Grief Group is a group of friendly, compassionate, down to earth people who use Scripture as an anchor to make sense and find comfort in our grief.

Feel free to drop by and check us out. **We will meet on Wednesday, February 4 from 2-3:30 p.m.**

at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 1244 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa. For further information, call Deanna Bowers at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

**HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB INVITES YOU!**

**Soup, Socks and BINGO!**

**Thursday, February 12th  
at 6:00 pm.**



Tickets are \$30 which includes dinner, 2 drink tickets and 1 BINGO card.

**Please bring new socks for children, women or men.**



All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities.

Any questions, please contact Angela Provisor, 310-498-9444

## ***JUSTICE AND SERVICE MOVE-IN BOXES***

Thank you everyone for your enthusiastic response to last week's Justice and Service Update and the call for donations for the move-in boxes!

**Announcements and sign-ups for donations and volunteer opportunities will be available the weekend of Feb 7th and 8th.**

Specific drop off dates and logistical information will be explained and posted then.

The preliminary response has been amazing and is a true testament to the heart and mission of the members of Holy Spirit. We are eager to begin this process but need to introduce and conduct the implementation in a very organized manner. Thank you for your inspired response to the call for charity. We are overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude and humbled by your eagerness to serve the most vulnerable members of our community. God bless you all from the Justice and Service Ministry of Holy Spirit.



**Fans of The Chosen: Season 5, The Last Supper --**  
The events from Palm

Sunday through Judas' betrayal are the events depicted in Season 5 of The Chosen. We will present the episodes and the Bible Roundtable analysis on **Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room in the parish house starting February 12, 2026 through Lent.** There is no cost. Walk-ins welcome. Call the office 707.539.4495 if you have any questions.

## **JOIN OUR RIVETING CONVERSATION ON SCRIPTURE!**

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

**Weekly Tuesdays 1-2:30 pm  
(no class on 2/17 or 3/17)**

**Drop ins are welcome!**  
*Enter through the office.*

