

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**February 21-22, 2026**

## LENT MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Lent Weekday Masses** at 9 am and  
**Every Wednesday** (beginning March 4th)  
at 6:30 p.m. also

**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.

# First Sunday of Lent ~ February 21-22, 2026

## “Where have all the Flowers gone?”

A few years ago, it used to be fashionable at this time of the year in certain circles to say to people “*Have a happy Lent!*” I still do it. But I hope it does not overshadow the penitential season of Lent or make it sound just like Easter season which really is the proper liturgical time for great rejoicing.

I suppose this greeting finds its origin in the Preface for the First Sunday of Lent which said “*each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Pascal Mystery with mind and hearts renewed.*” However, the new translation of the mass, which we started using 15 years ago, puts it this way: “*each year your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure.*” Aha!

This makes things much clearer, it stresses that Lent is principally a time of purification. It is not the ‘season’ that is joyful but the fact that it leads us to purify our lives. The joy that is referred to is more serenity than pleasure. It is the serenity that comes from having kept a good Lent, having borne the hardships of penance and fasting and having put quite a bit of extra effort into our prayer lives.

We need to be attentive to the fact that the liturgy (Mass) has various moods and specific emphases for each liturgical season. This is why instrumental music, and sung music in general, is at a minimum and there are no flowers or plants in church. This is why we wear the solemn color purple. This is why we have devotions like the Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross offered for your edification. This is why we pray, fast, and give alms during this time more than other Seasons of the Church Year. The idea is to express the very different emotions of sorrow, praise and profound devotion – in harmony.

So, Lent is a penitential season, but that does not make it a miserable season. There is joy in it but it is a sober joy, a restrained serenity that comes from being faithful to the traditional Lenten penances which are undertaken to unite ourselves to the sufferings of Jesus. It is a repentant season but is moderated by the knowledge that Christ has won the victory and paid the price of our redemption.

Keep Lent well,

*Father Ron*

**Little Black  
Lent Books  
are available.**

### WHOLE PARISH LENT EVENT



*Join us as we explore the  
true meaning of Lent.*

**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25T@ 6—7:30 PM**

This is an evening of prayer and reflection for all ages. We will be exploring the three Pillars of Lent of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving/ Service to help us all to walk our own Lenten Journeys to emerge as a better person of Faith as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey together as one church.

## MASS INTENTIONS: Feb. 21–Mar. 1, 2026

02/21	Sat	5:00 pm	Elly Manfredi
02/22	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
02/22	Sun	10:30 am	Donna & Don Forst
02/23	Mon	9:00 am	Michelle Davis
02/24	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
02/25	Wed	9:00 am	Michel Martin
02/26	Thurs	9:00 am	Shelene Connolly
02/27	Fri	9:00 am	† Carmen P. Leon Guerrero
02/28	Sat	5:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Jacob Family
03/01	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
03/01	Sun	10:30 am	† Daniel & Lillian Sullivan

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Feb. 28—Mar. 1

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Pat B. #2— Kaity K.	Cheryl D. Shirley S. Tim S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Kathy L. #2— Mary H.	Bob A. Brian C. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Lilla O. #2— Mary Ann O	Loyde J. Sherry J. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,544  
 Online General Collection \$ 2,806  
 Religious Education Collection \$ 2,664

***Thank You!***

This week's second collection  
 is for our Central and Eastern Europe.  
 Please write separate checks.

**2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS WERE  
 MAILED OUT IN JANUARY.** Please call  
 if you have any questions: 707.539.4495.

**ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS:** Our online giving  
 options have expanded to include Venmo,  
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## FUNERALS

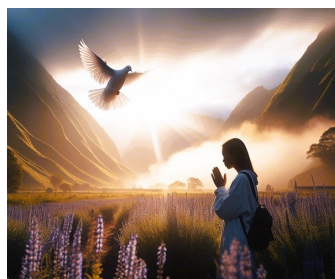
Bob Crozier ~ February 28, 2026 at 11 am  
 Emilio Ricci ~ March 5, 2026 at 11 am  
 Bob & Barbara Spaulding ~ May 2 at 11 am

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

Suzanne Borgert, Sister Noreen Duffy CSJ,  
 Betsy Crook, Manuel Martinez, 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, Jenny Lemp,  
 and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

## FOR THE SOULS

Jim Coddling, Emilio Ricci, Rhio Reigh, Bob  
 Spalding, Bob Crozier, 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.



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. 24 @ 1 PM  
 THE CHOSEN—THURSDAYS at 1 PM  
 HOLY HR/CONFESSIONS—FRIDAYS 2-3PM  
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS—FRIDAYS 3 PM  
 JUSTICE & SERVICE—NEW—FEB. 23rd at 7 PM  
 WHOLE PARISH LENT EVENT—FEB. 25th at 6 PM  
 MOVE IN BOX DROPOFF—*AFTER MASS ON  
 FEB. 28 AND AFTER MASSES MAR. 1st until 2 PM*  
 GRIEF SUPPORT—WED. MAR. 4th, 2-3:30 PM  
 LENT WEDNESDAYS MASS—MAR. 4th, 6:30 PM  
 OCIA—MAR. 4th , 7:30-8:30 PM  
 ST. PATRICK'S DINNER—SUNDAY, MAR. 15

**JUSTICE AND SERVICE MOVE-IN BOXES**  
*for Labbath Landing residents*  
**SIGN UPS FOR NEW AND LIKE NEW**  
DONATIONS ARE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.  
*WE WILL HAVE A DRIVE THRU DROP OFF*  
*IN FRONT OF THE GARAGE ON SATURDAY,*  
*FEB. 28TH AFTER 5 PM MASS AND*  
*SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST AFTER MASSES*  
*AND LASTING UNTIL 2 PM.*  
 Contact: Matt Conley, matt@holyspiritSR.org  
 707.539.4495 ext. 8



**Justice & Service**  
**In Community**  
**NEW DATE & TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 23 at 7:00 pm**  
*Cornerstone Room in the Parish*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**  
**Corned Beef & Cabbage**

Doors open 6 PM  
 \$35 Dinner, \$5 cocktails

Adults only—LIMITED NUMBER ATTENDEES  
Tickets on sale after Masses beginning  
2/28/26. No ticket sales at the door!!  
 Contact: JOHN CARUSO 707-696-1279

**IN GRATITUDE**  
 Thank You so much to everyone who helped make the Memorial Mass for my husband, Michael, such a beautiful and meaningful tribute. Your kindness, support, prayers, and presence meant the world to me and my family during this difficult time.

- \* To Fr. Ron who celebrated the Mass with such grace and care.
- \* To Francis and the Choir whose songs lifted our hearts.
- \* To Cindy Dowgewicz-Hordyk who served and prepared the altar flowers.
- \* To the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.
- \* To Lorri Pimentel for all her help in preparing the Memorial Mass.
- \* To the Men's Club and the Women's Club, who provided the food and tables for the gathering after, where we could share stories and feel surrounded by love.
- \* To those who sent flowers and offered condolences.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your love and compassion comforted me. Michael always said the best part of life are the people. You proved him right once again. May God bless each of you abundantly for your loving care.

With love and with deepest gratitude,  
*Nancy Cusack*



**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 through Lent.** There is no cost. Walk-ins welcome. Call the office 707.539.4495 if you have any questions.

**The Holy Spirit Women's Club is seeking a few more table hostesses for the Victorian Tea on April 18th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Angela Provisor at 310-498-9444.**