

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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March 7-8, 2026

LENT MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Lent Weekday Masses at 9 am and
Every Wednesday during Lent

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
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.

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 7-8, 2026

... From your Pastor's Desk

The Gospel Reading tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time.

Jesus has sent His disciples off for food, and He is sitting at a well when she comes to draw water. There is every reason why He should not talk to her at all.

First, she is a woman. It is only the disciples' awe of Jesus that keeps them from asking Him what He thought He was doing when they return and find Him talking to her without even a chaperone by her.

Secondly, she is a Samaritan. As she herself points out to Him, Jews don't talk to Samaritans. Samaritans are self-made outcasts from the Jewish point of view, and self-respecting Jews stay away from them.

And, thirdly, this Samaritan has the sort of history that makes women pariahs even in their home communities. Jesus knows her status, and He lets her know He does. She has had five husbands—five husbands!—and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of our own day, this sort of history would make people look askance at her. In her village she is undoubtedly a shamed person.

So, in the perspective of that time and place, she's a worthless person, is she not? What Jew or Samaritan would want to invite her to lunch?

But, you might be thinking, the Savior of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, you might be supposing, or He could at least offer her some other kind of pastoral help.

But He doesn't, does He? **No, He asks her to help Him!** He opens the conversation with her by asking her to give Him a drink.

And then look at how this story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her.

She is not worthless then, is she? No, then she takes her rightful place among the apostles. The evangelization of her village is her accomplishment.

And so when Jesus asks her to care for Him, He starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle to her village.

The remedy of love for human worthlessness is modeled for us here, isn't it?

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS: March 7—15, 2026

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| 03/07 | Sat | 9:00 am | For the People |
| 03/07 | Sat | 5:00 pm | † Mike Miller |
| 03/08 | Sun | 8:00 am | For the People |
| 03/08 | Sun | 10:30 am | † Benjamin Avery Stone & Jessica Rose Stone |
| 03/09 | Mon | 9:00 am | † Jerry Williams |
| 03/10 | Tue | 9:00 am | † Jerry Williams |
| 03/11 | Wed | 9:00 am | † Emilio Ricci |
| 03/11 | Wed | 6:30 pm | For the People |
| 03/12 | Thurs | 9:00 am | † David Manders |
| 03/13 | Fri | 9:00 am | † Andrew Gonzalez |
| 03/14 | Sat | 5:00 pm | Dianne Foster |
| 03/15 | Sun | 8:00 am | For the People |
| 03/15 | Sun | 10:30 am | Lorri Pimentel |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: March 14—15

| Mass | Lectors | Eucharistic Min. |
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| Sat. 5:00 pm | #1— JoAnn A, #2— Carole R. | Ann R. Steve R. Arlene S. |
| Sun. 8:00 am | #1— Mary H. #2— Kathy L. | Brian C. Donna K. Sandy S. |
| Sun. 10:30am | #1— Loyde J. #2— Tina T. | Diane H. Sherry J. Jacky M. |

Last Week's General Collection \$ 8,759
 Online General Collection \$ 2,577
 Building & Maintenance \$ 4,724

Thank You!

Next week's second collection
 is for Catholic Relief Services
 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.*

FUNERALS

Bob & Barbara Spaulding ~ May 2 at 11 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

H. Vincent McNally, 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

Don Linch, Jerry Williams, 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 1PM CANCELED 3/10 & 3/17
- THE CHOSEN—THURSDAYS at 1 PM
- HOLY HR/CONFESSIONS—FRIDAYS 2-3PM
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS—FRIDAYS 3 PM
- LENT WEDNESDAYS MASS—6:30 PM
- ST. PATRICK'S DINNER SOLD OUT
—SUNDAY, MAR. 15 doors open at 6PM
- OCIA—CANCELED 3/18 7:30-8:30 PM
- JUSTICE & SERVICE—3/30 at 6:30 PM
- GRIEF SUPPORT—WED. APRIL 1st, 2-3:30 PM



Justice & Service In Community

MONDAY,

MARCH 30th at 6:30 pm

Cornerstone Room in the Parish

PRACTICAL LENT ALMSGIVING:

St Vincent de Paul Society district operates the SVdP "Commons" at 2400 Mendocino Ave. We serve 51 previously homeless residents. we volunteer to prepare and serve a simple dinner for these deeply appreciative residents. If you feel the Spirit nudging you to help: prepare - or serve - or donate - a meal during Lent, kindly contact volunteer coordinator AlanKarbousky@yahoo.com or 707.889.1220 for details.



Does repeated failure change how God loves me?

It can be discouraging to struggle with the same sins repeatedly. The pattern may feel discouraging. Yet discouragement should never become despair. The central truth of the Christian life is that when repentance is sincere and there is a real desire to improve, God ALWAYS receives us. As Pope Francis said, "He does not tire in forgiving. We are the ones who tire in asking for forgiveness." His mercy does not diminish with repetition. At times, God may permit ongoing struggles to deepen our humility. Repeated weakness can protect us from spiritual pride, which blinds us to our faults and keeps us from seeking grace. Humility, however, recognizes imperfection without losing trust. A humble person is not shocked by failure but returns to God with greater dependence. If you feel anxious about Confession, whether for a new sin or a familiar one, remember the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He waits, watches, and runs to meet his child. This is how God receives us. In every sincere confession, we encounter not frustration, but mercy renewed.



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.

JOIN OUR RIVETING CONVERSATION ON SCRIPTURE!

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

(NO CLASSES 3/10 OR 3/17)

Weekly Tuesdays 1-2:30 pm

Drop ins are welcome!

Enter through the office.



LOST AND FOUND LOST—gold earring with pearl. FOUND KEYS with leather tag. FOUND EARRING— 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.