

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Second Sunday of Easter April 11-12, 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 Go to www.holyspirit-sr.org

HOME COMMUNION Please contact the office.

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursdays at 7 pm in the church.

VOLUNTEERING Please contact the office.

... *From your Pastor's Desk*

“Thinking Thomas” – No Doubt.

There is something to be said for doubt at times. It is a good thing to be able to doubt oneself, provided it doesn't become an addiction that cripples us; to doubt one's ideas, one's principles, one's work and to doubt much of what we hear.

Although religion can provide emotionally unstable people with a vast canvas for their illusions, and a platform for the arrogant and the power-hungry - It is healthy and essential to be able to doubt many things. It is proof that your life is not on automatic pilot, that you have not finished thinking and weighing things up.

Doubt is not always the opposite of faith; the real opposite of faith is a certain kind of fear. Fear makes you curl up and do nothing, or it makes you run away. Faith pushes you to risk yourself, to pit yourself against difficulties.

The Apostle Thomas was a careful man, but he was not a fearful one; he was capable of fearless action; *“Let us go to Jerusalem and die with him,”* he said (John 11:16). It is not that Thomas lacked faith; it is simply that he was not going to be fooled!

He wanted to *“see the mark of the nails made in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks they made...”* Basically, he wanted to experience it for himself. The same evangelist John, who told this story about Thomas' doubts, once wrote, *“... what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hand... concerns the Word of Life”* – (1 John 1:1)

Why should Thomas be blamed for wanting the same kind of experiential knowledge that John says he himself and the other disciples had? There is no blame to Thomas for wanting to experience the reality for himself. Isn't it what every disciple of Jesus has to do?

Thomas was also a thinking man; he always wanted to understand and figure things out. Once when Jesus was speaking obscurely about going away and He said, *“You know the way to where I am going,”* Thomas cut in and said, *“Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”* It was a practical man's question, and you can imagine the puzzled look on his face. It was puzzlement, not doubt! He didn't doubt Jesus or lack trust in him.

Why (in today's reading) was he missing from the group when Jesus appeared? I think it likely he had gone away by himself to think. It would be entirely in character. We discredit him when we call him **‘Doubting Thomas.’** We should call him **‘Thinking Thomas.’**

There is no area of life more subject to delusion than religion. We have to thank Thomas for his distinctive combination of carefulness and courage.

Of this... I have no doubts – I think.

Father Ron





FUNERALS

- *Jenny Lemp ~ April 20 at 11 am
- *Diana Magri ~ April 25 at 11:30 am
- *Bob & Barbara Spaulding ~ May 30 at 11 am
- *LuAnn Capps ~ June 6 at 11 am

MASS INTENTIONS: April 11—April 19, 2026

04/11	Sat	5:00 pm	† Geevamalar Jeyandran Family
04/12	Sun	8:00 am	† Millie Jaskola
04/12	Sun	10:30 am	<i>For The People</i>
04/13	Mon	9:00 am	† Tom Peterson
04/14	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
04/15	Wed	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
04/16	Thurs	9:00 am	<i>Available</i>
04/17	Fri	9:00 am	† Sue Lathrop
04/18	Sat	5:00 pm	† Mike Cusack
04/19	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
04/19	Sun	10:30 am	† Jorge Rojas

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Josephine Poni, Lynette Mulert, George Fiori, H. Vincent McNally, Sister Noreen Duffy CSJ, Betsy Crook, Manuel Martinez, Danny Ruckman, Cindi Doell, Deb Stucke, Joanne Landen, Jordyn P. (infant), Richard LaRussa, Tristan Humble, 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, Mickey Smith, Rose-Ann Saporita, Juan Scott, Charlene Abayon, Gerri Peterson, Nancy Cusack, and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: April 18-19

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Holly K. #2— Carole R.	Shirley S. Tim S. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Bob A. #2— Lydia D.	Brian C. Kurt K. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Mary L. #2— Lynn L.	Loyde J. Jolon W. Mike W.

FOR THE SOULS

Jenny Lemp, Mike Murray, Diana Magri, LuAnn Capps, Suzanne Borgert, Mary Davis, Teresa Resende, Shari Brown, 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, Catherine Kubo, 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.

Last Week's Easter Collection	\$ 18,705
Online General Collection	\$ 2,360
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 2,103
Building & Maintenance	\$ 5,789

Thank You!

Please write separate checks for second collections.

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



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 at 1PM
- CCD FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT—4/11
- MEN'S CLUB DINNER — 4/14
- THE CHOSEN —THURSDAY —04/16 at 1PM
- VICTORIAN TEA—4/18 at 12 noon
- JUSTICE & SERVICE—4/20 at 7 PM
- GRIEF SUPPORT—WED. 5/06 at 2-3:30 PM

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB

April 14th, 2026

Doors open 6:00 PM*

Dinner at 7:00 PM



**COME
CELEBRATE!**
Relax
and Enjoy!

**\$25 ~ Pork Roast, Lamb Roast and all
the fixings plus two cocktails!
Bring a Friend.
1st Timers? We will buy your dinner!**



**VICTORIAN TEA
SATURDAY,
APRIL 18
12 NOON—3PM**

**If you are interested in joining the
Holy Spirit Women's Club Victorian
Tea waitlist, please reach out to
Angela Provisor at 369-444-5577. Tick-
ets are \$40.**



**Fans of The Chosen:
Season 5, The Last Supper --
Last Episode!**

**April 16th—Thursday at 1 p.m. in the
Cornerstone Room in the parish house
Walk-ins welcome.**

NOTICE ABOUT LOST AND FOUND

After this weekend, the lost and found items at the back of church will be taken to the office. Eventually we will dispose of items that have been left for weeks. Please check the table on your way out.

UPDATE FROM Justice & Service In Community Group

This weekend HSJS is making requests for items that are still needed for the Labath Landing resident's move-in kits. These kits of household items will be given to individuals as they leave the shelter for more permanent housing.

After this weekend's masses, parishioners will have the opportunity **at the back of church** to select a specific item[s] to purchase during the week. **These items will be collected at next weekend's masses.**

Thank you for your participation!

Night of Peace: AN EVENING WITH SARAH HART AND FRANCESCA LAROSA

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

**TIME: 4 PM At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Parish, 4595 Snyder Lane, RP, CA 94928**

Join us for an evening of songs and stories to bring peace and hope to your community. Carpooling is desired. Ticket Price \$30 + credit card fee. If you have questions or would like to sponsor the event, please email: sesreled@gmail.com or call 707- 888-9672



SAVE THE DATE

**K-6th VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 20-24th at St. Eugene's Cathedral
Sign ups in April. Volunteers needed.
Contact Anna Delaney 707.539.5185**