

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Third Sunday of Easter April 18-19, 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*

On The Road to ... Santa Rosa *

This is a 'Work of Fiction' inspired by a writing of a favorite Jesuit, John Foley. A modern-day allegory based loosely on the Road to Emmaus Scripture Story ...today's Gospel. This 'story' takes place March 22, 2020'. Two days after the first 'Lock-Down'. Remember what was happening then.

So, you and a friend were walking down the street in your neighborhood, getting some exercise, six feet apart and wearing face-masks, and you were having a spirited discussion about all that is going on with the restrictions and such. Then, a lady walking her dog, approaches you - and asks: *Where is everybody? What's going on?* You pause, and think to yourself - has she been living in a cave or is she from another planet? How could she have not heard of what is going on IN THE WHOLE WORLD ? You ask her - "*You don't know?*"

She continues: "*I've been gone for a while and haven't had any contact except for Barkley here - I saw you in animated conversation... So, what's up? What are you discussing so energetically? What's going on?*"

Then you say: "*You might be the only person who does not know of the things that have taken place here in these last few months.*" She asks ..."*What sorts of things? Tell me*"

And, so, you tell her, and conclude by saying "... *we can't' even gather in our church of Holy Spirit. We promised to do the work of Christ, to announce His presence, to share His love with all. But we are dispersed. And many, many terrible things are going on - and we fear more to follow*"

'*Terrible things*' ? She repeats...You nod **your** heads in sorrow. "*The things our society has done. Even encouraged. War after war, euthanasia, full term abortion, hoarding food and the bare necessities of life...denying health care and adequate shelter... It is as if we are crucifying Christ again and again...We wanted to make the world a better place... and then the pandemic hit.*

Some say God is punishing us...Christ still is bruised and broken and suffers in these brothers and sisters... What can be done?"

Then she quietly says: "*Do not be foolish or afraid. Or slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"*

You are stunned by the turn of this conversation... Then you reply. "*What do you mean— why should the Christ keep suffering? And worse, why would he let all these horrors happen through the world? This virus, for one thing. And remember Nazi Germany? And Sri Lanka, and Indonesia, and Bosnia and Rwanda, and Iraq, and Afghanistan?*"

So she begins to tell you the things that referred to the Messiah in Scripture, beginning with Moses and all the prophets. Her voice is calm. She speaks of how God had long sought a loving relationship with the people, and how they would enter into it for a while but then would turn their backs and walk away. Battles and wars, belief and unbelief, rich versus poor—and worst of all, the sick, the very ones who are aching for love. Is there no way?

She tells you that there is a way the human heart can say Yes to God and mean it. "*One human being has done it on behalf of us all, one who is human to the core and yet even so will not stop trusting God—though surrounded like the rest of us in mindless suffering and death. As often as you and the others, your brothers and sisters, join with 'The One' in human faithfulness and love, the world will be changed.*"

She walks with you further. And continues: "*God's love is so gently strong that we can always count on it, even if we are sinners. It sends us out to others. It is in fact, God's love for people.*"

You find yourself washed over by a sense of peace. You turn to your friend and quietly say - "*Maybe it is all true after all?*"

You both shake your heads in agreement. You turn back to acknowledge the wisdom, kindness and graciousness of this woman for what she has shown you... and how you recognized Christ in the breaking of the bread...that is, the **Body of Christ** we all are; blest, broken and shared...

But... she is gone. Only her doG remains...

...So you take him home...

MASS INTENTIONS: April 18—April 26, 2026

04/18	Sat	5:00 pm	† Mike Cusack
04/19	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
04/19	Sun	10:30 am	† Jorge Rojas
04/20	Mon	9:00 am	Available
04/21	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
04/22	Wed	9:00 am	† Lena Nott
04/23	Thurs	9:00 am	† John and Rose Conrad
04/24	Fri	9:00 am	Available
04/25	Sat	5:00 pm	† Jose Lumibao
04/26	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
04/26	Sun	10:30 am	The Vera Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: April 25-26

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Carole R. #2— Pat B.	Ann R. Ed R. Steve R.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Michael W. #2— Henri K.	Cindy H. Robin K. Michele M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Don F. #2— Holly K.	Michelle D. Diane H. Donna K.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 12,070
 Online General Collection \$ 2,225

Thank You!

Next week's 2nd collection is for Catholic Home Mission. Please write separate checks .

FUNERALS

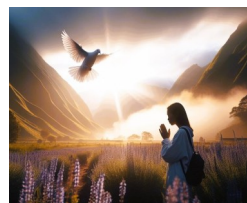
- *Jenny Lemp ~ April 20 at 11 am
- *Diana Magri ~ April 25 at 11:30 am
- *Bob & Barbara Spaulding ~ May 30 at 11 am
- *LuAnn Capps ~ June 6 at 11 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Eleanor Travaglini, Anthony and Beth Donato, George Fiori, H. Vincent McNally, Sister Noreen Duffy CSJ, Betsy Crook, Manuel Martinez, Danny Ruckman, Cindi Doell, Deb Stucke, Joanne Landen, Jordyn P. , 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

FOR THE SOULS

Josephine Poni, Lynette Mulert, 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 Venet, Frank Moreda, Gary Meagher, MaryEllen Friesen, Gail Flatt.



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
- JUSTICE & SERVICE—4/20 at 7 PM
- GRIEF SUPPORT—WED. 5/06 at 2-3:30 PM
- WOMEN'S CLUB—THURS. 5/14 @ 6 PM
- MEN'S CLUB—TUE. 5/12 –Doors open 6 PM

Justice & Service Collection Weekend

Thanks to all who agreed to purchase specific items last week for the Labath Landing move-in kits!

This weekend we will be collecting those items after each of the masses. Look for us in the parking lot near the Rectory.

If you forgot to bring your purchases to mass, please drop them off at the office this coming week between 9:30 and 2:30 pm Monday-Thursday.

We are extremely grateful to the Holy Spirit Women's Club for their generous donation, which will provide the funds to purchase the remaining needed items.

We will be packing the move-in boxes Saturday, April 25th starting at 10 a.m. at the Rectory. If you are able to help that day, contact:

cynthia.b.hoang@gmail.com.



Justice & Service In Community

**MONDAY,
APRIL 20th at 7 pm**

Cornerstone Room in the Parish House

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.

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

Grief Support Group

*Grief can come in waves, and it can sometimes take years to surface. It can be a lonely experience when those around us naturally return to their daily lives after the funeral. There is a sacred space where you are welcome as you are in whatever stage of mourning you find yourself. Holy Spirit Grief Group is a group of down to earth people who look for comfort and support in Scripture and one another. We will meet on **Wednesday May 6 from 2-3:30 pm** in the church hall. For further information, call Deanna at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.*

