

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25-26, 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*

SHEPHERD SUNDAY

During Jesus' time, shepherds protected their flocks with their own bodies. Many of the sheep pens were merely a wall of loosely connected rocks with a single entrance. At night the shepherds slept across the entrance so that their bodies became a protection for the sheep from their own straying or from marauders. The body of the shepherds kept the sheep from wandering out and getting hurt as well as keeping predator animals and bandits from entering the pen and attacking or stealing the sheep.

Jesus speaks of this in the Gospel for today when He says that He is the gate for the sheep. He is the sheep-gate and we are the sheep. He is the guardrail keeping others from hurting us and keeping us from hurting ourselves. He is our protector. He is alive for us today, keeping us from hurting ourselves and from being hurt by others - IF WE LET HIM!

The Body of Christ protects us. From, dare I say, EVIL. Yes folks, evil does exist in the world and it is once again raising its ugly head! The early Church was very much aware that the establishment of the Kingdom of God entailed a great war against the forces of evil.

The Book of Revelation speaks about this in grasping, emotion-laden terminology. In vivid imagery Armageddon would be the place of the final defeat of the devil by the Army of the Lord.

To the first Christians each liturgy, each celebration of the Breaking of the Bread, each 'Mass', to use our terminology, was seen as one of the victories of the power of the Lord over the onslaught of the devil.

Yes - The Body of Christ protects us from the forces of evil.
And - This evil extends further than our own concepts of the devil.
The Body of Christ also protects us from the evil of our society.

By receiving the Eucharist in a sincere manner, we are empowered to put up a fight against all the evils of our society that are continually assaulting us. The abuse of God's freely given gifts, the worship of materialism, the plunge into the abyss of selfishness...assault us every day.

When we receive the Eucharist, we are seeking protection from our spiritual enemies. We are seeking protection from the worst aspects in our own lives.

Again - The Body of Christ protects us. If we let Him. We need to put our faith in the Sheepgate, our Lord, and not always believe what we hear, read or see in the media.

We have the Divine Protector with us. Christ is more powerful than the devil.

Just as He won't let us stray out of the sheepfold and hurt ourselves, He won't let the devil come in and hurt us. NO WAY!

The Body of Christ, the Eucharist is our defense.

The theme of Scripture yesterday and today is simple: Jesus is the sheep gate who continually protects us, both from intruders and, if need be - from ourselves.

Father Ron

God is Love

MASS INTENTIONS: April 25—May 3, 2026

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
04/27	Mon	9:00 am	† Jack Macy
04/28	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
04/29	Wed	9:00 am	Available
04/30	Thurs	9:00 am	† Laura DeStefanis
05/01	Fri	9:00 am	Maggie & Alfredo Vera's-10th Anniversary
05/02	Sat	9:00 am	For the People
05/02	Sat	5:00 pm	† Conrad Family
05/03	Sun	8:00 am	† Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
05/03	Sun	10:30 am	For the People

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: May 2-3, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— JoAnn A. #2— Carroll C.	Cheryl D. Ed R. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Jane G. #2— Rosalinda B.	Bob A. Pauline B. Kurt K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Mary Ann O. #2— Janice W.	Dave A. Jolon W. Mike W.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,866
 Online General Collection \$ 2,001

Thank You!

This week's 2nd collection is for Catholic Home Mission. Next week's is for our Building & Maintenance Fund. 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

*Diana Magri ~ April 25 at 11:30 am

*Vivian Tarango ~ May 8 at 11 am

*Bob & Barbara Spaulding ~ May 30 at 11 am

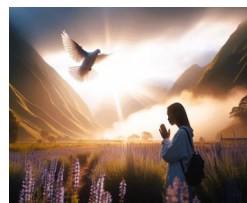
*LuAnn Capps ~ June 6 at 11 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Derek O'Leary, 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 Phone Tree.

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
- GRIEF SUPPORT—WED. 5/06 at 2-3:30 PM
- MEN'S CLUB DINNER— 5/12 -Doors open 6 PM
- WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER— 5/14 @ 6 PM
- JUSTICE & SERVICE—5/18 @ 7 PM



**Justice & Service
In Community**
Third Mondays Monthly
May 18th at 7 pm
Cornerstone Room in the Parish House

Faith Formation

Holy Spirit parish will welcome these children to the Table of the Lord to receive their First Communion next Sunday, May 3rd at 1 pm. Please pray for them to experience Jesus in the Eucharist. May they remember He will always love them and be waiting for them to return to receive him again in Holy Communion.

*Juliet Casteel
Mason Dominguez
Damian Garcia
Benat Gardina
Gerardo Gutierrez
Niko Hernandez
Daleyza Lopez
Itzel Montes
Anthony Orduna
Ariana Ramirez
Luis Ramirez
Angie Vera
Charlie Vera*



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

SPECIAL EVENT:

On Wednesday, May 6th beginning at 1 p.m., the Holy Spirit Grief Group will gather for a special mass celebrated by Fr. Ron Serban.

Those attending are asked to bring a photo or memento of their loved one to share. After mass, we will enjoy a light luncheon of pizza and salad, followed by Scripture reading, sharing and fellowship to conclude at 3:30 p.m.

It would be helpful if those who plan to attend would make reservations so we will have sufficient pizza and salad for all.

For further information, or for reservations, please call Deanna at 909-532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.



The Holy Spirit Women's Club invites all women to the Woman of the Year Dinner on Thursday, May 14th, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

Any questions, please contact Angela Provisor at 369-444-5577.