

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2-3, 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.

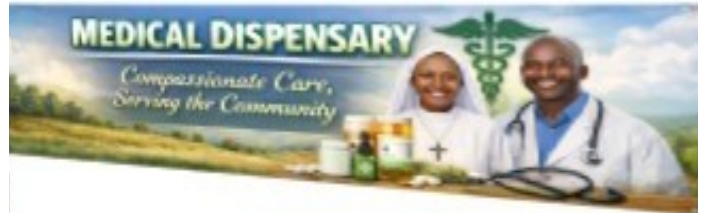
CHOIR PRACTICE Thursdays at 7 pm in the church.

VOLUNTEERING Please contact the office.

AN UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE OF ULU, KENYA

Many obstacles stood in their way but Ulu's dream and dire need is becoming their reality by the end of May 2026!

CAD drawings have been created and engineers are now surveying the property to move forward with the clinic Holy Spirit raised funds for 3 years ago.

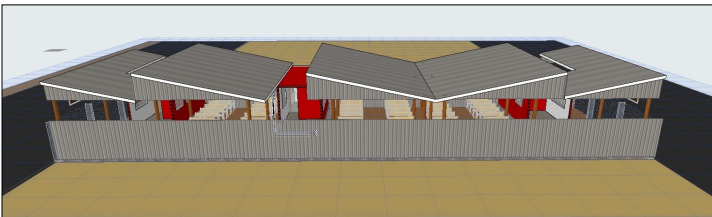


This speaks to the empathy and call to action our parish has and the results of our parish mission is coming to fruition. The Gospel instructs Christians to answer the call to action and speaks of God's preferential treatment to the poor and vulnerable. Our parish has continually answered the call to action.

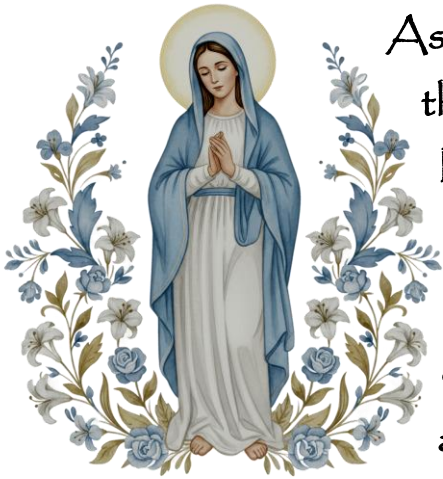
It is important to the people of Ulu, Kenya for you all to see how the plan is officially in motion. They are extremely grateful for your contributions, care and prayers. They are experiencing God's loving embrace through the charity of Holy Spirit.

Matt Conley, DRE

(Please note: the word for Pharmacy in Kenya is Dispensary.)



The Lovely Month of May



As I sit down to write this, looking out my office window I see the trellis covered with roses. Dozens and dozens. Also, beautiful Lilacs, one of my personal favorites. It's May! May has been a favorite time of year for many Catholics. The month of May, which started Friday, is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. This year almost the entire month falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence (absolute or restored).

What a beautiful time of year it is here in Sonoma County. As spring blossoms forth and we are surrounded by new life, we spend this time still full of the joy of our Easter celebration and in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Consoler and Advocate, Our Parish Patron on the Feast Of Pentecost; May 24th.

The world is resplendent with spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month and the Easter Season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of Heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

It is a great joy to see friends and neighbors enjoying our beautiful plaza bedazzled with flowers...and fish! Many people walk through and feel the relaxing

peace of nature in full bloom. People love to sit by the stature of Mary and pray, or just listen.

About 7 years ago I noticed a young man, early 20's probably, sitting there looking at her. When I came back from Mass he was still sitting there. He said, 'Excuse me, do you work here?' I said, 'Well, I am the Pastor here'. He asked, 'Who is this lady and why is there a statue of her? Is somebody important?' I said, 'Yes, she sure is, She's Jesus' mother.' To which he asked 'Jesus had a Mother????'. I said, 'Sure we all have mothers'. This led to a great discussion on the topic, for he came from a land that knew little of Jesus and Mary. He had many other questions about the faith as well.

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. And so we pray: Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for His mercy endures forever!

In the words of Saint Pope John Paul II:

"In the hierarchy of holiness, it is precisely the 'woman', Mary of Nazareth, who is the 'figure' of the Church. She 'precedes' everyone on the path to holiness; in her person 'the Church has already reached that perfection..."

[*Mulieris Dignitatem*, 1988]

May the Peace of Our Lord,
And the Love of Our Lady
Be with you always,

Father Ron



God is Love

MASS INTENTIONS: May 2—May 10, 2026

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
05/03	Sun	1:00 pm	First Communions
05/04	Mon	9:00 am	Fr. Tom Diaz Birthday
05/05	Tue	9:00 am	Communion Service
05/06	Wed	9:00 am	† Jenny Lemp
05/07	Thurs	9:00 am	Bishop Vasa Birthday
05/08	Fri	9:00 am	† Ada Nourse
05/09	Sat	5:00 pm	† Don Linch
05/10	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
05/10	Sun	10:30 am	† Mike Cusack

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: May 9-10, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Laurie B. #2— Kaity K.	Carla A. Jerry A. Arlene S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Kathy L. #2— Mary H.	Brian C. Cindy H. Michele M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Don F. #2— Therese M.	Diane L. John L. Jacky M.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,210
 Online General Collection \$ 2,473
 Catholic Home Mission \$ 2,503

Thank You!

This week's 2nd collection 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

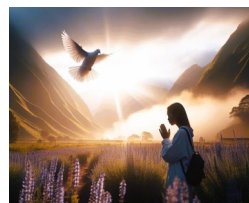
- *Vivian Tarango ~ May 8 at 11 am
- *Bob & Barbara Spaulding ~ May 30 at 11 am
- *LuAnn Capps ~ June 6 at 11 am
- *Michael Murray ~ June 30 at 11 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Derek O'Leary, 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

Eleanor Travaglini, Wayne and Barb Matley, 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, 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

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB



May 12th Meeting
Doors open 6:00 PM*
Dinner at 7 PM

Who, What and Where!
We are *Holy Spirit* Strong!



COME CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS
GREAT ROASTED BRISKET DINNER,
VEGGIES, POTATOES AND SALAD
DRINKS AND FUN!

\$25.00 includes: Dinner, two cocktails
and fun tickets

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.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPTIONS

**TK-8th: June 15-19th at Bethlehem Lutheran
6:30-8:30 pm, \$20 per family suggested donation.
(707) 539-5252**

**K-6th: July 20-24th at St. Eugene's Cathedral
Contact Anna Delaney 707.539.5185**



Justice & Service In Community

**Third Mondays Monthly
May 18th at 7-8pm**

Cornerstone Room in the Parish House

UPDATE: Many thanks to all members of the parish who donated funds and items for the LaBath Landing move-in kits.

Last weekend a team of 15 people created the remaining 17 kits, and transported them to storage to be delivered as needed. This was a team effort with involvement from over 80 families in the parish.

The monthly meals being prepared for residents at LaBath is an ongoing project of Holy Spirit. If you would like to help with one or more of the meals, come to the next meeting or contact:
cynthia.b.hoang@gmail.com.
Our next meeting is May 18.

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.