

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 16-17, 2026



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**OFFICE HOURS: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

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## **MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Mass:** Mon., Wed., Thurs, Fri. at 9 am  
Tuesday- Communion Service at 9 am

**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](http://www.holyspirit-sr.org)

**HOME COMMUNION** Please contact the office.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Thursdays at 7 pm in Church.

**VOLUNTEERING** Please contact the office.

.....from your *Pastor's Desk*:

## Ascension Day

Parting messages have their own impact. The last words said by someone moving away or even going away for a long time hold special places in our hearts. I remember the many deployments I went on in my years of military service and how touching were those words between husband and wife and parent and child. I have told you in a previous homily the last few words my mother said just before she died. Many of you have similar experiences with family and friends. A final word of encouragement and a blessing at these times often mean more to us and have a lasting impact on our lives than the accumulations of all words spoken before.



*Art by Carlea Rossi- Warren*

I can still remember the last thing my first grade teacher (Sr. Mary Concheta) said to me in 1960 as well as a few other inspirational teachers in my life. But sometimes last words are not encouraging or healing.

Marriage breakups can leave lifelong painful memories of hurtful things said. An employer can frequently recall the parting outbursts of a fired employee. Final words have the power to make or break, to challenge or crush, to inspire or to inhibit, to energize or deflate.

Christ's words as he left His disciples on Ascension Day are no exception. He clearly wanted them to know forgiveness of sins was for all nations – as He says in Matthew's Gospel; *'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.'*

Important as our individual salvation is, the focus of Christ's parting message is on the world-wide proclamation of the Gospel – the Good News. Of course it is through the living of Gospel values that we best bring Christ's message to others, but the wider missionary task is ever present.

Ascension Day is a reminder of what we are called to do – preaching forgiveness in His name. It is a duty in which we all share and from which we must not shrink so that all people can be reconciled to God and with each other. In the security of faith, we bring such reconciliation to others by word and example so that, being gathered through baptism, all may worship him with joy. Through the Joy of the Gospel, we are to be a reconciling people wherever we go.

Go with God,

*Father Ron*



*Altar Flowers are donated  
in memory of  
Tom Brady.*

**FUNERALS**

- \*Joey Mesa ~ May 19 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

**MASS INTENTIONS: May 16—May 24, 2026**

05/16	Sat	5:00 pm	† Robert Brunson
05/17	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
05/17	Sun	10:30 am	† Tom Brady
05/18	Mon	9:00 am	† Jacob Buseinei
05/19	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Communion Service</i>
05/20	Wed	9:00 am	The Gonzalez Family
05/21	Thurs	9:00 am	† Jenny Lemp
05/22	Fri	9:00 am	† Lena Lumibao
05/23	Sat	5:00 pm	† Joan Conrad
05/24	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
05/24	Sun	10:30 am	† Mike Cusack

**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, 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: May 23-24, 2026**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Jane G. #2— Karen S.	Ann R. Steve R. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Bob A. #2— Kathy L.	Rita B. Donna K. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Mary L. #2— Lynn L.	Diane L. John L. Jacky M.

**FOR THE SOULS**

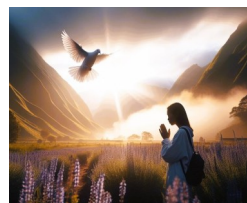
Joey Mesa, Manuel Martinez, Eleanor Travaglini, Wayne and Barb Matley, Josephine Poni, Lynette Mulert, Jenny Lemp, Mike Murray, Diana Magri, LuAnn Capps, Suzanne Borgert, Mary Davis, Teresa Resende, Shari Brown, Don Linch, Jerry Williams, Jim Coddington, Emilio Ricci, Rhio Reigh, Bob Spalding, Bob Crozier, John Scott, Patricia Crook, Millie Jaskola, Mike Cusack, Erma DeSimone, Julie Caruso, Karen Pano-ski, 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, Gail Flatt.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 9,922  
Online General Collection \$ 2,525

***Thank You!***

This week's 2nd collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.  
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](http://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

- JUSTICE & SERVICE—5/18 @ 7 PM
- NO MORE SCRIPTURE STUDY
- CONFIRMATIONS—5/23 @ 2 PM
- PENTECOST CELEBRATION & MINISTRY FAIR  
—5/31 after 10:30 mass



# PENTECOST CELEBRATION AND MINISTRY FAIR

*Looking for connection in community?*

**JOIN US SUNDAY, MAY 31st  
after 10:30 am Mass**



## **Justice & Service In Community**

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

*Cornerstone Room in the Parish House*

## **ARE YOU REGISTERED HERE AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH?**

*Are you new? Would you like to register in our parish? [Registration Forms](#) can be found in the office or online. Let us know if you want to receive offering envelopes. It is alright to be registered at more than one church. For more information contact Ruth at 707.539.4495 or email [office@holyspiritSR.org](mailto:office@holyspiritSR.org). There are forms at the back of church which can be dropped off in our mailbox or in the offering basket.*

## **YOU CAN WATCH OUR MASS ON YOUTUBE!**



Remember, if you're not feeling well enough to come to Mass in person, please go to our YouTube channel. We livestream our Saturday evening mass. Past masses are also available to watch. Search for Holy Spirit Santa Rosa or click on <https://www.youtube.com/@holyspiritcatholicchurch-s3653/streams>

*Behold, I am the  
handmaid of the Lord*

**YOU ARE A DAUGHTER OF GOD  
WOMEN'S RETREAT  
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026  
Cathedral of St. Eugene | Bilingual Event**



SCAN TO LEARN MORE  
[srcatholicwomen.org](http://srcatholicwomen.org)

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPTIONS**

**St. Vincent de Paul College Prep News: Summer Camps: Academics, Arts & Athletics (Grades 3-9)**  
Contact Tony Greco at [tgreco@svhs-pet.org](mailto:tgreco@svhs-pet.org)

**TK-8th: June 15-19 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



**REGISTRATION FOR  
2026-2027  
FAITH FORMATION  
CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN  
MID-AUGUST. MOST CLASSES WILL BE  
ON WEDNESDAYS.**