

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 18-19, 2026



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MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Mondays through Fridays 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

HOME COMMUNION Please contact the office.

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursdays at 7 pm in Church.

VOLUNTEERING Please contact the office.

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.....from the Pastor's Desk

We are a story telling people and we come from a story telling faith, and we get it from the Man Himself. We know that Jesus was the Master story-teller, and He often used a form called a "parable," in which a truth is compared to something very familiar. Last Sunday we had the Sower and the seeds.

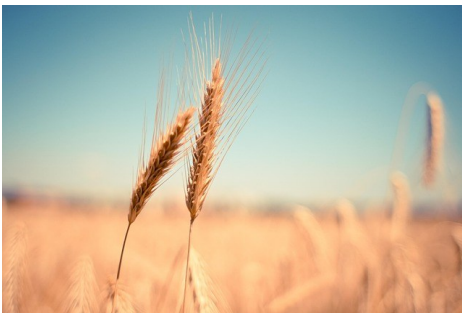
Today, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is "*like a man who sowed good seed*," or "*like a mustard seed*," or "*like yeast*." Notice how tiny and seemingly insignificant are the three examples that Jesus uses.

Then, something creative and powerful happens! The good seed has grown into a field of rich, golden grain,

-the little mustard seed has developed into such a large and bushy tree that the birds come and dwell in its branches,

-and the tiny bit of yeast has caused the dough to ferment and expand into delicious, fragrant bread!

The first parable is full of high drama. An enemy (the devil) comes at night to sow weeds in with the grain. The farmer's helpers (Jesus' disciples) are dismayed, and are all set to pull out the weeds, until the farmer (God) wisely stops them, warning them to patiently wait until harvest time (judgment day) to separate weeds from the wheat.



There are many lessons for us today.

First, how do we know the difference between a plant and a weed? There is a weed called the Darnel or Taras that looks exactly like wheat until the very end when it matures and does not have a wheat 'head'.

We mustn't be too quick to make judgments! Growing up in Jersey my neighbor, Mr. Gerilli, a man who grew up in Italy – would come over and pick our dandelions, from which he would make wine. So we see that some weeds are delicious and useful [I love Dill Weed]. And in God's eyes all people are wonderfully made for He made us, each of us, intentionally and on purpose. So, when it comes to people, it's best to let God decide! Our job is to carefully cultivate the wheat. To nurture the soul... to love as The master loved.

St. Augustine tells us that we must love everyone—not just those who are the faithful members of the Church. To those who say, "We are your enemies," we are to say, "No, you are brothers and sisters of ours, not our enemies." Why? Because by our love and patience, we may bring about a change of heart and mind in those who, at present, work evil. God made them just as God made us and God wants them in heaven with us.

Only when the future is hopefully anticipated as a positive reality, does it become possible to live the present as well. Therefore, if your life has been difficult it will get better. If your life has been trouble-free – it will get better still! For all of us – **the best is yet to come!** Hope makes it all possible to live patiently with the weeds in the midst of the wheat!

So – don't get caught up in the weeds – they are a part of life...and...God will take care of them on judgment day.

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS: July 18—July 26, 2026

07/18	Sat	5:00 pm	† John Vander Vennet
07/19	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
07/19	Sun	10:30 am	† Mike Cusack
07/20	Mon	9:00 am	† James Ahern
07/21	Tue	9:00 am	† Michael Murray
07/22	Wed	9:00 am	† Allen Hines
07/23	Thurs	9:00 am	† Larry Darling
07/24	Fri	9:00 am	<i>Diane Foster</i>
07/25	Sat	5:00 pm	† Alfredo Guerrero
07/26	Sun	8:00 am	† Lillian & Daniel Sullivan
07/27	Sun	10:30 am	<i>For the People</i>

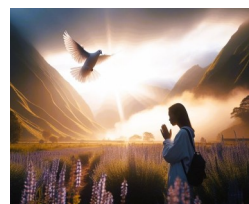


PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Leroy Perry, Margie Edson, Sister Maureen Carroll, Greg Macy, Lynn Connolly, 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.

FOR THE SOULS

Paul Higdon, Mark Higdon, John Paul "JP" Lisciandro, Jr, Joey Mesa, Manuel Martinez, Eleanor Travaglini, 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 Spaulding, 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.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: July 25-26, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Laurie B. #2— Ed R.	Joanne L. Shirley S. Tim S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Mary H. #2— Brian C.	Rita B. Michelle M. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Lilla O. #2— Janice W.	Michelle D. Jolon W. Mike W.

HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—JULY 22

Route 1 — Arlene S.
Route 2 — Tim S.
Route 3 — Helen S.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,254
Online General Collection \$1,715
Venezuela-Catholic Relief Svcs \$ 9,242

Thank You!

*This week's second collection is for the Holy Father/Peter's Pence.
Please write separate checks .*

SAINT QUOTES

"This morning my soul is greater than the world since it possesses you, you whom heaven and earth do not contain."

St. Margaret of Cortona

"As the sun shines upon one place of the earth and enlightens it no less than if it shined on no other, so too has our Lord thought of and cared for all his dear children, as though his attention were wholly and entirely focused upon each of them."

St. Francis de Sales

"That [Precious] blood inebriates the soul. It clothes her in the fire of divine charity. It gives her the food of the sacrament that I have set up for you in the hostel of the mystic body of holy Church, the body and the blood of my Son..." **St. Catherine of Siena**

"Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the supreme good, and the supreme good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself."

St. Bonaventure

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."

St. Clare of Assisi

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world." **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

"In difficult moments I will fix my gaze upon the silent heart of Jesus, stretched upon the cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting."

St. Faustina

"Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will."

St. Bede the Venerable



Justice & Service In Community

Third Mondays Monthly

JULY 20 at 7-8pm

Cornerstone Room in the Parish House

SUMMER BREAK

Some of our groups take a break over the summer. This includes the Women's Club, the Men's Club, and Grief Support. Please email the Men's Club if you would like to be added to next season's event emails.

Men's Club email = HSMCSR@AOL.COM

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: GOLD DANGLY EARRING.

FOUND: A VICTORIAN FASTENER, A PAIR OF SILVER STUD EARRINGS AND A SINGLE DANGLY EARRING WERE FOUND. CALL THE OFFICE.

ARE YOU REGISTERED HERE AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH?

Some people attending mass here are surprised to find out that they are not registered as parishioners. After all, they have been attending for years and contributing. Although not necessary, please note, that if you have never filled out a

Registration Form in the office or online, then you are probably not registered as a parishioner. It is alright to be registered at more than one church. If you are unsure or would like to update your details, please contact Ruth at 707.539.4495 or email office@holyspiritSR.org.

There are forms at the back of church which can be dropped off in our mailbox.