



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 8-9, 2026



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MASS 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.

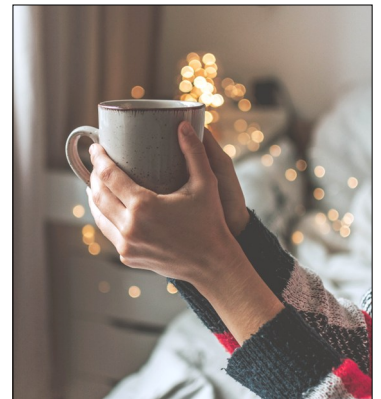
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.....from the Pastor's Desk

Where do you find God? Only in church? Only while praying? Only in times of need or distress? Only in those we expect to be holy or pious people? Too often we look to great people and to the events in our lives to find God, as if our encounters with God have to meet certain standards and criteria in order to be true. There is a tendency in some to see God only in the extraordinary, not in the humdrum and ordinary. But to do that would be to limit God self-revelation.



In our readings today we are presented with two seemingly conflicting ways that God enters our world. Elijah found God in the gentle breeze, after the spectacular wind and earthquake. God was present in the soft breeze, not the storm. What beautiful, peaceful imagery. How many times have you felt that gentle touch of God on your face? The Gospel presents Jesus coming to the disciples in the middle of a storm, where He brings peace. In both incidents: God came to bring peace or was the sign of peace. God brings order out of chaos – both in nature and in our personal lives.



We can sit on the shore of the ocean or a lake [or the reservoir] and find God present in the lapping of the waves. We can feel God's strength in the warmth of the sun. We can see God's splendor in the sunrise or sunset over the water. The creating power of God is evident in the forceful or the majestic. What God really wants is to come into our lives and create the peace and harmony that are Divine gifts to us. If we allow ourselves to be taken over by God, if we open ourselves up to Divine creative power, we will be creating space for God's peace to dwell within us.



St. Paul tells us that nothing can come between us and love of God, and if we are God's dwelling places this is true. The world may be raging around us but we can experience that deep-seated peace which is the sign of God's indwelling.

Peace be with you, and with your spirit.

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS: Aug. 8—Aug. 16, 2026

08/08	Sat	5:00 pm	† Michelle Miller
08/09	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
08/09	Sun	10:30 am	† Mike Cusack
08/10	Mon	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
08/11	Tue	9:00 am	Bill Serban
08/12	Wed	9:00 am	† Mary Ann O'Leary
08/13	Thurs	9:00 am	† Dennis DeCota
08/14	Fri	9:00 am	† Stephen Lankford
08/15	Sat	5:00 pm	† Pulavar Ariyanayagan
08/16	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
08/16	Sun	10:30 am	† Jenny Lemp

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Aug. 15-16, 2026,

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Ed R. #2— Tina T.	Judith M. Shirley S. Tim S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Brian C. #2— Michael W.	Cindy H. Robin K. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Mary L. #2— Mary Ann O.	Dave A. Loyde J. Sherry J.

HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—Aug. 12

Route 1 — Jane H.
Route 2 — Jacky M.
Route 3 — Jerry A.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 8,649
Online General Collection \$ 2,507
Building & Maintenance \$ 4,309

Thank You!

This week's second collection is for the **Machakos Diocese** Mission Appeal. Next week's second collection is for the Black & Indian Missions. Please write separate checks.

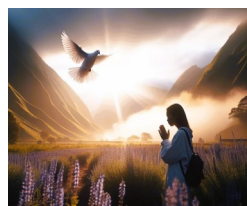
Our parish raised \$10,707 for the CRS Earthquake Relief Effort in Venezuela! Thank You!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Jo Eandy, Nicole Murray, Lois Callas, Theresa Stachowiak, 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, and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

FOR THE SOULS

Paola Badano, Leeza Larrance, Paul Higdon, Mark Higdon, John Paul "JP" Liscandro, 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.



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.

2026-2027 YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

**REGISTRATION
FORMS WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT THE
BACK OF CHURCH
BEGINNING AUGUST 15th.**



**Justice & Service
In Community**
Third Mondays Monthly
AUGUST 17 at 7-8pm

Cornerstone Room in the Parish House



What To Do When You Don't Feel Like Praying

Not feeling like praying is something even faithful Christians experience. In fact, seasons of dryness can be a normal part of spiritual growth. While they may have different causes, they do not necessarily mean something is wrong. Here are three ways to respond:

Pray about not wanting to pray.

Bring your reluctance to God. You don't have to overcome your feelings before coming to Him. Honest prayer is still prayer, and God meets you with love exactly where you are.

Keep it simple. We value brief messages from those we love: "I love you," "Good luck today," or "Thinking of you." Prayer can be that simple. The goal is relationship, not length. A heartfelt "God, help me," "Jesus, I trust in You," or "Come, Holy Spirit" is enough.

Choose presence over performance.

Approach prayer the way you would spending time with a close friend. We don't cancel plans with someone we love simply because we're tired. In the same way, keep showing up. God delights in your company (Proverbs 8:31). He is not looking for a perfect performance but for a heart that continues to seek Him, even when prayer feels dry or difficult.

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 = HMSCSR@AOL.COM

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: A BROWN LEATHER MISSAL WITH PERSONAL PHOTO INSIDE.

LOST: UNIQUE GOLD EARRING.

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

ARE YOU REGISTERED HERE AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH?

Are you new or never registered?

Registration Forms can be found in the office or online. Let us know if you want to receive offering envelopes. For more information 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 or in the offering basket.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS: *Our online giving options have expanded to include Venmo, ApplePay, Paypal, & Stock/Crypto. Visit our website at www.holyspirit-sr.org.*