



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 22-23, 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.

.....from the Pastor's Desk

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

"He's a man, he's just a man," sang Mary Magdalene in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar. It is one answer to the question, **Who is Jesus Christ?**

"We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first, rock 'n' roll or Christianity," said John Lennon of the Beatles on a famous occasion. Later he explained that it was a comment on society and not on Jesus. Many people through the ages have imagined how Jesus would be received if He were to appear in modern society. In most scenarios society comes out looking bad. Thomas Carlyle, the 19th-century historian wrote, *"If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it."*

But "Who do people say I am?" was only a preliminary question; the real question was "Who do **you** say I am?" The first question is easily answered; one has only to be a reporter of the comments of others. But the second question is a searching one; and only a disciple can come anywhere within range of an answer.

When we recite the Creed at Mass we give the Church's answer. *"We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father...."*

However, the mere repetition of a right answer is not the answer. We found out in grade school that the right answer given at the end of a math test was useless unless we reached it by valid steps ourselves [*show your work*]. We don't just repeat the Creed; we profess it. It is more than a set of theoretical statements; it is a commitment and a renewal of faith. This is more demanding [*show your work*]. We cannot 'find' Jesus in the way you find some lost object, or a piece of information. In a sense, the seeking has to continue even when we have found him, and especially then.

There are different kinds of seeking. There is a seeking to know, and there is a seeking to find. These need not be opposed to each other, but they can be. The first is about possessing knowledge, the second is about possessing a reality. The first engages the mind, the second, one's life. The Wise Men *"sought diligently for the child,"* they asked everyone about him, but when they found Him they *"they knelt down and paid him homage"* (Matthew 2:11).

After the Resurrection, the disciples met in pairs and in groups and they told one another of their experiences: Mary Magdalene *"went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her"* (John 20:18); *"the disciples said, 'we have seen the Lord'"* (John 20:25); the disciples returning from Emmaus *"told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread"* (Luke 24:35).

When we meet in His name, be it digitally or geographically, we **are responding** to his question, *"Who do you say that I am?"* and sharing our experience of him with our brothers and sisters. And our hope then is, when we stand before the throne, Jesus will say this of us... **'You... Are Mine'.**

Father Ron

MASS INTENTIONS: Aug. 22—Aug. 30, 2026

08/22	Sat	5:00 pm	† Janette Supp
08/23	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
08/23	Sun	10:30 am	† Jerzy Kozikowski
08/24	Mon	9:00 am	† Gary Knivila
08/25	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Carl Hilton</i>
08/26	Wed	9:00 am	<i>Jay McCord</i>
08/27	Thurs	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
08/28	Fri	9:00 am	<i>Aldrina Territo</i>
08/29	Sat	5:00 pm	† Richard & Mary Cecilia Dahl
08/30	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
08/30	Sun	10:30 am	† Teresa Catelanl

FUNERALS

*Sheryl Spain ~ Sat., August 29 at 10:30 am

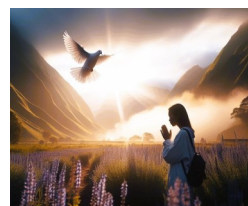
*Ralph Sobieski ~ Sat., Sept. 12 at 11 am

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK
& THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Donna McMullen, Mark Gardner, Jo Eandi, 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, 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, Francis Dolan, Scott Humble, Jessica Berlo, and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

FOR THE SOULS

Ralph Sobieski, Paola Badano, Leeza Larrance, 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 Coddington, 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.



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: Aug. 29-30, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Carole A. #2— Pat B.	Carla A. Jerry A. Ed R.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Michael W. #2— Henri K.	Cindy H. Robin K. Michele M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Don F. #2— Holly K.	Dave A. Michelle D. Jacky M.

HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—Aug. 26

Route 1 — Kathy S.
Route 2 — Tim S.
Route 3 — Lynn L.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,966
Online General Collection \$ 2,601
Black & Native America Mission \$ 2,608

Thank You!

*We do not have a second collection
for the next two weeks.*



2026-2027 YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

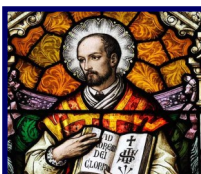
Parent Information Night for all classes is September 23rd at 6 pm in the church.

Registration Forms are available NOW at the back of church.

- * Year 1 – First Communion / Whole Family Catechesis (K-5) with Jessica Coffey
- * Year 2 – First Communion with Lynn Lankford
- * Year 1 – Confirmation with Maggie Vera
- * Year 2 – Confirmation with Lori Norcia
- * Youth Group (7th-12th grade) with Matt Conley

Questions about Registration?

Email Maggie Vera: Maggie@holyspiritSR.org



THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS *Spiritual Enrichment Center*

Would you like to enhance your prayer life? *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius* offers an opportunity to experience a closer walk with Jesus. The Exercises are open to all Christian Faiths. Many members of your parish have participated. The next session begins during the third week of September 2026.

Further information can be found at www.spiritualenrichmentcenter.life or by contacting David & Joanne Del Castillo 707.293.7497 or Blaise Cirelli 707.694.1143 or email srsec.office@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group

Grief is so disorienting and touches each of us.

If you are experiencing a loss and would like the support and comfort of a group of parishioners who share fellowship and center their focus on the Word of God, join us on

Wednesday September 2 from 2-3:30 pm at the Parish Hall. For further information, call Deanna at (909) 532-0102 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

YOUTH EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

onFire

**SIX FLAGS DISCOVERY KINGDOM
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

***JOIN OTHER YOUTH FROM
DIOCESES AROUND THE STATE!***

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 7 AM

For more info contact Matt@holyspiritSR.org



Justice & Service In Community

Third Mondays Monthly

NEW LOCATION—SEPT. 21 at 7-8pm

Holy Family Classroom.

Enter through back of rectory.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S CLUB

WELCOME BACK DINNER

Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 pm.

Tickets will be sold after all masses on

August 29th & 30th and

September 5th & 6th.

\$30 for dinner & 2 drink tickets.

Please call or text Angela Provisor with any questions, 369-444-5577.

We look forward to seeing you there!

***The Holy Spirit Men's Club
invites everyone to the***

FREE PARISH PASTA FEED

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th 6-7pm

Pasta, Bread, no host beer, wine, sodas

Make new friends!