



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 29-30, 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

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

To understand today's Gospel we must look back to a time in our lives when, in retrospect, we see that something, or someone we wanted, and didn't get – turned out to be the very best in the long run. Garth Brooks has a great song called 'Unanswered Prayers' about this very thing. I think we have all had that experience at least once. And – that is part of 'Taking up your Cross'. Even if by hindsight.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Denying ourselves anything is counter-cultural in our day and age. We live in a society and culture where more is better and most is best. Where what we want – we want NOW and where the very thought of not having or getting what we want is unconscionable. Of course, we all don't live that way – but it seems to be the driving force in sales and advertising.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is important to note that Jesus says each person must take up their own **individual cross** – It does us well to remember that what a cross is for one... may not be a cross for another. Crosses are not one-size-fits-all.

Jesus was a carpenter – he knew how to fashion wood to perfection to accomplish the task for which it would be assigned. Just as he perfected each cut in the wood and smoothed the yoke to match each Ox it was being made for – so, too, does he fashion our cross...for each of us, but not to weigh us down, not to weaken, but to strengthen. They are individually tailored to the person we are, precisely because they are designed to straighten out what we have made crooked;

-They are designed to rectify what we have corrupted through our poor choices.

-Sometimes they are to help others bear their own burdens because we all participate in the plan of salvation-

-What another cannot carry, we help to bear so that we all advance together.

We must always bear in mind that, like Simon of Cyrene, we do bear the cross, but we bear it for the One who takes away all sin, the One who makes the

crooked straight and the lame walk.

Jesus doesn't say we need to be nailed to it in the way He was. Rather, He tells us that our job, like that of Simon, is to bear part of the burden for all of humanity. Our part. In denying ourselves every whim, fancy and pleasure – we will see the real needs in the REAL world around us – not the passing illusionary one – the one that changes with every new Market ploy. We should not seek to throw off our cross, nor should we increase the weight of another's cross, nor should we seek to completely carry a cross other than ours. We carry our crosses, but ultimately it was and is Jesus who is nailed to it. We bring the burden of sin- -He takes it all away.

So, what does this all mean today, right here, right now for each one of us? Just this. Christ taught, if you want to follow me you have to think of others and not just about yourself, maybe even forget about yourself sometimes. We shouldn't live always thinking about how much we can get, but rather how much we can give; not always doing the most satisfying or pleasurable to do, but what is the right thing to do. Not what is the least we can do, but the most. That, of course, may mean denying ourselves, which means putting others first and ourselves second or even third. Like forgiving AND forgettingit is one of the hardest things to do. But with God, all things are possible. And in this we KNOW God is with us and for us.

Perhaps at the very end of time a very elaborate puzzle will come together made of the billions of individual crosses borne by people over all time. And when they are finally put together they will form one giant cross that bridges earth to heaven and thereupon we shall all pass. And that is why each is so important. That is why each plays a part in the whole...

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake... will save it."

Save your life - Save others -
Take up your Cross.

It is what God asks.

Father Ron



MASS INTENTIONS: Aug. 29—Sept. 6, 2026

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
08/31	Mon	9:00 am	Sr. Jodrophin Maru Sr. Esther Mbugua Sr. Mirriam Yano Sr. Florence Mtungo
09/01	Tue	9:00 am	† Mary Silva
09/02	Wed	9:00 am	† Stan & Theresa Stachowiak
09/03	Thurs	9:00 am	† Gerard and Raymond Benedict
09/04	Fri	9:00 am	† Laura Zabatta
09/05	Sat	9:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
09/05	Sat	5:00 pm	† Judy Steele
09/06	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
09/06	Sun	10:30 am	† Mike Cusack

FUNERALS

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

David Larkin, Donna McMullen, Mark Gardner, Jo Eandi, Nicole Murray, Lois Callas, 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

Theresa Stachowiak, Ralph Sobieski, Paola Badano, Charles Paul, 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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sept. 5-6, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— JoAnn A. #2— Jane G.	Joanne L. Shirley S. Tim S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Larry K. #2— Bob A.	Brian C. Pauline B. Kurt K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— MaryAnn O. #2— Janice W.	Dave A. Jolon W. Mike W.

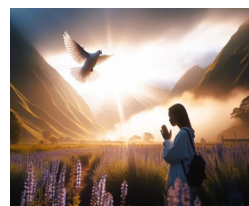
HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—Sept. 2

Route 1 — Jane H.
Route 2 — Joanne L.
Route 3 — Pauline B.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,122
Online General Collection \$ 2,278

Thank You!

We do not have a second collection this week. Next week's collection is for our Building Maintenance fund.



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

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 & in the office.

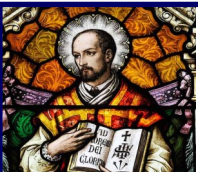
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm—All CCD Classes

- * 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

Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm—YOUTH GROUP

***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 the first Wednesday of most months.

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!