



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 26-27, 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 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](http://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 your Pastor's Desk*

Here is a question I am often asked: Why do bad things happen to good people?

There are clues. First, how many people do you know who are completely good or completely bad? A childlike, over-simplified belief says that good friends are always good. Adults, on the other hand, know how mixed the human reality is. Each of us has a jumble of "good plants and weeds" within us. That is what today's Gospel is about.

A father asks the first son to go work in the fields and the son says "I will not." That's bad. But in fact, he actually does go out and work. That's good. So, today we know him as the good son, though he did not seem so at first.

As for that second son, [the bad one?] some even say he becomes the famous 'Prodigal Son'.

But that, is another story.

The lesson for today? God the Father loves everyone, saints and sinners alike. And in order for any of us to love like God does, we must prepare to love in spite of the drawbacks in their personality, the hurts we receive, not just good things only. This can be terrifying!

The great example of a good man suffering is Jesus on the cross. The Second Reading puts it this way:

Though he was in the form of God,  
[he] did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death.

Though God's son was perfectly blameless, he took upon himself the mixed nature of human beings. He showed once and for all the mysterious reason why good people suffer, as he suffered.

Let God make you good.

*Fr. Ron*

**SCAM ALERT: FR. RON WILL NEVER SEND AN  
EMAIL OR TEXT REQUEST FOR MONEY,  
GIFT CARDS OR A LIST OF MEMBERS.**



**OCIA**  
Formerly RCIA

**Classes start  
October 6th  
from 7-8 pm  
at Holy Spirit Church**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the Month**

*Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Are you missing a Sacrament?  
Do you want to learn more about your  
Catholic faith?*

**Taught by Fr. Ron Serban**

## MASS INTENTIONS: Sept. 26—Oct. 4, 2026

|       |       |          |                                      |
|-------|-------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 09/26 | Sat   | 5:00 pm  | † Jesse Benedict                     |
| 09/27 | Sun   | 8:00 am  | <i>For the People</i>                |
| 09/27 | Sun   | 10:30 am | † J.P. Lisciandro                    |
| 09/28 | Mon   | 9:00 am  | † Margaret K. Ward                   |
| 09/29 | Tue   | 9:00 am  |                                      |
| 09/30 | Wed   | 9:00 am  | † Mike Ripple &<br>† Elizabeth Brown |
| 10/01 | Thurs | 9:00 am  | <i>Chona Durham</i>                  |
| 10/02 | Fri   | 9:00 am  | † Eduardo Marquez                    |
| 10/03 | Sat   | 9:00 am  | <i>For the People</i>                |
| 10/03 | Sat   | 5:00 pm  | <i>Cheryl Cardoza</i>                |
| 10/04 | Sun   | 8:00 am  | † J.P. Lisciandro                    |
| 10/04 | Sun   | 10:30 am | <i>For the People</i>                |

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Oct. 3-4, 2026

| Mass            | Lectors    | Eucharistic Min. |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Sat.<br>5:00 pm | #1—<br>#2— |                  |
| Sun.<br>8:00 am | #1—<br>#2— |                  |
| Sun.<br>10:30am | #1—<br>#2— |                  |

### HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—Sept. 23

Route 1 — Deanna B.  
Route 2 — Joanne L.  
Route 3 — Helen S.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 6,556  
Online General Collection \$ 2,566

**Thank You!**

This week's second collection is for the  
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.  
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).

## CLOW—MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in helping with the Children's Liturgy of the Word once a month? Let's help parents of young children.

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

Jamsal Aguirre, John Bussi, Chona Durham, Bill Brown, 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, H. Vincent McNally, Jessica Berlo, 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, and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

### FOR THE SOULS

Rosella Rhine, George Fiori, William Serban, Theresa Stachowiak, Ralph Sobieski, Paola Badano, Charles Paul, 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 Spau ding, 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.



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.

FOUND – A tall natural wooden staff.

Call the office 707.539.4495

## UPCOMING EVENTS

09/30\_Children's Faith Formation Classes 4:30 pm  
09/30\_Game Night 13-18 yr olds 6-7:30 pm  
10/03\_Blessing of the Animals 11 am  
10/05\_Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30 pm  
10/06\_Scripture Study Tuesdays 12:30 pm  
10/06\_OCIA begins 7-8 pm  
10/07\_Grief Support Group 2-3:30 pm  
10/08\_Women's Club Dinner 6 pm  
10/13\_Men's Club Dinner 6 pm  
10/27\_Helping Hands Meeting 3pm  
10/28\_Trunk or Treat 6 pm



## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

*Registration forms in church and in the office*  
**Classes begin September 30<sup>th</sup>!**

### 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 w/ Lynn Lankford
- \* Year 1 — Confirmation with Maggie Vera
- \* Year 2 — Confirmation with Lori Norcia

*NOTE: Older Teens may qualify to enroll in OCIA*

### Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm—YOUTH GROUP

- \*Youth Group (7th-12th grade) with Matt Conley

**Questions about Registration?**

**Email Maggie Vera: [Maggie@holyspiritSR.org](mailto:Maggie@holyspiritSR.org)**

## Grief Support Group

*Our weather seems confused as to which season we are in. Perhaps, we too sometimes feel unsettled with our own season of grief. Come join the Holy Spirit Grief Group for support, prayer and fellowship on Wednesday October 7 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We look forward to spending time with you. For further info, call Deanna at [909-532-0102](tel:909-532-0102) or Mary at [707-495-3095](tel:707-495-3095).*

## Justice & Service In Community

**Third Mondays Monthly  
7-8pm**

**Holy Family Classroom.**

**Enter through back of rectory.**

## GAME NIGHT!

**13-18 Year olds**

Building community among the young people of our parish is essential for the life of our Church. **So it's time to have fun and kick off the ministry year!**

**Wednesday September 30th  
6-7:30pm in the church hall**



**MEN'S  
FAITH SHARING  
GROUP**

## Join Us!

**First Mondays of the Month  
beginning October 5th  
6:30 pm**

Led by Matt Conley

Enter through the Parish Office,  
facing Raters Dr.



## SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us for a riveting discussion of the upcoming gospel and its historical context.

**Tuesdays beginning**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm**

Led by Matt Conley

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## HIRING! Office Manager at Star of the Valley Catholic Church - Oakmont, Santa Rosa

At the direction of the Pastor, the Office Manager provides organized, welcoming, and professional administrative support for the pastor, parish staff, ministries, and parishioners.

This position oversees the day-to-day operation of the parish office, maintains accurate records and communications, supports parish liturgical and pastoral activities, and helps foster a warm, service-oriented Catholic parish environment.

This is a full-time, non-exempt position and is entitled to a full-benefit package with a pay range of \$27-\$32 per hour. To apply, please send your letter of interest and resume to

**[Lnorcia@srdiocese.org](mailto:Lnorcia@srdiocese.org)**