



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 3-4, 2026



Parish Office: 1244 St. Francis Rd., Santa Rosa, Ca 95409

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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 your Pastor's Desk....

Can you relate to any of these questions?

1. What do I have to do to become a Catholic?
2. I was baptized Catholic, but that's about it. How do I get my other Sacraments?
3. My fiancée is Catholic and we want to get married in the church, and I want to become a Catholic – what do I do?
4. I've been out of the church for a while, but started coming back here and want to catch up on what's been going on since I left – are there classes or something like that to find out?
5. I am trying to be responsible in my obligation to raise my children Catholic – and I realize how much I don't know about my own faith; how can I catch up to help them in their Religious Education?
6. I was born and raised a Catholic and now that I am an adult I want to learn more about who we are as Catholics, what we believe, and why we believe it, is there an adult study group for this?
7. We have so many programs here for young children and teens - Is there a way adults can get together and learn about the church's teaching on topics and issues of today?

If you answered 'yes' or even 'maybe' to any of these –

BOY, DO WE HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!

Starting this Tuesday, October 6th, I (and occasional guest speakers) will begin an adult education program addressing all of the above. The program is officially called the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. But, henceforth, we will refer to it as the O.C.I.A. The sessions will take place twice a month on the first and third Tuesday nights starting at 7pm.

We plan to only go an hour each meeting but you can stay longer for continued discussion. Each week's topic will be announced at the previous weekend's masses as well as in the bulletin. The classes will culminate on March 17th, just before Easter. Those wishing to become Catholic or wanting to receive further Sacraments, i.e., Communion or Confirmation, are expected to attend most every class.

Each session is open to all parishioners and you are free to attend by topic interest. We will meet in the Church. Anyone over 18 may attend. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate bringing children. Next week I will include a list of the topics we will cover.

If you want any more information now, talk to me.
This is going to be great fun!

Father Ron

First Session of the O.C.I.A. – The Church

This Wednesday [Oct 6th] at 7pm in the church we will delve into 'The Church'. Not just the building, although we will talk about those, but also the changes and developments over the last 2000+ years.

The Church is more than a building or an institution; it is a loving relationship between God and God's People.

-It is Local, Universal and Eucharistic.

-It cannot be described adequately in any hasty definition. Like a precious jewel,

-it must be looked at from many angles to be truly appreciated.

-It is: -The People of God.

-The Body of Christ.

-The Bride of Christ.

-The Temple of the Holy Spirit. Just to name a few.

All these metaphors help to shed light on the reality that is the Church, yet neither any single image nor all images combined can exhaust the meaningfulness of

'The Church'.

Come join me for an hour as we explore and expound upon these mysteries.

And, also look at the changes over the years and listen to and share your experiences

See ya' in 'Church'. *Fr. Ron*

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FAITH FORMATION

Classes have started but it's not too late to register! Please email the office for registration forms or pick one up in the office or back of church.

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm

*** Year 1 — First Communion / Whole Family Catechesis (K-5)**

with Jessica Coffey Email: Jessica@holyspiritSR.org

*** Year 2 — First Communion w/ Lynn Lankford Email: Lynn@holyspiritSR.org**

*** Year 1 — Confirmation with Maggie Vera Email: Maggie@holyspiritSR.org**

*** Year 2 — Confirmation with Lori Norcia Email: Lori@holyspiritSR.org**

NOTE: Older Teens may qualify to enroll in OCIA

WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30 PM—YOUTH GROUP

***Youth Group (7th-12th grade) with Matt Conley Email: Matt@holyspiritSR.org**

Questions about Faith Formation Registration?

Email Maggie Vera: Maggie@holyspiritSR.org



OCIA
Formerly RCIA
**Classes start
October 6th
from 7-8 pm
at Holy Spirit Church**
1st and 3rd 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



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7th grade - 12th grade
WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30 PM
Contact Matt@holyspiritSR.org



SCAM ALERT:

**Fr. Ron will NEVER email or text a request
for gift cards, money,
or a list of members.**

MASS INTENTIONS: Oct. 3—Oct. 11, 2026

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>
10/05	Mon	9:00 am	† Theresa & Bill McElroy
10/06	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Angelus Delgadillo Cortina</i>
10/07	Wed	9:00 am	† Dale Hands
10/08	Thurs	9:00 am	† George P. Ward
10/09	Fri	9:00 am	† Roberta Guerra
10/10	Sat	5:00 pm	† Marcelina Guerrero
10/11	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
10/12	Sun	10:30 am	† J.P. Lisciandro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Oct. 10-11, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Carole A. #2— JoAnn A.	Dave A. Kurt K. Robin K.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Michael W. #2— Brian C.	Pauline B. Rita B. Elizabeth M.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Lilla O. #2— Karen S.	Jacky M. Mike W. Jolon W.

HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—Oct.7

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

Last Week's General Collection \$ 5,746
Online General Collection \$ 1,933

Thank You!

*This week's second collection is for our
Building and Maintenance Fund.
Please write separate checks.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD!

Are you interested in helping with the
Children's Liturgy of the Word once a month?

Let's help parents of young children.

Call the office!

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

Jim Cooney, Rosella Rhine, George Fiori,
Bill 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.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
 10/07_Children's Faith Formation Classes 4:30 pm
 10/07_Youth Group 7th-12th grade 6pm-7:30 pm
 10/08_Women's Club Dinner 6 pm
 10/13_Men's Club Dinner 6 pm
 10/18_Concert featuring Francis Oliveira at 4 pm
 10/19_Justice & Service 7pm
 10/27_Helping Hands Meeting 3pm



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 or Mary at 707-495-3095.

Justice & Service In Community

**Third Mondays Monthly
 OCTOBER 19th 7-8pm**

Holy Family Classroom.

Enter through back of Parish House.

"Helping Hands" Ministry

Holy Spirit Women's Club

This Important Ministry helps our parishioners with funeral receptions along with meals when needed.

A meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on:

Tuesday, October 27th at 3:00 PM

Please join us if you're on the list or want to join the ministry!

The more "Helping Hands" the better!

We have four teams of women already in place, and some have had to step down due to age or illness. Those of you on our volunteer list may have changed phone numbers or email addresses and corrections are needed.

If you have any questions or cannot attend please call: Lynne @ 707-981-8619

Or Nora @ 707-484-0542



**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 6th at 12:30 pm**

Led by Matt Conley

Enter through the Parish Office,
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TRUNK OR TREAT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

ALL ARE WELCOME! ~ COME IN COSTUME!

Bring plenty of candy for trunk or treaters.

Those who don't have trunks (or cars) can also hand out candy at the church plaza (bring lawn chair).

5:30 P.M. - OPENS FOR DECORATING CARS

6 P.M. - HOTDOGS & GAMES ON THE PLAZA

6:30-7:30 PM - OPENING PRAYER, TRUNK OR TREAT



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