



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 17-18, 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...

'Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God'

(Mark 12:13-17)

In Jesus' day, Roman coins, like the denarius mentioned in the Gospel reading, bore an image of the Roman Emperor of the day, and an inscription declaring him to be divine and high priest.

However, Jesus' response to those who try to trap him with their question about paying taxes to Caesar shows that the Roman Emperor is not to be considered God.

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There is a clear distinction to be made between Caesar and God.

God is God and Caesar is not God, in direct opposition to the image and title on Roman coins. What is due to God is far greater than what is due to Caesar. God is absolute and Caesar is relative. Jesus does not prohibit paying taxes to Caesar but he affirms that what is due to the true God is much greater.

The Gospel reminds us that our ultimate loyalty is to God. It is God who has first claim on our lives, not any human authority, be it political or religious.

Because we believe that Jesus is the full revelation of God in human form, to say that God has first claim on our lives is to say that Jesus, our Risen Lord, has first claim on our lives.

We have to assess all human claims on our lives in the light of that primary claim of the Lord. Allowing Jesus to be Lord of our lives will sometimes require us to resist the demands that human authorities make of us, especially when they are at odds... with what the Lord... is asking of us.

Father Ron



**AN AFTERNOON
OF MUSIC**
with Francis Oliveira

CLASSICAL
STANDARDS
& SOME SING A LONG!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ 4 PM

Holy Spirit Church
1244 St. Francis Rd.
Santa Rosa, Ca 95409

MASS INTENTIONS: Oct. 17—Oct. 25, 2026

10/17	Sat	5:00 pm	Jerry Cardoza
10/18	Sun	8:00 am	† Larry Darling
10/18	Sun	10:30 am	Jacky Macy - Bday
10/19	Mon	9:00 am	
10/20	Tue	9:00 am	
10/21	Wed	9:00 am	† Ray & Genevieve Musetti
10/22	Thurs	9:00 am	Fr. Ron's 33 rd Ord. Anniversary
10/23	Fri	9:00 am	† David Plagge
10/24	Sat	5:00 pm	† Vern Kramer
10/25	Sun	8:00 am	For the People
10/25	Sun	10:30 am	† J.P. Lisciandro Jr.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Oct. 24-25, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Jane G. #2— Ed R.	Carla A. Jerry A. Kathy S.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Michael W. #2— Bob A.	Rita B. Donna K. Kurt K.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Deanna B. #2— Mary L.	Dave A. Loyde J. Sherry J.

HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—Oct.21

Route 1 — Deanna B.
Route 2 — Tim S.
Route 3 — Jerry A.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,244
Online General Collection \$ 1,820

Thank You!

This week's second collection is for our
Religious Education Department.
Next week's second collection is for
World Mission Sunday.
Please write separate checks.



This Sunday, join us after the 10:30 am mass to celebrate Fr. Ron, courtesy of the Women's Club!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Susanna Young, 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 Lynch, Jerry Williams, Jim Coddling, 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.



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



10/18 Concert featuring Francis Oliveira at 4 pm
 10/19 Justice & Service 7pm
 10/20 Scripture Study Tuesdays 12:30 pm
 10/20 OCIA 7-8 pm
 10/21 Children's Faith Formation Classes 4:30 pm
 10/21 Youth Group 7th-12th grade 6pm-7:30 pm
 10/27 Helping Hands Meeting 3pm
 10/28 Trunk or Treat 6 pm
 11/02 Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30pm
 11/07 Bethlehem Holy Land items for sale
 11/10 Men's Club Thanksgiving Dinner
 11/12 Women's Club Dinner
 11/14 Canned Food Drive 10-2pm
 11/21 Surviving the Holidays Grief Support 1-3:30pm

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm

- * Year 1 — First Communion / Whole Family Catechesis (Kindergarten-5th) with Jessica Coffey
- * Year 2 — First Communion joins the K-5 class and then transfers to Lynn Lankford's class
- * Year 1 — Confirmation with Maggie Vera
- * Year 2 — Confirmation with Lori Norcia

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30 PM DROP-INS WELCOME

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

YOUTH GROUP

DROP INS WELCOME ANYTIME!

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

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

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!

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



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, facing Raters Dr.

Justice & Service In Community

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

**Holy Family Classroom.
 Enter through back of Parish House.**

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a collection of specific items for Labath Landing on November 21st. Details to follow.

OCIA
 Formerly RCIA

**Classes are 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

Join Us!

**First Mondays of the Month
 @ 6:30 pm**

Led by Matt Conley

Enter through the Parish Office, facing Raters Dr.