Vocations Cross Program

Above are some of our first families to participate in our vocations cross program. They took the cross home and prayed for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for one week. The Vocations Cross Program runs at the 9:00 am, 10:45 am and 5:00 pm Sunday Masses.

Want to get your family involved? Head to vocations.holyspiritfremont.org to sign up!

Everyone has a vocation and its never too early to start praying for yours.

Mark George Jardine (left) follows along with the priest during the consecration at every Mass.

Be Spirit filled and make disciples!
## Twenty-second Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 2**

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<td><strong>Saturday Vigil</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Ruperto Capili †, Anna Thuc Tran †, Danilo Mendoza †</em></td>
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<td><em>Simon Williamson, Beatrice Quintana †, Teresa M. Lorenzana †</em></td>
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<td><em>Tony Bruno †, Rita Marie Alvarez †, Naida Pavlakovich †</em></td>
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<td><em>Nena Ladrillono &amp; Family, Benjie Tuñio, Melvin Bragga and Myrtle Perera †</em></td>
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<td><em>For the People of Holy Spirit Parish</em></td>
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<td><em>Gentibano Family, Delia Noveno †, Emiliano Lacunza †</em></td>
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### Reconciliation

- **Saturday:** 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- **Thursday before 1st Friday:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Weekdays:** Call for an appointment.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Adoration is ongoing in our Governo House Adoration Chapel. Temporarily closed 9 pm—6 am. Sign up for a weekly commitment at [https://www.adoration.holyspiritfremont.org](https://www.adoration.holyspiritfremont.org).

### Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday at 11:00 a.m. All seniors and those seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend. Next Mass September 1.

### Sacraments

For Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Adult Sacraments, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick or Funeral call the office at (510) 797-1660 or check out [holyspiritfremont.org](http://holyspiritfremont.org).

### Interested in Catholicism?

Learn about Jesus, the Catholic faith, or become Catholic: (510) 456-4975.
HUMAN TRADITION
It would be easy to wonder why the disciples ate "with unwashed hands," especially in those times when dust and dirt were plentiful and the disciples worked with their hands as fishermen. But these scriptures are not concerned so much with physical cleanliness as with spiritual cleanliness. The Pharisees, who were so picky about following every letter of every law, had an "aha" moment in which they saw an opportunity to accuse Jesus and the disciples of breaking the law of Moses. Jesus responds in a very sensible way. He says, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, But their hearts are far from me; In vain do they worship me, Teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

TRADITION TODAY
The same could be said about some of today's Christians, who are so enamored of the past that they cannot see that Jesus has brought about a new interpretation of tradition. Just as we celebrate birthdays with cake and candles, perhaps now with chocolate cake and tiny candles--whereas in the past it was only white cake and bigger candles--tradition adapts to the times while holding on to the essence of what was celebrated before. Tradition preserves the essence while changing the details, something that some of us may fail to grasp. Such people may want everything to be the same in every detail, and accuse others of failure to worship properly because they do not hold to past practices. Like the Pharisees, sometimes we want to cling to the way things were done our childhood, never accepting change of any kind. We fail to see the essence of the tradition preserved in a new way of doing things. Perhaps we don't understand the essence of tradition, or perhaps we are so unsure of ourselves that we want to be instructed strictly in the old ways, like the Pharisees who knew the law by heart and were quite comfortable practicing what poorer people had no way of doing perfectly. It was the poorer people who followed Jesus because he offered them hope.

It would be well for us to remember that the essence of tradition is the worship of God, not the preservation of human habits. We can learn to practice charity and love in emulation of others who have willingly, in following Jesus, held their faith to mean loving their neighbor.
Jesse Manibusan and Ken Canedo in Concert
7:30 pm | Wednesday, September 12
Tickets $12, children under 12 are free
Tickets available in the office or online

Jesse & Ken are bringing their joyful spirit to Holy Spirit Church. Don’t miss this evening of fun for the whole family!

To purchase tickets, head to the website at holyspiritfremont.org and go to “More” then “Jesse and Ken Concert Tickets.”

Proceeds will be donated St. Patrick’s Seminary.

Advent Alpha is Coming!
7-9 pm | Wednesdays beginning this fall
De Sousa House

Alpha will start again this fall. Meetings will take place Wednesdays from 7 to 9 at de Sousa, dinner included. We will eat then watch an informative video and later on react to it. Come meet the person of Christ. Everybody is invited.

RCIA starting soon!
We are getting set to start a new RCIA journey. We will begin September 4, 2018, at 7:30-9:00 pm in the De Sousa House.
If you or someone you know is over the age of 16 and is in need of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Eucharist) or just curious to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact dcntim@holyspiritfremont.org or dcnsteve@holyspiritfremont.org; call (510) 598-7408; or visit www.rcia.holyspiritfremont.org.

We look forward to journeying with you into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Retrouvaille Program
Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. Oakland Retrouvaille Program: September 7-9, 2018.
Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call Gus & Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063. Retrouvaille provides marriage help! You are not alone!

Scripture Study
Week of September 10 | Mondays: 7:15 pm and Thursdays: 8:45 am | De Sousa House

Scripture study begins at 7:15 PM on Monday, Sep 10, 2018 & 8:45 AM on Thursday Sep 13, 2018. Lamb’s Supper & Bible timeline will be studied.

Meet us in the De Sousa House.

We’re Open!
Gift Shop:
Sun. 8:30 - 2:00
Parish Library:
Sun. 9:00 - 12:30
Parish Office:
M-Sat 9:00 - 5:00
Closed Wednesday
Sun. 9:00 - 2:00
Faith Formation/De Sousa House Office:
M-Th 8:30 - 4:30

9 am, 10:45 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Every Sunday

We offer free care for your preschooler every Sunday. We are located downstairs underneath the church. Please stop by and visit us! More info & registration at holyspiritfremont.org or call Fran at (510) 456-4974.
News and Events

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass
Moved to 6:00 pm on September 12

Please note, on September 12, our normal 6:30 pm OLPH Mass will be at 6 pm to make way for the Jesse Manibusan and Ken Canedo Concert.

Youth Ministry and Confirmation Registration!

Registration for Youth Ministry is open!

EDGE Ministry for middle school teens will be held Thursday Nights
Youth Nights for high school teens will be held Sunday after 5pm Mass.
Confirmation Prep is open for high school teens who completed CF1 last year.

Registration is online at holyspiritfremont.org/learn, or may be completed in the De Sousa House.

International Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima Celebrations
5:00 pm | Saturday, October 13

Starting this year, we will have a combined celebration of the International Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima Devotion on Saturday, October 13, after the vigil Mass. We will recite the holy rosary in different languages.

If you are interested to recite the Hail Mary in your own language, please contact: Bella Asis at (510) 791-6121 or Marina Salazar at (510) 207-6395

This will be followed by a procession and potluck reception. Please bring a dish to share between 4:00-5:00 pm to the De Sousa House.

Marian Conference
October 12-13 | Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Brentwood | $25 Adults | $12 Youth

Join us for our 2018 Marian Conference themed, “With Mary, We Say YES to the Lord!” at Immaculate Heart Of Mary Church in Brentwood.

For more information and to register, ihmbrentwood.com/marianconference or come into the Holy Spirit Parish Office for registration forms.

Office Closing on Wednesdays
Starting Wednesday, September 22 we will be closing the Rectory Office on Wednesdays. Our office will still be open every day of the week except Wednesdays.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
9:00 am and 10:45 am Masses
Sundays beginning Sept. 9th

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start up again on Sept. 9th and is offered during the 9:00 am & 10:45 am Sunday Masses for K through 4th graders.
We are currently in need of adults and teens to share the Gospel message with these children. Please contact us for meeting times and information about sharing the message.
For further information, please contact Kendee at (510) 796-8956 or kendeehs@yahoo.com for the 9:00 am Mass & Cheryl at HolySpiritCheryl@gmail.com for the 10:45 am Mass.
St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

Heading to the store this week? Consider picking up a few items for our SVdP food pantry:

- Canned Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Pork & Beans

Thank you in advance! Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the rectory office.

Spotlight from our Sister Parish

Our Holy Spirit Donations to our sister parish have helped so many children and young adults attend school.

Paul John attends the Dido Vocation Training Centre in Kilimanjaro. This is another avenue for continued education for older students.

Please Welcome our Newly Baptized!

Vivienne, Camden, Christian, Giovanni, Kitana, Jacob, and Stephen

Stewardship

Keep your Car Safe!

Please remember to lock your car and keep valuables out of plain site when parked in our parking lots.

Table of Plenty Celebrating 5 years of Service This Fall!

This October, the Table of Plenty ministry will celebrate its 5th year of service. Table of Plenty serves a nutritious meal to the needy and homeless in our community every Saturday morning in the Peace Center. Several ministries share the responsibilities of providing and serving the meal one Saturday a month.

Corner

Giving

Special Collections coming up:
Priest Retirement—September 9
Holy Spirit School—September 16

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At the conclusion of every Eucharistic prayer is the Doxology and the Great Amen. In this solemn yet stark moment, the presider lifts up Jesus himself, truly present in the Eucharistic species, and proclaims:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

At that very moment in every Mass we, as the Church, are offering ourselves to God the Father. The words of the Doxology and the gesture of the priest reveals the truth of this offering:

- We are offering ourselves to the Father, through Jesus and united with the Holy Spirit.
- As Christ in the Eucharist is lifted up by the priest, we too are lifted up in Christ.
- We are offering all glory, honor, and every moment in time to God
- Glory, honor, and time are often things that we feel belong to us, but we can only fully offer ourselves to God when these belong to God.

After this prayer and gesture of the presider, the appropriate response is to acclaim an Amen together. The Doxology only becomes true in our lives when we acclaim it with an Amen for ourselves. This Amen is the moment that requires our full dignity and attention as participants. This Amen is the biggest and most important Amen of the Mass. It ultimately imbues the full beauty and dignity of Christ’s offering in our hearts just before we receive him in the Eucharist.

Many might think this underwhelming compared to what Christ has offered. However, at Mass we are not simply making our offerings about God, we are making our offerings directly to God. At the face of great love — a love that has never stopped being offered to you — there is no more perfect of a response than to give our whole lives back to Him in all glory and honor, forever and ever. **AMEN**