Be Spirit filled and make disciples!

**Alpha**

Got questions about life?

Alpha is a great place to ask questions and learn more about our faith. Have someone you know that could benefit as well? Bring them with you! No registration is required and all sessions are free.

Alpha is Wednesday nights from 7:00—9:00 pm in the De Sousa House and includes dinner. Alpha runs until Wednesday, December 5.

**Mass Schedule**

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Our Vision:
Be a flourishing community of intentional disciples shining as beacons of Christ.

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.

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 October 6.

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.

Interested in Catholicism?
Learn about Jesus, the Catholic faith, or become Catholic: (510) 459-4975.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.
What’s Happening at Holy Spirit?

Presence Group Study
7:00—8:30 pm | 3 Tuesdays starting September 25
De Sousa House Theater

Join us to dive deep into the mystery of the Eucharist in our Parish-Wide Study of Presence, a video-based study series found on Formed. Can’t join us on Tuesday Nights? Grab some friends and watch and discuss Presence together!

Bereavement Support Group
2:30—3:00 pm | Sundays starting October 7 | Fireside Lounge

Are you dealing with the death or illness of a loved one, a divorce, the loss of a job or other life changing loss? Sharing your story with others may speed healing and lighten the burden. Please turn to page 6 for the topics for each session.

Open Door to Returning Catholics
7:30 pm | Wednesdays starting Oct. 3 | De Sousa House

Returning Catholics is a parish program that reaches our and invites non-practicing or inactive Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church. Would you or someone you know benefit from this program. Stop in! No registration necessary.

Have Questions? Contact Silvia at saljentera@gmail.com or Fr. Lee at frlee@holyspiritfremont.org

Lector Workshop
7:00 pm | September 18 | Church
9:30 am | September 22 | Church

Current lectors of Holy Spirit need to attend one of these two meetings. Please mark your calendars and see you there!
From the desk of Fr. Matthew

**Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy.**

These words have been in my heart and prayer recently. In the past few weeks, we have had to face news of those who have been seriously harmed by clergy, and we may be very confused by the responses, or lack thereof, of bishops. These have been days of serious trial for many within the Church.

Precisely for this reason I believe the Lord is calling us to turn, once again, to His Divine Mercy. Why? What is Divine Mercy?

St. John Paul II taught us in his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia (Rich in Mercy)* that mercy is “love [which] makes itself particularly noticed in contact with suffering, injustice and poverty - in contact with the whole historical ‘human condition,’ which in various ways manifests man’s limitation and frailty, both physical and moral” and that, “Making the Father present as love and mercy is, in Christ’s own consciousness, the fundamental touchstone of His mission as the Messiah” (3). Simply put, mercy is the love of the Father which embraces us, through Christ, when we are poor, weak, and sinful.

The mercy of our Father reaches out to us, particularly during this time within our Church. It reaches out most especially to those who have been traumatized by abuse and feel trapped by shame. It seeks to console those who are hurt and confused by these scandals. And it even seeks for those who have perpetrated these crimes; while calling them to justice for what they have done.

Print out a copy of St. John Paul II’s encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, and prayerfully read through his thoughts on the Father’s never-ending mercy. Learn more about the message of Divine Mercy that God wishes to share with the world through St. Faustina, a young Polish sister. Two videos on the message of Divine Mercy can be found on our FORMED page at holyspiritfremont.formed.org

With this message within our hearts, let us turn, with trust, to the mercy of our Father.

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**Formed pick of the week**

Head to holyspiritfremont.formed.org to check out Fr. Matt’s suggestions for this week.

**Divine Mercy: Episode 4** The tumultuous history of Poland set the stage for a remarkable woman to become the catalyst of the main drama of the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, a drama involving the modern message of Divine Mercy and its popularity following World War II.

**The Face of Mercy:** Since his election to the papacy, Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging us to embrace mercy, ultimately revealed in the face of Christ. Now comes an extraordinary new film on this powerful message that brings hope, healing, and forgiveness to a broken world.
Kidzone
9 am, 10:45 am, & 12:30 pm Masses

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

Clergy
Fr. Kenneth L. Sales, Pastor
510-456-4964
Fr. Lee Chompoochan, Parochial Vicar
510-797-1660
Fr. Matthew Murray, Parochial Vicar
510-456-4965
Dcn. Rigo Cabezas, Dir. of Rel. Ed.
510-456-4975
Dcn. Chuck Glover, Pastoral Care
510-789-8652
Dcn. Steve Lewellyn, RCIA
510-797-1660
Dcn. Tim Roberto, RCIA
510-598-7408
Dcn. Emeritus Richard Yee, Retired

Departments
Business/Maintenance: Jeff Van der Sluis
510-456-4970
Facilities Scheduling: Rosalyn Jose
510-456-4995
Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office:
510-456-4974
Music: Paul Orella
510-673-3873
Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
510-797-3672

News and Events

Novena to Saint Faustina
7:00 pm | Sept. 26-Oct. 4th | Adoration Chapel
7:30 pm Mass on Friday, Oct. 5

Holy Spirit Church’s Divine Mercy Apostolate invites you to join them for a 9 day novena to St. Faustina beginning September 26, 2018 to October 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Adoration Chapel. The Feast of St. Faustina will be celebrated on Oct 5, 2018 with Adoration at 6:30 pm and mass at 7:30 pm.

Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive
After Masses | This Weekend

The Knights of Columbus Council here at Holy Spirit Church are hosting information tables following all Masses this weekend, September 15th and 16th. Please stop by the tables outside of the church to learn more about the Knights and sign up for their upcoming Open House and Tri-tip dinner.

Office Closing on Wednesdays

Starting Wednesday, September 26 we will be closing the Rectory Office on Wednesdays. Our office will still be open every day of the week except Wednesdays.

San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena and Feast Day Mass
Sept. 20-28th
5 pm Mass on Saturday, Sept. 29

The Filipino Society is inviting everyone to join the first annual 9-Day Novena and Feast Day Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila. The 9-Day Novena is from Sept. 20-28 and will be held at various locations. If you are interested in participating, please see the contact information below.
The Feast Day Mass will be on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 at 5 pm in the church with a procession beginning at 4:30 pm.

For more information contact Danny at danzenarosa@yahoo.com or (510) 468-7980.
News and Events

Bereavement Group (cont.)
2:30—3:00 pm | Sundays starting October 7
Fireside Lounge

Our deanery sponsored bereavement support group’s next series begins Sunday afternoon, October 7, 2018. We are meeting in the Fireside Lounge for ten Sundays. Information shared is strictly confidential. For more information, please contact Helen Campbell, (510) 795-7958.

10/7/18—Sharing the Story of Your Grief
10/14/18—As You Deal with Your Loss
10/21/18—Dealing with Difficult Feelings
10/28/18—Regrets
11/4/18—Consolation
11/11/18—Getting Through the Holidays
11/18/18—Maturing Grief
12/2/18—Sharing Memories
12/9/18—Ritual & Healing
12/16/18—Memorial Service

St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

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

- Canned Fruit
- White Rice
- Dry Pinto Beans

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

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 5 pm vigil Mass at 6:30 pm. 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.

Please Welcome our Newly Baptized!
Julian, Aadhya, Madisor, Sophia, and Ray Aadhav

Special Collections coming up:

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Giving Corner
Catechesis: Echoing the Faith

Why the fancy word?
Catechesis comes from the Greek word katekhesis which literally means “to echo down.” From the day of Pentecost and onward, the Church has faithfully echoed down the beauty of our faith which was entrusted to us by Christ.

What’s the point?
Catechesis is not just about teaching ideas, but more about deepening our relationship with God. The aim of catechesis is to help the believer develop a deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ. Whenever we make new friends, the friendship deepens when we learn more about that person – then the deeper the friendship becomes, the more we begin to learn about ourselves. That’s how truly intimate relationships work – catechesis does that for our friendship with Jesus Christ!

That’s just for kids, right?
Ongoing catechesis is integral for the whole Christian life! We, as followers of Christ, should joyfully learn and discover our faith continually throughout our lives. Even though we received initial catechesis by devoutly attending CCD classes in our youth, or perhaps attended Catholic school, the faith should echo in our hearts beyond that. Ongoing catechesis inspires us to know and love Christ, and his Church, through the contexts of every phase in life.

We, as Catholics, ought to celebrate how the faith is echoed in our hearts! The Church, as a whole, will celebrate Catechetical Sunday Today, on September 16. However, our local Church community of Holy Spirit Parish will celebrate Catechetical Sunday next week, on September 23.

Looking for ongoing personal catechesis? Sign up for FORMED and see page 4 for the FORMED pick of the week each week.

This week’s In Spirit and Truth written by Joe Nufable