Our Drive-Thru prayer ministry celebrated 4 years of serving our community! Drive-Thru prayer is available from 5-6 Monday—Friday in our parking lot for any prayer needs.

Mass Schedule

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

Confession
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 January 5.

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.

Sunday, December 16 | Third Sunday of Advent; Las Posadas begins
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

5:00 pm (Saturday Vigil)
Michelle Bonilla, Balz and Mary Senn †, Elmon Ledesma

7:15 am
For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

9:00 am
Nicole Marie Goulart †, Filomena & Jocelyn Ferrer †, Espiritu & Grace Gonzales †

10:45 am
Mariano & Steve Ladrillono †, Nicole Marie Goulart †, Phyllis Dyer †

12:30 pm
Ortiz Family †, Roberto Devera †, Ramon & Rosario Fermeza †

5:00 pm
Ramon & Rosario Fermeza †, Lovely Family, Riley Grace Fernandez †

Monday, December 17 | Monday of the Third Week of Advent
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

7:00 am
Lolita Tanael, Minda Tanael

8:15 am
Reynaldo Buhay Palacio †, Francis Vu †

Tuesday, December 18 | Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent; International Migrants Day
Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

7:00 am
Keary Fox, Maximiano Magpoc †

8:15 am
Oscar & Josie De Torres, Elodia & Aucensio Torres †

Wednesday, December 19 | Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
Jgs 13:2, 7-24a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

7:00 am
Dovijan Hijic, Eileen Sanvictores

8:15 am
Faris Faris, Augustine Vu †

6:30 pm
Mary L. Rose Family †, Benito Mendoza Jr. †

Thursday, December 20 | Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am
Gen Razon †, Sean Rojas Martin

8:15 am
Julian & Chin-Chin Montesa, Christine Vu †

Friday, December 21 | Friday of the Third Week of Advent; St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

7:00 am
Gilbert Aguas †, George and Lillian Legier †

8:15 am
Naida Pavlakovich †, Johnny Vu

Saturday, December 22 | Saturday of the Third Week of Advent
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

7:00 am
Basil Sales †, The de Jesus Family

8:15 am
Velasquez - Curcuro Family, Buti Family

Please note: our prayer list is refreshed every week. Feel free to call the office to include your loved one for the week: (510) 797-1660.

Pray for Our Recently Departed
Priscila Fajardo, Antoinette Papapietro, Carmela Podesta, Dorothy Mittelstadt, Wilson Carbonel

We apologize for the misprint last week. Lyle Crawford was placed into the wrong area on this page. He is sick and needs your prayers.

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.
What’s Happening at Holy Spirit?

Christmas Eve Set-Up Help
9:00 – 2:30 pm | December 24

Join us 9 am - 2:30 pm in the Church to help set up and decorate our Church for Christmas eve. This is a great Christmas Eve activity for the whole family.

Holy Spirit Wine Sale
9:00 – 2:00 pm | Sundays | Gift Shop

10% off on all Holy Spirit Labeled white wines in our Gift Shop! Stop by Sundays 9 am - 2 pm or come by the office during the week to purchase wine for your upcoming festivities.

Ladies in Stitches raffle and sale
After Masses December 16

On December 16 Ladies in Stitches will be in St. Francis Plaza selling raffle tickets and handmade items. Raffle tickets are one for $1.00 and six for $5.00. All proceeds will be donated to Holy Spirit School. Come check us out!

Simbang Gabi Novena
5:30 am | December 16-24

You are invited to join the Simbang Novena at 5:30 am on December 16-24. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of a novena of early morning Masses leading up to Christmas. Each day is followed by a free breakfast in the Parish Center. See you there!
My dear friends, the Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete, or Rejoice, Sunday—and all the readings for this week invite us to rejoice.

The first reading from the prophet Zephaniah opens with a threefold call to joy, “Shout for joy... sing joyfully.... Be glad and exult with all your heart” (Zephaniah 3:14). Israel rejoiced in the presence of her saving God, but this joy is made complete in the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, and so we too are called to rejoice in the presence of our God.

In the second reading from Philippians, St. Paul shares with us the secret to Christian joy: It is not merely an emotion that comes and goes, but a choice. We choose to rejoice by remembering all that God has done for us.

In the Gospel reading from Luke, we are reminded that repentance is the preparation for receiving God’s gift of salvation. The crowds flocking to John are a testimony to the deep hunger and desire in man’s heart for God, and John answers this hunger with very simple instructions: Put your life in order.

The works of charity and justice that John encourages are not salvation itself, but they prepare the heart for salvation, which, in turn, opens us to the joy that God alone can provide.

Together, the readings for this Sunday of Advent encourage us to go beyond the superficial happiness that the world looks for during the Christmas season and enter into a relationship with God built on joy and profound gratitude.

Happy Advent!
Fr. Ken

FORMED pick of the week
Go to holyspiritfremont.formed.org, or go to our homepage at holyspiritfremont.org and click the link to be taken to FORMED. Our pick of the week will be on the top of theCommunity page.

Formed Pick of the Week: The Four Levels of Happiness by Fr. Robert Spitzer
We’re Open!
Parish Office:  
M-F.  9:00 - 5:00  
Closed Wednesday  
Sat. & Sun.  9:00 - 2:00
Faith Formation/De Sousa House Office:  
M-Th  8:30 - 4:30
Gift Shop:  
Sun.  8:30 - 2:00
Parish Library:  
Sun.  9:00 - 12:30

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.

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Fr. Kenneth L. Sales, Pastor
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510-797-1660
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510-598-7408
Dcn. Emeritus Richard Yee, Retired

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(510) 797-3672

News and Events

Memorial Altar Pictures
Please take back pictures of your loved ones that you had submitted for display at the memorial altar. The pictures are in the parish office. We are open all day Sunday for your convenience. Thank you for participating.

Holy Spirit Preschool
NOW ENROLLING!
One available spot left in our 3’s class!
Come and join our preschool family! Our 3-year-old (child MUST be 3 by September 1, 2018) class offers a variety of opportunities for your child to explore their world through play! We offer both structured and unstructured play filled with music, art, dance, story time, and much more. If you are interested, schedule an appointment at (510) 793-2013.

Open Door to Returning Catholics
7:15 pm | Wednesdays | 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.

Share Christmas
All gifts will be delivered this weekend! If you still haven’t returned your gift we need it immediately in order for the recipient to get their gift!

New to Holy Spirit?
If you’re new and haven’t registered here at Holy Spirit there are a few easy ways to do it! Stop by the office or go online to holy-spiritfremont.org/join-our-community and fill out the registration form. You can drop off the form at the office or email it to info@holyspiritfremont.org.
Please be advised that this year during the Simbang Gabi Novena, parking may be affected for the 7:15 am Sunday Mass only. This may effect 2 Sundays, Dec. 16th & 23rd for the 7:15 am Masses only.

Parking will be available in the back parking lot if the need arises.

**Traffic Team update**

We are looking for help building our social media team! Looking for experience working in social media or just want to help out? We’ll be starting with Instagram and Facebook and then expanding from there. Contact ellen@holyspiritfremont.org for more details.

**St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry**

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

- Ramen Soup—Chicken
- Spam
- Vienna Sausages

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

**Vocation Cross Program**

The Vocation Cross Program is put on hold to make way for the Advent Season and Christmas. It was launched in August 2018 and with God’s grace, gathered sufficient sign-ups to cover a 4-month period. The Program will resume at an appropriate time in 2019. A heartfelt thanks to everyone!

**Holy Spirit Survey**

Please help us improve by completing a short survey available in the office or online. Please turn into the office by December 30. If you would like to complete this survey online, please go to survey.holyspiritfremont.org

**Please Welcome our Newly Baptized!**

Isaiah, Ava, Evelyn, and Zoya

**Giving Corner**

**Special Collections coming up:**

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New! Fire Relief—December 16
What can we do this season to focus on Jesus?

Advent Series

This season can become so busy between buying gifts and hosting parties that it's very easy to forget about what this season of Advent is for—Preparing for the birth of Christ. Here are some more examples from families within our Parish of things to do during advent to put a bigger focus on Jesus. We hope these will help you in the next few days to prepare for Christmas.

From a family with young children:
“We do a reverse advent calendar. I think it’s not too late to start one. Every day of advent instead of giving something to my kids, we decide together what is something that we can give. A really good one is St. Vincent de Paul. Each day we put something in a bag for SVdP and at the end of Advent, we donate it. This also works well with toys and clothes to donate to a thrift store.”

From a family with older children:
“I get everyone up early for Simbang Gabi Masses. It’s hard to wake up early when it is so dark and cold, but the Mass and the fellowship afterwards makes it all worth it. Also by the time Christmas comes around I feel so much more prepared for Jesus to come into my life.”

From a young adult:
“I get a journal and write down notes from the homilies. I also try to read the Mass readings before Mass. Then during the week I look back on my notes from the homilies and try to really focus that week on what the homilist was saying to me. It helps me focus my whole week on God and not just Sunday.”

This week’s In Spirit and Truth was compiled from various testimonies.