The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

This feast celebrated on Feb 22, commemorates Christ’s choosing Peter as the servant-authority of the whole Church. Featured above is the Cathedra Petri, an ancient, ornamented, monumental chair. Today we attribute a strong spiritual significance to it and recognize it as a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ’s flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity.
Our Vision:
Be a flourishing community of intentional disciples shining as beacons of Christ.

Confession
Saturday: 3:30 pm
Thursday before 1st Friday: 3:30 pm
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
First Saturday (except January) at 12:00 pm. All seniors and those seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend. Next Mass March 2.

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) 456-4975.
What’s Happening at Holy Spirit?

Lenten Parish Mission—Save the Date
Mar 7 – Mar 8 | Church

Our Parish Lenten Mission will include dynamic talks, powerful worship, opportunities for confession and the chance to meet Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Please bring your family and friends as we unpack the mercy of God at work in our lives.

Fat Tuesday /Mardi Gras Celebration
Mar 5, 2019 7:00 pm | De Sousa House

Fat Tuesday is a long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church and it marks the last day of ordinary time before the start of Lent. All are invited to a potluck celebration on March 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm in D’Souza House followed by the Rite of Palms (burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday). Please contact Deacon Rigo for more information. Email: dcnrigo@holyspiritfremont.org

Morning Reflection
Mar 5 | Monday—Friday 6:15 am—6:45 am | De Sousa House

Join Fr. Matthew Murray for tea/coffee and donuts as he leads us through a guided reflection on 33 Days to Merciful Love. Beginning March 5, 2019 in D’Souza House on weekday mornings from 6:00 am to 6:45 am ending on Holy Thursday. Please contact Deacon Rigo for more information dcnrigo@holyspiritfremont.org

Lent Alpha Film Series
Mar 13 | Wednesdays 7:00 pm—8:30 pm | De Sousa House

The Alpha team invites you to dinner at 7 pm on Wednesday nights followed by a short video presentation designed to engage in conversations about faith, life, and Jesus. This series runs through Lent and Easter season. If you would like to know more about Alpha, please call Deacon Rigo 510-456-4975. All faith levels welcome.
The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount might be the longest silique that Jesus has in the bible. It is a statement on how we should relate to one another and to our God. As Catholics, a tenet of our church is to take care of the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, all those who have needs that are not being met to allow them a life of dignity.

St. Augustine observed, “if we lost all of the New Testament but simply had the Sermon of the Mount, it would be sufficient for us to live the Christian life well.” That’s a new thought and one that I have not heard until I listened to the current Pick of the Week from Formed.

But upon reviewing the Beatitudes, he is exactly right. By following the direction of Jesus in the Beatitudes, we will fulfill the last part of our Parish Prayer. The line that says, “make Christ present to the world.” By taking care of others, we announce the Gospel by our actions, no talking necessary.

So, if you are not sure on how to approach someone who is in need, maybe a review of the Beatitudes will give you a hint. Enjoy the Pick of the Week, “Encountering the Poor.”

Dr. Timothy Gray is the president of the Augustine Institute and is a well-known Scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With his eloquent style and polished delivery, Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.
News and Events

Eucharistic Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Mandatory Meeting

Feb 19 7:00 pm & Feb 23 9:30 am | Church

Eucharistic Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will have a mandatory meeting with Fr. Ken and Fr. Matthew on Tuesday Feb. 19 at 7pm and Saturday Feb. 23 at 9:30am here in the church. Please plan on attending one of these two sessions. We will see you there!

Oakland Retrouvaille Weekend

February 22 - 24, 2019


Join our Staff!

We are looking for a Gift Shop Manager. Please go to holyspiritfremont.org/announcements for the full job descriptions and details on how to apply.

The application deadline is February 28, 2019. Contact Jeff@holyspiritfremont.org with any inquiries.

Human Trafficking Awareness

St. Edwards Church Hall
February 18, 2019  7:00 pm—8:30 pm

St. Edward Women’s Club invites all women to its next meeting on Monday, February 18, 2019, in the Church hall, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Sister Therese Randolph, RSM, will present "Human Trafficking - Why you should know about it". She will give an overview of the situation locally, nationally, and internationally. Please come and be informed!
What’s Happening at Holy Spirit?

Adoration Chapel Coordinators
We are seeking volunteers to monitor Adoration Pro, an online software to help us ensure proper coverage of the Adoration Chapel. For more information, please contact Keiru@holyspiritfremont.org

St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry
Heading to the store this week? Consider picking up a few items for our SVdP food pantry:
- Spaghetti Noodles (No whole wheat)
- Tomato Sauce
- Vienna Sausages
- White Rice

Please remember, all food donated must be in factory sealed packages/containers.

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

Married and Engaged Couples Retreat
March 15-17 | De Sousa House | $150 per couple

Couples in Cana Retreat is coming to Holy Spirit on March 15-17. This is an excellent opportunity to bring Jesus to your table, engage Him and your spouse in conversation and turn your marriage into a truly incredible journey of faith and love. Space is limited to 25 couples. Contact Dn. Rigo at (510) 456-4974

Holy Land Pilgrimage
March 11-21, 2019 | Led by Fr. Ken Sales $3500 per person

Fr. Ken Sales will be leading a pilgrimage to Holy Land from March 11th to March 21st this year. The cost of the trip is $3,500 per person (including all taxes) which includes round trip airfare, room, two meals daily, and all transportation for site seeing. Please contact Alex Paras at (510) 509-0585 for more information.

Please welcome our newly baptized!
Noah, Hendrix, Melissa, Arabella and Mila.

Giving Corner

Special Collections coming up: Holy Spirit School 2/17

| Last Sunday | $26,900 |

Our pledged Weekly amount (excluding special collections) is: $31,963

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.
OUR FATHER, THY KINGDOM COME...

When we say the Our Father, we ask that His Kingdom come. What are we asking for when we pray this way?

Straight out of Scripture
The people of Israel were to see in God their King, the One who lead them out of slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. When they wanted a king and begged Samuel the prophet to choose one for them, God tells him, “They are rejecting me as their king” (1 Samuel 8:7). This leads to the kings of the people of God, the greatest of which was David, “a man after [God’s] own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14). When Christ, “the son of David” (Matthew 1:1) arrives on the scene, a large part of the message He preaches is “the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15).

In Christ
Christ brought the Kingdom of God to our midst. St. Cyprian puts it this way: “It may even be...that the Kingdom of God means Christ himself, whom we daily desire to come...For as he is our resurrection, since in him we rise, so he can also be understood as the Kingdom of God, for in him we shall reign” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2816).

Not a Bad Deal!
When we say, “Thy Kingdom Come,” we are praying for God’s rule to be made manifest here on earth. We want this kind of kingdom! “For the kingdom of God is ...righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). On the Solemnity of Christ the King we remember that His kingdom is “eternal...a kingdom of justice, love and peace” (Preface). When we think about our world, when we think about our own lives, we need to ask ourselves: “Who do we want to be in charge? Who do we want to have the ultimate say? Do we truly want God to reign?”

Practical Tips
1. Who are you praying for? What are you praying for? When you lift these needs to God, do you ask that He wants for that situation?
2. How am I trying to learn more about my faith? When I do, I get a glimpse of God’s vision for the world, His kingdom. Perhaps I could use FORMED to find ways of learning more about my faith.

Written by Fr. Matthew Murray