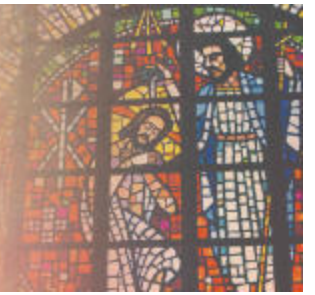




HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT



SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



WELCOME

With joy we welcome all who have gathered here with us to worship God.

“How good to sing praise to our God; how pleasant to give fitting praise.” (Psalm 147:1)

Let us lift up our minds, hearts, and spirits to our loving and merciful God, from whom all good things come.

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MASS

SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 7:00 & 8:15 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:15 am | 9:00 am
10:45 am | 12:30 pm
5:00 pm

Weekday

Mon. - Fri.: 7:00 & 8:15 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm
1st Friday: 7:30 pm

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
- Jn 9:35

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BE SPIRIT FILLED AND MAKE DISCIPLES!



WORSHIP

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 the Adoration Chapel, located in Governo House.

Hours: 6:00 am to 9:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday (except January and May) at 12:00 pm. All seniors and those seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend.

Next Mass: April 4

Sacraments

For Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Adult Sacraments, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick or Funeral, contact us at 510.797.1660 or holyspiritfremont.org.

First Friday Mass

Next Mass: April 3

New to Holy Spirit?

Welcome! To register, please visit the Parish Office or go online at holyspiritfremont.org/join-our-community

Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

5:00 pm Vigil Mass) Thomas Cunningham Sr. †, Mark Dunakin & Daniel Sakai †, Ervin Romans & John Hege †

7:15 am Ramon Antonio Firmeza †, Ernie Lengyel †, Miko Revilla Palanca †

9:00 am For the People of the Holy Spirit Parish

10:45 am Eufemia Umlas †, Isabel Mina & Clifford †, Flaviano & Juana Reduque †

12:30 pm Michael Aguilar †, Lanuza Family, Luis Amaral †

5:00 pm Domingo Fernandes †, Lucy Verducci †, Joel Yapchiongco †

MONDAY, MARCH 23 | MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

7:00 am Milagros Escalona †, Dina Ilijic Manzanera

8:15 am Rita Marie Alvarez †, Truong & Cuong Pham

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 | TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

7:00 am Silveria Family, Alexi Jonathan Ramos

8:15 am Bill Bender †, Bernadette Valdellon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 | SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am Erin Liza Araza, Linda Simoes †

8:15 am Julie Domingo, Marilyn Russell

6:30 pm Aileen Asis Lorenzo, Amando Bayani Jr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 | THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

7:00 am Alejandro Javier †, Eugenio Lu †

8:15 am Vlado Pavlakovich †, Elsa & Russell Burfitt

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 | FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:00 am Lydia Austero, Paulina Torres Manzanera

8:15 am Chito & Emelie Sanchez, Julian & Maura Saenz †

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 | SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

7:00 am Dennise Manzanera Moreno, Elva Balderas Ibarra †

8:15 am Protusada Family †, Grace Lat

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.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOHN...

Friends, in the gospel today, we find Jesus performing a miracle on a man born blind. There is nothing exceptional about this man; he is a poor, blind beggar.

By the world's standards, he is not important. He doesn't even know who Jesus is, and he doesn't ask to be cured either, but Jesus heals him anyway. Jesus restores his sight. This man, who knew only darkness since birth, could finally see.

Now, that is just the beginning of his healing. Jesus performs an even greater miracle beyond restoring this man's physical sight. He performs in this man the miracle of spiritual sight, the gift of faith. And when his eyes are finally opened and his faith awakened, how readily he accepts Jesus. He sees Jesus more than just a nice man or a prophet. Rather, he sees Jesus as his Lord and Savior saying, "I do believe, Lord." Then, he falls on his knees and worships Jesus.

Friends, isn't this what we do in the presence of

the Lord in the Eucharist? We fall on our knees and worship him. We do not come to church just to see a nice man or a prophet. We come because we want to see our Lord and Savior who alone can heal us from our spiritual blindness. Like the Pharisees in the gospel, you and I have our own fair share of blindness that comes in many forms. Sometimes our blindness may come from our selfishness that blinds us to the needs of others. From insensitivity that blinds us to the hurt we're causing others. From anger or hate that blinds us to forgive those who hurt us. From jealousy or greed that blinds us to be grateful to the many blessings that God has given us. From the comfort of materialism that blinds us to things eternal. From pride that blinds us to our own faults.

Our list could go on and on and on. But thanks be to God, there is a cure. God, through Jesus Christ, has come to meet us and to restore our spiritual vision so that we may be able to see – to truly see God, see others, and see ourselves through the eyes of Jesus Christ.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us, to open our eyes and awaken our faith. Amen.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

An excerpt from the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter entitled **Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan (Abridged Version)**

Growth in Virtue

With God's grace, couples are called to grow in holiness. A holy marriage is made up of many virtues. Fundamentally, the couple lives out the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. Love is the heart of the vocation of marriage. It calls spouses to imitate Jesus by their willingness to sacrifice themselves in everyday situations for each other and their children. Couples must also grow in the moral virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Two virtues that are sometimes overlooked are chastity and gratitude. Marital chastity means that the couple's love is total, faithful, exclusive and open to life. It protects a great good: the communion of persons and the procreative purpose of marriage. Marriage is a school of gratitude, in which husband and wife are thankful for the gift of each other. They express their joyous gratitude in giving themselves completely to each other. Their gratitude leads them to be open to children and to be generous towards others. Growth in virtue is a lifelong journey, in which the spouses become more like Christ so that they can more perfectly love each other as Christ loves his Church.



To read the document, go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>



SERVE

Coronavirus Pandemic

We continue to monitor the Coronavirus pandemic and the constantly changing directives from city and county officials as well as from Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.

In conjunction with the mandatory "Shelter in Place" order by the Alameda County Department of Health, Bishop Barber issued a directive suspending all public Masses effective immediately.

Please visit our website - <https://holyspiritfremont.org> - for our parish response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our church will be open Mondays to Saturdays, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm for the faithful who wish to pray and visit with our Lord.

In your absence, we ask for your continued financial support. Please visit our parish website - <https://holyspiritfremont.org/give/> - for information on "Online Giving" and "Text to Give." You may also drop off your Sunday envelopes at the parish office.

Please know that you are lifted up in prayer.

From our Youngest Stewards
I helped someone, I prayed,
I studied my lessons:

Abbey, Celestina,
Ellie, Langston

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Heading to the store this week? Consider picking up a few items for our SVdP food pantry. Here's this week's grocery wish list:

- ⇒ Jelly / Jam
- ⇒ Peanut Butter 16 oz.
- ⇒ Ramen Soup - Chicken

Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Parish Office. Please note: All food donations must be in factory sealed packages and/or containers. Thank you for your support!



Special Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

March 28-29, 2020

Over the past three months, we helped 903 families with food, clothing, and other necessities. During the Christmas season, we distributed 28 Christmas baskets.

Next weekend's Special collection will help SVdP continue its mission of charity. On behalf of the neighbors who receive our help, we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Mandatory training sessions previously scheduled for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers have been cancelled.

Trainings for new and active Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be rescheduled.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Giving

Sunday, March 15

\$22,100

Special Collection coming up:
St. Vincent de Paul | March 29

Our pledged weekly amount (excluding special collections):
\$31,963

Corner

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1st Reading: 1 Sm 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A
 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.



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 Sick

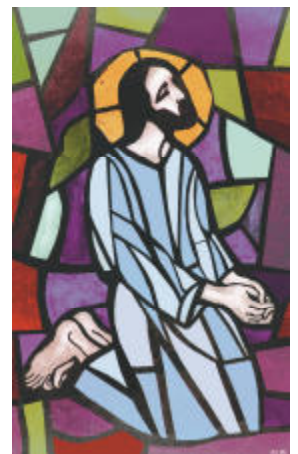
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Pray for Our Recently Departed

Filomena Avila, Champen Hardwick, Connie Villadolid Trocino, James Sharpen

Birthday Blessings

David Rosario, Michaela Lee, Saori Dominguez Martinez, Christopher Gee, Grace Ann Yee, Avery Paras





FROM FR. KEN

A Message to our Holy Spirit Family

My dear parishioners,

In conjunction with the mandatory “Shelter in Place” order by the Alameda County Department of Health, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ issued a directive suspending all public Masses effective immediately.

As your pastor, it saddens me that we will not be able to celebrate Mass and other Sacraments as usual. But know that I, together with Father Lee and Father John, are here to serve you in the best and utmost care possible.

Please visit our website for our parish response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Go to <https://holyspiritfremont.org>

In the midst of this global pandemic, we need Jesus more than ever and He needs us to stay connected to Him, to keep our eyes and hearts fixed on Him alone.

As such, I invite all of us to pray altogether, regardless of where we are, and to lift our intentions and desires to our Lord.

Please pray The Angelus in thanksgiving for the gift of the Incarnation at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm.

We invite you to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be at 9:00 pm for God’s peace to reign in our hearts and for all of us affected by the Coronavirus, especially those taken ill by COVID-19 and the elderly.

In your absence, we ask for your continued financial support. Please visit our parish website - <https://holyspiritfremont.org/give/> - for information on “Online Giving” and “Text to Give.” You may also drop off your Sunday envelopes at the parish office.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ken

**PRAY FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**

AROUND THE PARISH



2019 Year-End Financial Summary

Following is a summary of Holy Spirit's financials for the 2019 fiscal year. Our commitment is to be transparent with the financials of our parish and we thank you for the ongoing and continued support of Holy Spirit. It is through your generosity we are able to have such a vibrant parish. Some key highlights of the 2019 Financials:

- Holy Spirit continues to be in strong financial health
- Income
 - Income was greater than budget by \$357K (key contributor was gifts/one-time contributions of \$327K)
 - Sunday Plate collection was under budget due to slight drop in weekly attendance. There is also a conscious effort to limit second collections for the rest of the year
- Expenses
 - Expenses continue to be managed and we were over budget by \$97K
 - Includes depreciation (Parish Property) of \$416K following proper accounting practices. **Note:** Depreciation does not utilize cash.
 - Increased expense was from diocesan assessment, package liability insurance, and repairs and maintenance. (Note: The repairs and maintenance increase due to the gym work and was offset with income from a grant from Valley Foundation. We were instructed by the Diocese to add the grant as income and the repairs as expense)
 - Renton property sale will help in 2020 expense management
- Profit/Loss
 - Profit/Loss – shows a profit of \$139K. Again – a key contributor was the favorable variance of one-time donations
- Cash Flow/Debt
 - We have no debt and were cash positive for the year even with our key investments. Highlights of key investments for 2019 include:
 - Baptismal Font completion
 - Stained Glass Window Installation
 - Painting the exterior of the Church
 - New roofs for the Rectory and Governo House

2019 Financial Summary*			
Income:			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Plate Collections	\$1,792	\$1,824	(\$32)
Other Income & Parish Share	\$549	\$397	\$152
Donations	\$327	\$90	\$237
Total Income	\$2,668.0	\$2,311.0	\$357.0
Expense:			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Administration Expenses	\$ 655	\$ 602	\$53
Administration Sal & Benefits	\$ 866	\$ 872	(\$6)
Parish Property **	\$ 416	\$ 418	(\$2)
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 97	\$ 69	\$28
Utilities	\$ 104	\$ 97	\$7
Priest and Rectory Expense	\$ 72	\$ 83	(\$11)
Gift Shop Expenses	\$ 32	\$ 20	\$12
Liturgy and Music	\$ 131	\$ 130	\$1
Faith Form/Adult Ed/Baptism	\$ 70	\$ 62	\$8
Youth Ministry	\$ 86	\$ 79	\$7
Total Expenses	\$ 2,529	\$ 2,432	\$97
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 139		

*Unaudited - All amounts in thousands rounded to nearest thousand (,000)

**Includes Depreciation

My dear parishioners,

In our ongoing commitment of transparency regarding our parish finances, please take a moment to review our 2019 Financial Statement. Please contact Jeff Van der Sluis, our parish Business Manager, if you have any questions. We thank you for your tremendous generosity and continued support.

Blessings,
Fr. Ken

We're Open!

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Tues.-Fri. | 8:30 am-4:30 pm
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