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

5th SUNDAY OF LENT
Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- Jn 11:25

BE SPIRIT FILLED AND MAKE DISCIPLES!
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: TBD

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: TBD

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

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b -45

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Bernadette Rosado, Frank & Jean Mangione †, Julia Villanueva †
7:15 am Mike Brand †, Yvonne & Laura Day †, Miko Revilla Palanca †
9:00 am Cruz Family †, Jun F. Tengsico †, Jordan Levi Bisek †
10:45 am For the People of the Holy Spirit Parish
12:30 pm Jose & Simeona Albano †, Celia Fernandes, Ememorita Gonzales †
5:00 pm Alana Benton, Domingo Fernandes †, Tom Tomańcek †

MONDAY, MARCH 30 | MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

7:00 am Grace Oblena, Lila & James Chrystal †
8:15 am Francis Vu †, Lucy Verducci †

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 | TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

7:00 am Alfredo F. Garcia †, Maria Luisa Aguilar & Mercedes Werring †
8:15 am Eloisa Real, Benjamin Gabel †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 | WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

7:00 am Trinidad & Ignacio Yumena †, Eulalia Bayani †
8:15 am Sophia del Mar †, Tony Costa †
6:30 pm Alicia Ong †, Florante & Bella Asis

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

7:00 am Mike Brand †, Stocking Family
8:15 am Jorge Alcantara, Benjamin Gabel †

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 | FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

7:00 am A. J. Jose †, Idelfonso Abia †
8:15 am Joseph An Do †, Leticia Felarca †
7:30 pm Cecile R. Macasero, Tran Thach An / Nguyen Thi Hanh †

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 | SATURDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

7:00 am Gregg Calo †, Robert & Gigi Perez
8:15 am Anna Orias, Remedios Bautista †

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 DEACON CANDIDATE LARRY...

My Dear Friends,

We are experiencing a troubling and challenging time with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting our world. There is a lot of fear and anxiety about the unknown as we feel we have no control of our lives. During these times, we may ask, “Where is Jesus during our time of need and distress?” Our faith may be shaken to its core, to the point where we lose hope.

In today’s Gospel, these same words are spoken by Mary, the sister of Lazarus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

This is the time when we need to return to the Gospel and remember Jesus’ words to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

It is our faith and trust in God and His resurrection that will give us the courage and perseverance to overcome these hard times. Some of us may lose hope and be frightened as we isolate ourselves from our community. But remember that we are always united in prayer as one Body of Christ through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us all. May we all have the faith of Martha to put our trust in the Lord to give us His strength and ease the suffering of our World. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Larry and Lily Aseo

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
https://watch.formed.org/videos/5th-sunday-of-lent

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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

The Eucharist

In the Eucharist Catholic couples meet Christ, the source of their marriage. This encounter moves them to reach out in love to the broader Church and to the world. The Eucharist nourishes the virtue of marital hospitality and helps the couple to recognize God’s image in others. This hospitality builds up the Church and makes it a stronger witness to Christ’s love in the world. A marriage that is truly in Christ is a sign of the Kingdom that is coming. At the end of time, at the celebration of the heavenly wedding banquet, the love to which the spouses have been called will find its completion when the entire Church is assumed into the glory of the risen Christ.

To read the document, go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/
Our Sunday Collections
Our parish continues to follow the “Shelter in Place” order mandated by our state and county officials as well as the liturgical guidelines issued by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.
Please visit our website - https://holyspiritfremont.org - for information on how our parish is responding to the spiritual needs of our faith community in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Our church remains open Mondays to Saturdays, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm for the faithful who wish to pray and visit with our Lord.
And while you are away, our clergy and staff are diligently working, ensuring that we are serving the faithful the best way we can, in spite of some limitations. As such, we ask for your continued financial support.
Please visit our parish website at 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.
When utilizing the “Text to Give” option, please specify where your contribution needs to be directed: ex. “Sunday” for regular Sunday collection, “PalmSunday” for Palm Sunday, “Easter” for Easter Sunday.

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:

⇒ Breakfast Cereal
⇒ Chili
⇒ White Rice

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.
This 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.

CRS Rice Bowls
As part of our Lenten commitment to Pray, Fast and Give, our parish is once again participating in the CRS Rice Bowls, which supports Catholic Relief Services, a leading international humanitarian agency since 1943. Proceeds from CRS Rice Bowls help alleviate hunger and poverty in our local diocese and support programs around the world. Here’s a factoid: $40 can feed a family for one month. For more info, go to crsricebowl.org

Special Collection coming up:
Holy Land | April 10
HS Youth Ministry | April 19
HS School | May 3

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

AmazonSmile
Do you have an Amazon account? Shop through AmazonSmile and support Holy Spirit Parish.
1st Reading: Ex 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. R.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. R.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. R. For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. R.

2nd Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Verse Before the Gospel: Jn 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

While our parish office is closed during the “Shelter in Place” order, we still encourage you to send in your prayer requests. Please send us an email at info@holyspiritfremont.org with the names of your loved ones who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries, who are sick, or who have recently passed away. We will add their names to our bulletin prayer list.
Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.”

When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?”

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”

He said this, and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.”

So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.”

As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him.

So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.”

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.
2020 Chrism Mass
The Chrism Mass will still be celebrated in the Cathedral of Christ the Light as scheduled on April 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm. However, in light of the shelter-in-place order in effect for the Bay Area, the Chrism Mass will NOT be open to the public and only a limited number of clergy will participate. The public may participate in the Chrism Mass via livestream through the Cathedral of Christ the Light’s Facebook page facebook.com/ctlcathedral.org.

A Message From Father Ken

My dear parishioners,

I wish to share this beautiful prayer to with everyone.

A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

(Kerry Weber, executive editor, America)

In this time of uncertainty, I urge you to keep your gaze fixed on Jesus on the Cross. We need Him. We need His love, peace and mercy be upon and on the whole world. I hold each of you and your families in prayer.

Jesus, I Trust in You! Amen.

Fr. Ken
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