



HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

All Masses are
livestreamed on our
Facebook page.

Weekend

Saturday: 7:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am | 10:00
am | 12:30 pm

Weekday

Mon. - Fri.: 7:00 am

23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Mt 18:20

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WORSHIP

OUR VISION

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

Confession

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm
de Sousa House 4-Plex
Please wear a face covering or mask. Ushers will be on hand to direct you.

Eucharistic Adoration

During the COVID-19 health crisis, the Adoration Chapel is closed, until further notice.

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

7:00 am & 6:30 pm
Next Mass: October 2

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, SEPTEMBER 6 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Richard Cunningham, Lolita Canada †, Fred Bayot
- 7:30 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 10:00 am St Joseph the Worker, Tony Bruno †, Sulpicia Reamon †, Nena Ladrillono's intentions, Joseph Gianan Aguilar, Lissa Palanca
- 12:30 pm Eliza D' Almeida †, Larry-Lily Aseo & Family, Stephen Pape & Family, Evelyn Nobela, Brigida Dollaga †, Flor Jose †

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

- 7:00 am Latu Kivalu †, Evelyn Nobela, Pete Stanton †, James Curcuro Sr †, Pia Fest

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

- 7:00 am Manuel Gallegos Jr. †, Julius Acoba †, Efigenia Gianan Aguilar, Evelyn Novela, Russ & Veronica Najarro, Lalaine Lanuza, Brian & Liz Aguirre

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

- 7:00 am Ruby Magbanua †, Joselito Guevarra †, John William Bucher, Jr. †, Truong & Cuong Pham †, Bella Asis

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

- 7:00 am Frank Ching †, Leonardo Vergara †, Sherry Glover, Mary Inglese †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42

- 7:00 am Blit Angeles, Rahul Palamuttam, Napoleon Nagayo †, Eileen Behrens, Bella Kaiklian Francisco †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49

- 7:00 am Jesus Estavillo †, Jonathan & Joann Ferrer, Edward Chan †, Mr. & Mrs Antonio Evangelista †, Ofelia Teixeira †

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Please visit our parish website at <https://holyspiritfremont.org/give/> to enroll in Online Giving or Text-to-Give. For assistance with registration, please contact OSV at 800.348.2886 or our parish helpline at 510.456.4969.



FROM THE DESK OF DCN. CHUCK...

Normally this bulletin article is used for a reflection on the readings for the applicable Sunday. However, I would like to deviate from that this week.

I would like to re-introduce you, or maybe introduce you if you have not actually met them due to our recent shutdowns, to two individuals and their wives. Those two people are Deacon Candidates Larry Aseo and his wife, Lily, and Arsenio Reyes and his wife, Teresita.

They have been with us since February for their Liturgical Internship leading up to their ordination on Saturday, September 12, marking the culmination of five years of formation and training. With the help of Fr. Ken and Fr. John, along with the deacons and other liturgical ministers, they have been learning the liturgical responsibilities of a Deacon in the Catholic Church.

Larry and Arsenio have been more than willing to take on any tasks that they have been asked to do. And while some liturgy work has not taken place due to the pandemic, they have enthusiastically taken on what has been available.

Both Arsenio and Larry have told me how warm and welcoming the Holy Spirit family has been to them. They greatly appreciated the help that was given. As of this writing, we don't know to what parish Bishop Barber will assign them, but wherever it is, their presence will bring credit to Holy Spirit for what they learned and show just how amazing our parish is.

I would like to give my thanks to Arsenio and Larry for the work they have done. And as all Deacons know, we would not be able to do our work without the support and help of our wives so thanks also to Teresita and Lily. My wife, Sherry, and I look forward to working with all four of them in the Diocesan Diaconate for many years to come.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL WITH JIMMY AKIN
<https://watch.formed.org/the-problem-of-evil-with-jimmy-akin/videos/the-problem-of-evil-with-jimmy-akin>

If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why is there evil?

This is perhaps the most vexing challenge that non-believers pose to Christians. Our world of violence, greed, and suffering seems incompatible with the God of the Gospel. How can we answer the challenge?

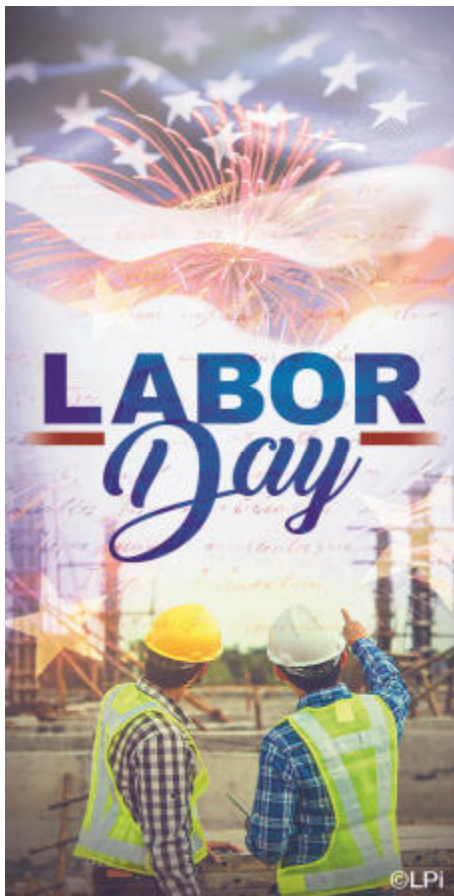
Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:19-20



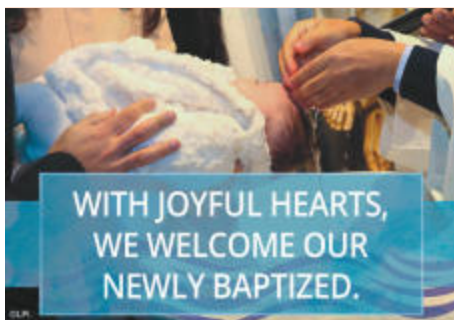


SERVE



Special Collection: Holy Spirit School September 5-6, 2020

This weekend's Special Collection benefits our parish school. We thank you for your continued prayers and support!



Thomas

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:

- ⇒ Canned Corn
- ⇒ Dry Pinto Beans - 1 lb. bags
- ⇒ Spam

Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Governo House on Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am. Please note: All food donations must be in factory sealed packages and/or containers. Thank you for your support—especially during this challenging time!

Stewardship Directory

Over the next few weeks, LPi—our bulletin publisher—will be working with us to set up new advertisements for businesses in our annual Stewardship Directory.

If you are interested in learning more about placing an ad in our Directory, please contact Travis Lawmaster at 510.400.1595, or by email

at tlawmaster@4Lpi.com.

Placing an ad in our Directory raises visibility for your business in the community, and functions as a charitable donation to the parish also, which helps us tremendously.

We thank all of our current and future advertisers for their support, and encourage our parish members to patronize their businesses.

Giving

Sunday, August 23	25,414
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Special Collections coming up:
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund | Sept. 13

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

Corner

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FIRST READING

If you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:5)



PSALM

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)



SECOND READING

Whatever other commandment there may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
(Rom 13:9a)



GOSPEL

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my
heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.



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

Les Carscadden, Dixie Kibbee, Joseph Figueiredo, Andrew P. Javier, Carina A. Javier, Maxeen Caballa, Lesli Griffiths, Terrie Castillo, Anh Ngo, Pete Collins

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Maureen Salcedo, Brigida Dollaga, Berdie Gomez, Grace Casero

Birthday Blessings

Sherry Glover, Lourdes Nilmeier, Libertad N. Concepcion, Andrew C. Javier III, Alvin Paras, Au Batacan



'We should keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.'

Saint Vincent de Paul



INVITE

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Do you or someone you know need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Eucharist)? We are starting a new RCIA journey on September 8, 2020, 7:30 to 9:00 pm via Zoom. Must be 16+ years old to participate. Please contact Dcn. Steve at holyspiritdeaconsteve@gmail.com or Dcn. Tim at troberto@oakdiocese.org / 510.598.7408. We look forward to journeying with you into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Alpha - Advent 2020

Have questions about life? Try Alpha, a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome and it is completely free. Alpha meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Our Advent session begins September 9, 2020 and ends November 25, 2020. Contact Dcn. Rigo Cabezas at dcnrigo@holyspiritfremont.org for more information.

Holy Spirit Preschool

We are accepting enrollment for children 3 to 5 years old for in-person and distance learning. For more information, please call 510.793.2013.

Mask Online Fundraiser

Help raise funds for our parish PPE supplies! Triple-ply masks available in two colors/one size fits most - \$15/each (plus shipping/handling). Fundraiser ends Sept. 30. Go to <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/holy-spirit-church-facemasks>.

Faith Formation for Children and Teens

We are now accepting registrations for 2020-2021 Faith Formation. This includes continuing education for Grades 3-8, First Communion preparation, and High School Confirmation. Please visit our parish website - <https://holyspiritfremont.org/> - go to "Connect" then "Faith Formation for Adults and Youth." Choose the program for your child and register online or download the form. Payment must be received with the registration form.

Resound

September 18, 2020
7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of prayer and song. Resound will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and streamed on our YouTube page. Be uplifted as we praise and give glory to our God!

Featured Ministry of the Week: Missionary Families of Christ

Missionary Families of Christ (formerly Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life) was formed and members professed in September 1995. After completion of Christian Life Seminar, the entry point for membership, members are formed into cells or household groups that meet every week at a member's home on rotational basis. General membership meetings are every first Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Peace Center.

Come and meet us! Join us for the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on Friday, September 11 at 3:00 pm via livestream on our parish Facebook page. We will also lead the Holy Rosary via livestream on our parish Facebook page on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 at 7:00 pm.

AROUND THE PARISH



HERE'S THE SITCH...

My dear parishioners,

In our ongoing efforts to be transparent regarding our parish finances, I would like to inform you that we have been seeing a downward trend with our weekly contributions. We continue to be in a precarious position during this pandemic. We have been diligently working hard to keep our expenditures down, while finding creative yet meaningful ways to serve our faithful parishioners. However, if contributions keep declining, we will have to revisit the unfortunate likelihood of layoffs as well as the reduction of services.


If you haven't already done so, please consider enrolling in **Online Giving**. Go to <https://holyspiritfremont.org/give/> to register. Opt for recurring contributions so that the giving is consistent. If you choose to continue using the envelopes, please drop off or mail your contributions every week. We are strongly aware that all of us are struggling during these difficult times. We truly appreciate your sacrifice and generous support.

Blessings,
Fr. Ken

Flower Fund

We are accepting donations towards flowers for our church sanctuary. Your donation of \$275 will provide for six (6) sanctuary

floral arrangements. Drop off your form and donation in the mail slot at the parish office or send via mail to: 37588 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94536. A parish staff member will contact you to confirm your donation and information.



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Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Include: \$275 donation with this form. Please make check payable to: **Holy Spirit Church**. On the Memo line, please write: **Flower Fund**. You may also send payment via Online Giving at <https://holyspiritfremont.org/give/> - please include your confirmation receipt with this form.

Please circle one: In Memory of In Honor of

Name of person for whom the flowers are being dedicated: _____

Preferred Sunday for flowers to be placed in sanctuary: / /

Please note: There is no guarantee that the date you have chosen will be available. We will do our best to accommodate your request to the nearest date available.

Currently, the following are closed:

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In case of an emergency, call 510.797.1660 and follow the prompts.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Gift Shop

Parish Library

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