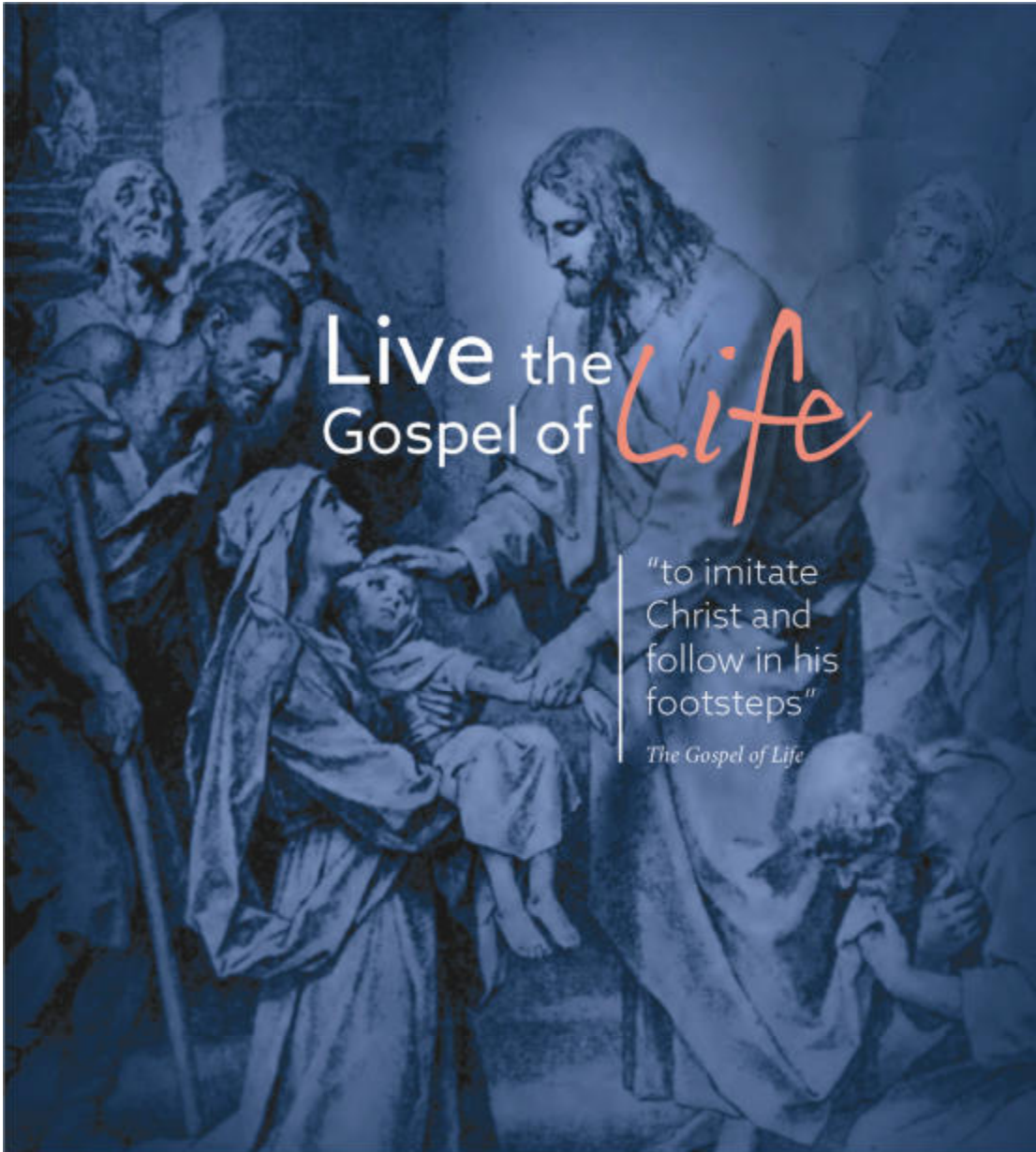




SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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The Gospel of Life

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October 2020

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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 and YouTube channel.

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

BE SPIRIT FILLED AND MAKE DISCIPLES!



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: November 6

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, OCTOBER 4 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Denzil Dsa, Souls in Purgatory †, Fortunata Cruz †
- 7:30 am Remigia & Emilio Pablo Sr. †, Lolita Tanael †, Leung Yuk †, Richard Mendoza †
- 10:00 am Tony Bruno †, Ligaya Rose Padlan, Pascal Myo Thant †, Lorigan Family †, Ron Ladrillono & Family, Six, Fiona & John
- 12:30 pm Ceferina Dumlaog, Maria Laksmana †, Filomena & Faustino Ferrer Sr. †, For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 | MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

- 7:00 am Rey D. Manalo, Rey Punzalan †, Leona Dela Calsada †, Lionel Goulart †, Michael Orias

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 | TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

- 7:00 am Javier Abia †, Melissa Therese H. Paragas, Jennifer Garcia †, Vivian Villamor, Maria Sandoval †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

- 7:00 am Noah Bayani, Ventura Family, Ton & Grace Ogi-Robbins, Christine Vu †, Yusuf Yumana †, Letty & Jose Jr Aguirre, Alicia Ong †, Elmon Ledesma & Family, Ricardo A. Kabahit †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13

- 7:00 am Gary King †, Maria Laksmana †, Nolan Gatchalian †, Johnny Vu, Sofia Untalan & Antonio Reyes †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 | FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

- 7:00 am Artemia Pabalan †, Esther V. Maravilla †, Dub Ogi-Robbins, Fr. Mathew †, Josefina Reyes Cole †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 | SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

- 7:00 am Ana Licad, Rommel Leal †, Buenaflor Velasquez & Family †, Mario Concepcion †

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 FR. JOHN...

My dear friends, the recent sacerdotal ordination of Fr. Peter Lawongkerd reminded me of my own preparations leading to my priestly

ordination a few years ago. I remember how busy I was with my guest lists, with getting the right vestments and other priestly “stuff.” I was excited. And yet I knew that behind this excitement, I was experiencing a sense of anxiety. I couldn’t sleep well at night because I was worried and afraid about the overwhelming sense of responsibility and my own worthiness to take upon the mission of Christ. It was scary.

Then it occurred to me that I was focusing on the wrong thing. Instead of “*How should I prepare for my ordination,*” I should have been asking, “*How does God prepare me for the priesthood?*” You see, the first question will only make sense in light of the second.

I think this is true for each one of us. Most often, we tend to focus more on the first question – on our own preparations. We tend to overemphasize the things we can do, make, or accomplish to achieve holiness or the kingdom of God. We tend to lose sight on the fact that we do not earn true holiness or the kingdom of God on the sole basis of our human efforts. To be sure, our human efforts are essential, but only in light of God, only as a response to God’s invitation.

We see this clearly in this Sunday’s Gospel as Jesus tells a parable about the landowner and his tenants. In the parable, we see how the landowner prepared his vineyard. He cultivated his land, made it fertile, dug a wine press and built a tower. He prepared everything

necessary to produce abundant harvest. When it was ready, he gave his vineyard to the care of the tenants. But the tenants became abusive. Yet, despite their greed and selfishness, the landowner never failed to forgive them and their debts. In his infinite patience and mercy, he even sent his only son to remind them of what they owe him.

My dear friends, to the first century Jew, this parable is scandalous because no landowner in his right mind would do such a thing.

So, what is Jesus trying to tell us here? This parable is not so much about the wickedness and greed of the tenants. It is, first and foremost, about God’s immense generosity, His over-the-top mercy, His superabundant love for us.

You see, God lavishes His gifts and grace upon us, continually, without ceasing. God has loved us first and never fails to love us. God makes every effort to be close to us. And just as He prepared the vineyard to be fertile, He, too, has prepared our hearts for His Son. He made us this way, capable of receiving him and his love. In other words, God has bound Himself to us so that we will be bound to Him in return.

And so, for our reflection: How am I responding to the immense love and mercy of God? How am I responding to His self-offering? Am I like the tenants who condemn themselves by rejecting the landowner and his son and by pretending that I can earn my way to my salvation and to God’s Kingdom?

Lord, open my eyes and my heart that I may truly see the superabundance of Your love and mercy for me. Grant me a grateful heart. Grant me a generous heart. Grant me a heart like Yours. Amen.



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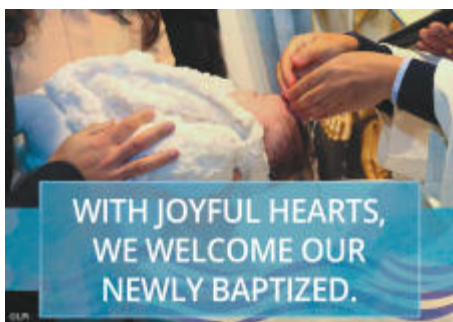
Thank You!

Special thanks for the overwhelming support of the Holy Spirit School's Face Mask FUNraiser. We were able to raise \$1,380 through face mask purchases and donations.



Memorial Announcements

Parishioners may now place memorial announcements on the back page of our weekly bulletin for a loved one who has passed away. For \$262, you may reserve your announcement spot for up to three months. Contact Travis Lawmaster at tlawmaster@4Lpi.com or 501.400.1595.



Ethan, Corinne

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 Green Beans
- ⇒Chef Boyardee / Canned Pasta
- ⇒Tuna

Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Governo House on Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am only. **Do not leave donations outside the Governo House.** Please note: We do not accept perishable, fresh foods (e.g., meats, produce, dairy, etc.). All food donations must be in factory sealed packages and/or containers. Thank you for your support—especially during this challenging time!

Parish Blood Drive

October 18, 2020
9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Peace Center

Because of the overwhelming response to our September event, we are hosting another blood drive.

There has been a tremendous increase in demand for blood donations. By the time you have finished reading this

notice, someone will have needed a blood transfusion.

To make an appointment, go to vitalant.org and click on "Donate" then enter Sponsor Code: HolyHoly. You may also contact Kendee Sigmon at 510.796.8956 or kendeehs@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

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Respect Life Reflection

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible Gospel*" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one receiving death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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*"to imitate Christ
and follow in his footsteps"
The Gospel of Life 51*



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, Soledad & Domingo Echaluse, Vincent Carretero, Carmelita Seng

Birthday Blessings

Celine Carillo, Joseph Charlton Carillo, Anatole Roussere, Tiffany Ongsiaco



Let us pray...

For all Catholics: That on this Respect Life Sunday our resolve may be strengthened to uphold the dignity of every human life.



INVITE

Blessing of the Animals

October 4, 2020 | 2:00 pm

In celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will be blessing animals in St. Francis Plaza. Bring your pets—be sure that they are properly restrained. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

Fr. Mat Vellankal's Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 10, 2020 | 11:00 am

To mark Fr. Mat's one-year anniversary of his death, we invite our faithful parishioners to join us for outdoor public Mass. We will follow COVID-19 guideline—wear a face covering and practice social distancing. The Mass will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page and streamed on our YouTube channel.

International Rosary

Saturday, October 10, 2020 | 7:00 pm

As we celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary, join us in praying the International Rosary via livestream on our Facebook page.

Our Lady of Fatima Mass

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | 6:30 pm

Join us for outdoor public Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as we honor Our Lady of Fatima. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

Christian Life Seminar

Nov. 7-Dec. 12, 2020 | 1:00-3:00 pm

Missionary Families of Christ is hosting a Christian Life Seminar via zoom. To register: <https://forms.gle/vV1XAoATfQ5rm3BS9>
For info: Tom Garcia - tngarciajr@gmail.com or 510.366.0584; Ed Pineda - 510.566.6289; Ric Catapang - 510.945.9157

Masses on YouTube


In addition to the livestreamed Masses our Facebook page, our daily and weekend Masses are also streamed on our YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/Holyspiritfremont>. Join us for Mass!

Holy Spirit Mask Fundraiser

Triple-ply 100% cotton masks with our Holy Spirit logo are available for purchase through the Parish Office. \$10/each and comes in two colors - black or white.

Please complete the form below and drop off in the Parish Office mail slot along with payment of Cash, Check (made out to *Holy Spirit Church*), or Online Giving (choose "*Fundraising Fund*" and include copy of receipt with order form). You may also access the order form from our parish website. Go to the "Announcements" page, download and print.

Once processed, you may pick up your order from the Parish Office - "Curbside" pickup: Sun., Tues., and Thurs., 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

 **Holy Spirit Mask Fundraiser**

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Thank you for your support! Proceeds will go towards the purchase of parish PPE supplies.

AROUND THE PARISH



HERE'S THE SITCH...

My dear parishioners,

- Additional security cameras have been installed around the campus.
- We will install clear protective coverings for our lower stained-glass windows on the All Saints side. These will not change the appearance or beauty of the glass.
- While our plate collection has been up to budget - thank God for your continuing support! - we are missing other major income from sources such as rentals, votive candle sales, etc. We have cut many costs, including our landscaping service. Mark has done his best to maintain the grounds, but it's too much for one person. Fortunately, the Knights of Columbus have stepped up to help Mark.
- We will be finishing up new stained-glass windows soon and there will be some sponsorship opportunities. Please stay tuned!
- We have formed a committee to create a master grounds plan. We would like to add a member to the committee who knows CAD software. If you are willing to share you talent, please contact Jeff at jeff@holyspiritfremont.org.

Blessings,
Fr. Ken

Flower Fund

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

We thank the following donors for their generous donation:

Oct. 10/11 - Nancy Flores & Andrew Mai

Oct. 17/18 - Senor de Los Milagros of Fremont

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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 <http://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:

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

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Gift Shop
Parish Library

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Fr. John Carillo, Parochial Vicar
510.456.4965

Fr. Peter Lawongkerd, Parochial Vicar
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510.456.4975

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