



HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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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 & 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 3:30 pm
Sunday: 7:15 am | 9:00 am
10:45 am | 12:30 pm

Weekday

Mon. - Fri.: 7:00 & 9:30 am

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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 & 9:30 am
Next Mass: February 5, 2021

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, JANUARY 3 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

- 3:30 pm (Vigil Mass) Agnes Velasquez, Madelyn Pasion †
- 7:15 am Marika De Jesus, Anna Griffin †, Fritz Lorenz †, Eugenia Mano †
- 9:00 am Marie Smith †, Shirley Bruno, Ermelo R. Escalante, Jr †
- 10:45 am Madelyn Pasion †, Bob Hohne
- 12:30 pm Salindong Family, Mrs Hankins †, For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 4 | MEMORIAL OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

- 7:00 am Nievs Licad †, Filomena Avila †, Madelyn Pasion †
- 9:30 am Pascal Myo Thant †, Justin Acoba †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 | MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

- 7:00 am Ramon & Tessie Sugay, Madelyn Pasion †
- 9:30 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 | WEDNESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

- 7:00 am Rick Garcia †, Madelyn Pasion †
- 9:30 am Marissa Joy Cruzada, Ruth & William Quinn Nickolson †, Carlina Racca †, Alicai Ong †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 | THURSDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

- 7:00 am Madelyn Pasion †
- 9:30 am Concepcion Motas, Warren & Velasquez Family †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 | FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

- 7:00 am Alan & Olivia Abar, Cuong Pham †, Madelyn Pasion †
- 9:30 am Chito Sanchez, Cybill & Jody Esguerra

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 | SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

- 7:00am Exalt D'sa †, Madelyn Pasion †
- 9:30 am Prudencia Raguindin †, Francis Mesia & Family †

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.

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RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP **Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments** *Wise Men See God in the Simple Things*

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

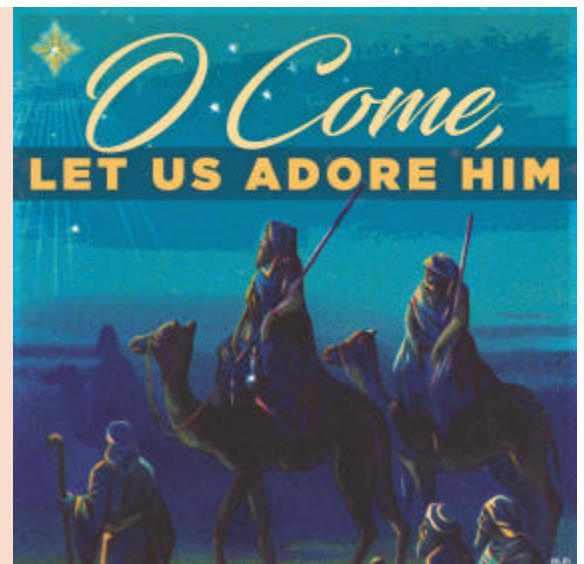
The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Mt 2:1-2





SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

*On behalf of the parents
whose students have finished
their studies this year 2020,
I THANK YOU. ~ Fr. Samwel
Mvati*

The Tanzanian educational system operates on the 7-4-2-3 system: 7 years of primary school, followed by 4 years of secondary school (Ordinary Level) leading to 2 years of Advanced Level. These students have been promoted, so they would be entering their Junior or 10th Grade in an American school.

These are some of the students who have finished Ordinary Level this year:



Aveline
Dismas



Imakulata
Joseph



Martha
Josaphat

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:

- ⇒ Chili
- ⇒ Spam
- ⇒ White Rice

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!

Special Collection for Diocesan Seminarians January 10, 2020

Next weekend's Special Collection will help offset the costs of educating our seminarians from the Oakland Diocese.

There are six seminarians currently enrolled in graduate theological studies at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park.

Please be generous! And please continue to keep these men in your prayers.

For information on discerning a vocation to the priesthood, contact Rev. Carl Arcosa:
510.267.8345
Fax: 510-628-2120
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Giving

Corner

Special Collections coming up:
Seminary | January 10, 2021

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

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PRAY



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
(Ps 72)



SECOND READING

It was not made known to people
in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members
of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)



GOSPEL

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

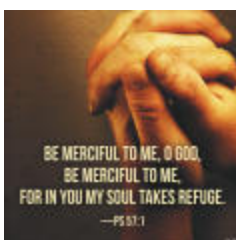


Please note: Our prayer list is refreshed every week. Feel free to call the office to include your loved one for the week: 510.797.1660

Pray for Our Sick
Les Carscadden, Dixie Kibbee, Joseph Figueiredo, Andrew P. Javier, Carina A. Javier, Maxeen Caballa, Lesli Griffiths, Natalie Castillo, Maricela Revuelta

Pray for Our Recently Departed
Carlos Goulart, Sergio Cabezas

Birthday Blessings
Dcn. Chuck Glover, Shad Strong



BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD,
BE MERCIFUL TO ME,
FOR IN YOU MY SOUL TAKES REFUGE.
—PS 91:1

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory for ever. (Frank Colquhoun)



INVITE

2021 Deacon Formation Info Sessions

The Oakland Diocese is offering a series of information meetings via Zoom to acquaint men with the qualifications and requirements for diaconate formation.

Any man who thinks he might be called to become a permanent deacon is encouraged to attend one of the sessions. If married, wives are encouraged to attend.

Information sessions are on:

- Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:00 pm - January 19 & 26; and
- Saturdays 11:00 am to noon - January 16, 23 & 30

Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745798692>

Phone Connection: 1 408 638 0968 Meeting ID: 874 579 8692#

For more information, contact the Oakland Diocese Dept. of Clergy Services, 510.267.8356 or CBranco@oakdiocese.org

Bishop Barber's Statement of Support for CCC COVID-19 Vaccine Stance

"The Catholic Church endorses the use of the Covid vaccines. I endorse the use of these vaccines. The National Catholic Bioethics Center, the bishops on the USCCB Pro-Life Committee and Doctrine committee (of which I am a member) have studied the issue and found this medicine morally acceptable. There are no cells in the vaccines that are derived from aborted human beings. I believe these vaccines are a gift from God, and appreciate the work scientists have done in such a short time to make them available."


- Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

Read the CCC Health Ministries statement: <https://cacatholic.org/sites/cacatholic/files/2020-12/CCC%20Health%20Ministries%20Statement%20-%20ENG.pdf>

Read the statement from the USCCB, Committee on Pro-Life Activities, concerning Covid-19 vaccines: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/memo-to-bishops-on-vaccines-for-covid-19.pdf>



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Holy Spirit Catholic Church
37588 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94536

AROUND THE PARISH



Religious Sock Orders

Thank you for supporting our seminarians. Our saint-themed sock fundraiser was a success! If you haven't already done so, please pick up your pre-paid orders from the Parish Office on Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. You may also contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org to arrange a pick-up time.

Memorial Altar Pictures

If you brought your loved one's picture frame for our Memorial

Altar, please collect it from the Parish Office on Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. You may also contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org to arrange a time.

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.

Contact Us


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

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 **Holy Spirit Church Flower Fund**

To make a donation towards flowers for our church sanctuary, please complete this form and drop off in the mail slot at the parish office. You may also send via mail to: 37588 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94536

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: _____

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