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"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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

Weekday

Mon. - Fri.: 7:00 am

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OUR VISION

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Confession

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm
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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: December 4

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

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Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

- 3:30 pm (Vigil Mass) Elmon Ledesma & Family, Justiniano Regidor †, Emilio Alotaya †
- 7:15 am For the People of the Holy Spirit Parish, Geniajonas Mano
- 9:00 am Ricardo Hizon †, Ferdie Soriano, Ermelo R. Escalante, Jr. †
- 10:45 am Tan & Fisher Families, Leticia Felarca †, Ememorito Gonzales †
- 12:30 pm Enrico Desantores †, Larry Hulse, Joseph Do Trong Hop, Joseph Pham Van Mai, All souls in Purgatory †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

- 7:00 am Liza R. Araza, Anna Lo †, Arthur Faial †, Grace Donida †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

- 7:00 am Eric V. Martinez, Noel E. Melanio, Jose Bautista †, Shaji Abraham, Dennis Wenger †, Godfrey Mbah, Frank & Emmna Marra †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

- 7:00 am Paulina Castaneda †, Stephen Sugay, Vincente Lat †, Kwee Eng Hwie †, Alicia Ong †, Raguindin & Aguirre Family, Stephen Sugay

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

- 7:00 am Pilar Torres †, Cosme Vispo †, Kathleen Barrett, Mamerta Desantores

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 | FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

- 7:00 am Anna Nguyen Thi Hanh †, Thanksgiving God, Julio Bruno †, Lucita Tavisora †, Pascal Myo Thant †
- 6:30 pm Anna Nguyen Thi Hanh †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 | SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

- 7:00 am Joseph Prichard †, Ambros & Louella Villo, Leatrice F. Tembrevilla †

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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FROM THE DESK OF FR. KEN...

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and of a new liturgical calendar, year B. Remarkably, as we begin a new liturgical year today, we move from the gospel according to Matthew's to the gospel according to Mark, the shortest of the four canonical Gospels.

Advent is a season of hope and a period during which as Christians we await the fulfillment of the promise of God through his prophets. In addition to being a season of hope, it is equally, a season of patience and prayer. During these four weeks, what are we expected to do? We are expected to prepare for the birth of the messiah. It suffices to note that while we prepare physically, spiritual preparation is even more important and is a must.

Our first reading from Isaiah is both a prophetic message as well as a prayer of hope. Isaiah begins by acknowledging the greatness of God: "O Lord you are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name..." Then, he makes a petition to God: "Why leave us to stray from your ways...Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down...?"

This is a prayer of hope. As Isaiah rightly demanded, God will not keep silent until we are saved. That salvation is what our hope in Christ will accomplish for us. Therefore, when Isaiah asks God to tear the heavens and come down, he expects God to come quickly. This is Our Lord's prayer, "...Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven." It is also Paul's petition, "Maranatha!" It is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come, Lord Jesus" (CCC 2817). God's power and salvation is what we hope to see at the end of this season. That is, when God's word would become flesh and born of a virgin.

In our second reading, Paul encourages us to be faithful as we wait for the coming of Christ. Though, Paul was referring to the parousia, this reading is very ad rem to this season of Advent. Paul reminds us that we have received the gifts of the Spirit. It is these gifts of the Spirit that will strengthen us as we wait in joyful hope for Christ.

Our life is a long vigil, waiting for the Lord to be revealed in all His glory. So, we wait with expectation and joyful hope because His Spirit is with us. If we walk with him this season, God will not fail us because "our expectation shall not be cut short" (Pr 23, 18). So, as the Spirit guides us, we must prepare prayerfully, through the help of the Sacraments, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The gospel of today is a clarion call to be awake and alert. Only the Spirit of God can help us do this faithfully. Therefore, rather than obey the spirit of this world this season, we must obey the Spirit of God, who sustains us. So, let us to have our minds fixed on Him.

It suffices to note that if we light up our houses and streets without lightening up our lives spiritually for Christ to walk into it, if we prepare all things and places without preparing a manger for baby Jesus in our lives then, our preparation would not be complete.

Finally, as we eagerly anticipate the coming of the Lord this season, our hope and expectation should prompt us to be always awake and vigilant. It should make us prepare adequately in order to avail ourselves of Jesus' mercy. Therefore, our constant prayer during this season as Paul constantly prayed should be: "Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!"

Happy Advent!

Fr. Ken

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

PREPARE THE WAY WITH BOB RICE

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/prepare-the-way-with-bob-rice>

It's been said that Christmas is merely a pagan day that was Christianized by the early Church—and now the pagans want it back. Yet the holiday we call Christmas (and the season of Advent that precedes it) is marked by wonder, holiness, and beauty, which go beyond mere sentimentality.



SERVE

Special Collection: St. Vincent de Paul November 28-29, 2020

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to help families in need during this pandemic with food, groceries, clothing, and other necessities. This weekend's Special Collection will help us continue in our efforts to assist these families. Thank you for your support!



St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Fr. Samwel Mvati's update (continued from previous bulletin)...

3. THE SITUATION OF COVID-19:

Our country like any other country in the world suffered the fate of Covid 19. At Ndungu parish we thank God that no parishioner suffered from Covid 19 or died. We are all safe so far.

-COVID 19 was/is a terrible disease that we here in Ndungu have ever experienced. I may say since I was born I never experienced such a disease.

-People were worried all over the country about Corona and so were we. BUT our President helped to cool down the situation by inviting people to pray and ask God to save us from the disease.

More from Fr. Sam in the next bulletin issue!

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
- ⇒ Jelly / Jam
- ⇒ Peanut Butter 16 oz.

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!

Share Christmas

Due to the pandemic, we are making changes to the program this year.

To avoid contact with a large amount of people and to protect our gift recipients, we will be distributing gift cards in lieu of gifts. As such, we are requesting Target and Walmart gift cards in \$25.00 increments. Please include

receipt showing amount activated on the card(s). Monetary donations to purchase other gift cards and packaging materials would also be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your donations clearly marked for "Share Christmas" at the Parish Office by December 15, 2020. Thank you so much for your participation and generous support.

Giving

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| Sunday, November 15 | 24,213 |
| Table of Plenty | 1,000 |

Corner

Special Collections coming up:
Religious Retirement | December 13

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

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Reflection: My Vocation Story

I want to start by sharing about my childhood. My parents told me that I always played to celebrate masses, and my parishioners were my three younger sisters.

Destiny brought my parents here in the United States and I stayed in El Salvador to live with my grandmother.

I remember that as a child, I really liked praying the rosary with my grandmother and she always asked me to lead a decade. Because of her, I learned to pray and love the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

As I grew older, I got involved in my parish with youth ministry, liturgical ministry, and serving the altar. As an altar server, I worked closely with the priests of my parish and some seminarians from my town who came to help on weekends. They invited me many times to have a live-in experience in the seminary. But I was hesitant and a little afraid to respond to God's call through these people.

One time, I was invited to attend an ordination to the priesthood in my parish. I can say that it was at that very mass my deep desire to be a priest was born. I remember vividly the words from the first reading of the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." These words stayed with me and I told myself I can no longer run away from the

Lord's call.

It was Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 3:30 pm when I entered the minor seminary and later the major seminary in the Diocese of San Vicente. I also completed my philosophy studies in the same seminary in 2018.

I came to the United States to spend my vacation several times and began to meet some priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Oakland. They invited me to join them in this beautiful diocese because my family lives here.

In January 2019, I had an interview with Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, and was accepted as a seminarian of the Diocese of Oakland. Here I am among you working hard to learn English to continue my formation in the seminary.

Being a seminarian is the best thing that ever happened to me. Although it requires many sacrifices, like giving up a girlfriend, a possible family as any young man plans on having. Sometimes, everything seems to be a little difficult, but with the grace of God and with prayer, everything is possible.

I would like to encourage young men and women not to be afraid to give your life to the Lord if He is calling you to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. If you feel that you are being called to any of these, talk to someone, a priest, a nun, or somebody you can confide with. Open your heart. I assure you, you will not regret it.

In Christ,
Rodolfo Quinteros (11.15.2020)



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, Anh Ngo, Pete Collins

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Lucas Villares

Birthday Blessings

Lucas Javier, Lawson Javier



We pray to you, our good and gracious God, that you will continue to call women and men of faith to serve as ministers in our church. We pray to the Lord...



INVITE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 3, 2020

To prepare our hearts to receive a plenary indulgence on First Friday, Confessions are available on Thursday at 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the de Sousa House 4-Plex.

Ushers will be on hand - please follow their instructions. Please wear a face covering or mask at all times and practice social distancing.

First Friday Masses

December 4, 2020

7:00 am - Mass will be celebrated outdoors and livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

5:30 pm - Adoration/Holy Hour will take place in private and livestreamed on our Facebook page.

6:30 pm - Mass will be celebrated outdoors and livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Outdoor celebrations contingent upon weather conditions. Please refer to our parish website for updates, including Alameda County COVID-19 mandates.

Shepherds Field Olive Wood Artwork

November 28-29, 2020

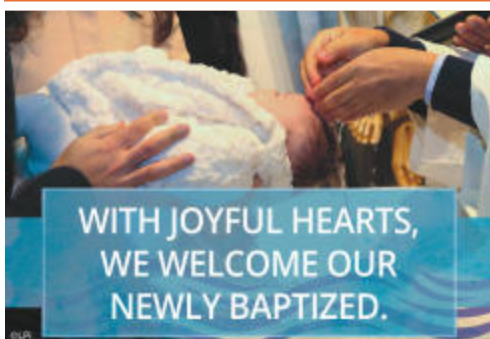
A group from the Holy Land are selling religious articles this weekend to support Catholic Christian minorities facing financial hardship, especially during this pandemic. Sales will help support families struggling to preserve the Catholic identity in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Several tables will be set up and spaced apart to allow for social distancing. Please wear a face covering at all times.

Magnificat SOTI

Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 9:30 am

Calling All Women! Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to a ZOOM Event! Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from the coziness of your own home! Speaker Dr. Cynthia Hunt will share her story of how her life as a physician, international speaker, and accomplished pianist has been transfigured through the continued love and mercy of our Lord.

For more information - <https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creekhe>
Contact Kim Sullivan for reservations or questions - 925.683.8220 or Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com



Jayce, Makayla



AROUND THE PARISH



Memorial Altar Pictures

If you brought your loved one's picture frame for our November Memorial Altar, please collect it by November 30. Our Art & Environment Ministry will be taking down the tables this week.

LED Lights Needed

As we get our parish ready for Christmas, we'd like to make our outdoor spaces festive and bright! We are asking for donations of white LED net lights. Please drop off your donations at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

\$5 Meal Deal

December 6, 2020

The Filipino Society is once again hosting its ever-popular \$5 "Grab and Go" meal. Stop by their booth in front of the Parish Center after the 7:30 am, 10:00 am, or 12:30 pm Masses.

Proceeds will benefit a special project for the parish. We thank you for your support.

Simbang Gabi

December 16-24, 2020 | 5:30 am

Join us for our traditional Simbang Gabi Masses in preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please contact:
Liturgy - Sylvia Aljentera, 510.507.2135
Mass Offering - Jennie Visitacion, 650.219.6417 or Maryanne Gacusan 510.289.0382
Souvenir booklet - Bella Asis, 510.791.6121
For more info - Pat Saturnio, 510.468.7321

Flower Fund

We are accepting donations towards flowers for our church sanctuary. Your donation of \$275 will provide for six (6) floral arrangements. Please complete form below.

Contact Us

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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: _____

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

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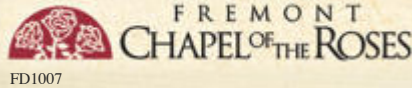
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