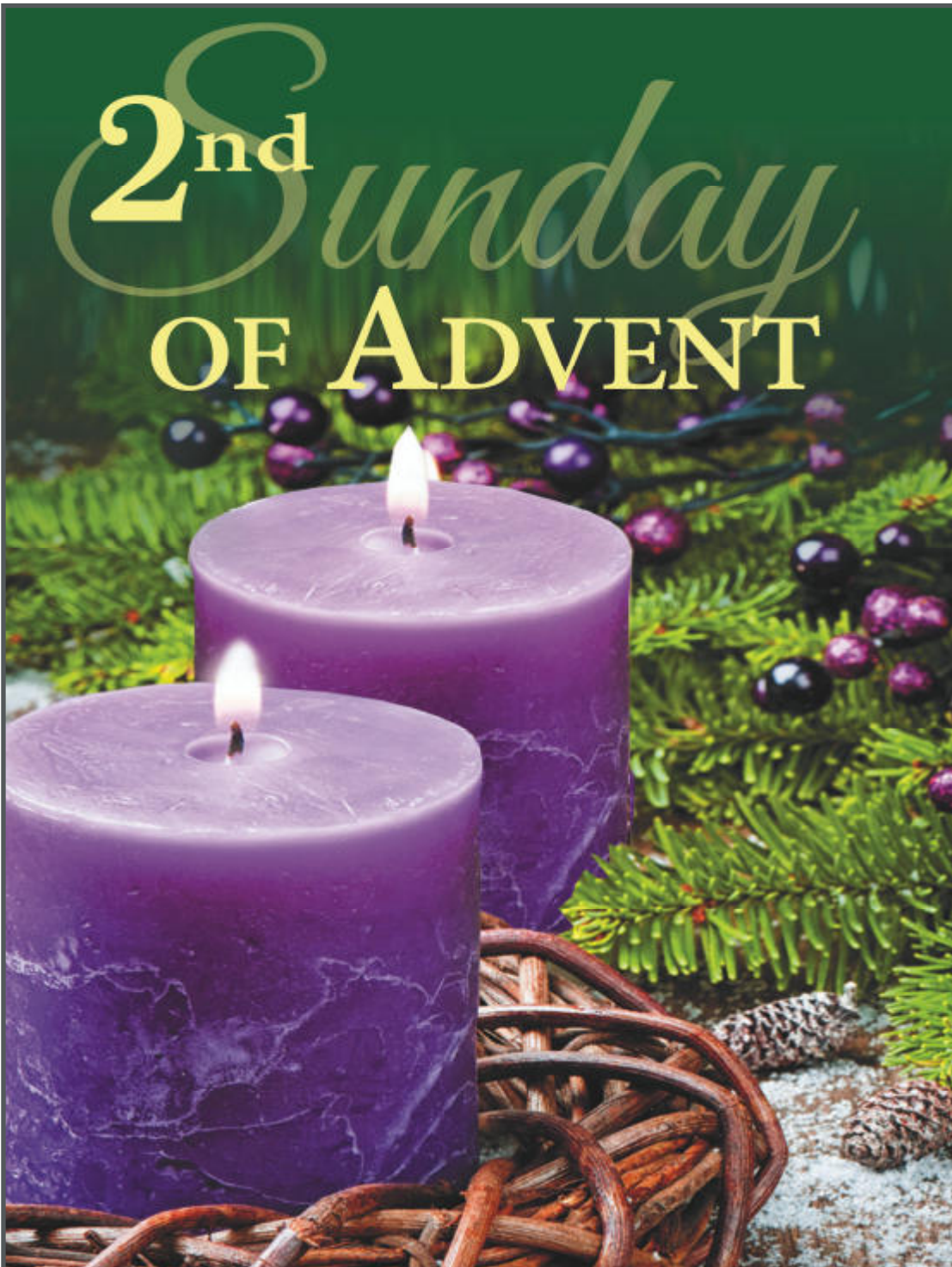




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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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: January 1, 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, DECEMBER 6 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

- 3:30 pm (Vigil Mass) Lena Rinetti †, Betty Elizabeth Frank †, Geri Dutra †
- 7:15 am Anthony Joseph Nicholas †, Tessie Sugay, Beverly & Ray Mitchell †
- 9:00 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 10:45 am Joseph Schwab †, Buenaflor Velasquez & Family †, Mina & Esguerra Family, Blanche Esteban, Amber Russell †, Geri Dutra †
- 12:30 pm Tony Cimino Family †, Lee Kil Yeh & Rod Ramos †, Candelaria Murillo †, Liauw Khim Seng †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

- 7:00 am Byron Benton †, Ambrose Loyola †
- 9:30 am Wilson D. Carbonel †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 | SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

- 7:00 am Trinidad & Ignacio Yumena †, William Barlow Sr †
- 9:30 am Enrique Ulatan †, Concepcion G. Evangelista †, Renato Francisco †
- 7:00 pm Cacacho Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 | WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

- 7:00 am Simon Kunju †, Fortunata Paule †, Andrew Nguyen
- 9:30 am Rizalina Estavillo, Venancia Nodado †, Richard Garcia Sr. †, Concepcion Motas, Skyler Soriano

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 | THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

- 7:00 am Cindy Macasaet
- 9:30 am Eulalia Villamor, Loreto Ramos

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 | FRIDAY OF THE SECOND OF ADVENT

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

- 7:00 am Irene Pratts †, Ambros Villo
- 9:30 am Elodia & Aucensio Torres †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 | FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

- 7:00am Kenneth Villo, Antonius Lesmana †
- 9:30 am Dennis Oliveira †



FROM THE DESK OF DCN. RIGO...

Second Sunday of Advent

There are at least four significant datum of information in this the beginning of the Gospel of Mark.

First, he opens with a very clear sentence: **“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.”**

Secondly: He presents John the Baptist as the messenger of the Messiah.

Thirdly: He introduces two events that mark the believer, to wit: baptism of repentance and cleansing and the confession of sins to the same

person, the baptizer. This prefigures the Christian Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation and who is authorized to administer them.

Fourthly: He also presents the eventual Christian Baptism of the Holy Spirit. That is indeed quite a bit of information for an opening statement.

We are two thousand years away from the events and they remain present, valid in our minds and hearts. Let us take notice then of who Jesus is, let us follow Him, Our Redeemer and Savior and proclaim Him boldly, just as John did, in plain terms without reservations because our own salvation and the salvation of others depend from it.

Jesus is the Son of God, totally Divine, totally Human!

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I recommend the “Second Greatest Story Ever Told,” presented three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 2:00 pm via our Facebook page.

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: **“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”**



Mark 1:2b-3





SERVE



St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

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

-In my Parish, all the students had to close the schools for 3 months and be at their homes.

-Our students will complete their school year on schedule. Although they were home from March-July due to Covid-19, once they resumed the school year, they had an additional 2 hours of evening studies and have an extended school year. They will not have their normal summer break. Instead they will only get 2 weeks off from Dec. 18-Jan. 4 when their new school year begins.

-Our Parish programs were disturbed including Faith Formation Programs. We had only Sunday Masses. We had to increase Sunday Masses from 4 to 6. All Faith Formation programs were closed for three months from April to July 2020.

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 gifts cards in lieu of gifts. 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.

Sunday, November 22	27,669
Special Collections coming up: Religious Retirement December 13	
Our pledged weekly amount (excluding special collections): \$31,963	

Giving

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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.

PRAY



FIRST READING:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway
for our God! (Is 40:3)



PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)



SECOND READING:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be
found out. (2 Pt 3:10)



GOSPEL:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the
thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?



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, Juli Fabella, Rhea Dizon Montabon

Pray for Our Recently Departed

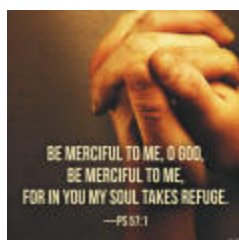
Fr. Benigno Vinluan, Francis Akkara, Adria Paras, Thelma Bibay, Brian Duffy

Birthday Blessings

Edna Ahern, Donna Paras, Audrie Paras, Lillie Marsh

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Loy & Don Paras



BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD,
BE MERCIFUL TO ME,
FOR IN YOU MY SOUL TAKES REFUGE.
—PS 131

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



INVITE

\$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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2020

In celebration of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, we invite you to join us for Mass.

Mass times are as follows:

- **7:00 am** - Mass will be celebrated in private and livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.
- **9:30 am** - Mass will be open to the public and celebrated outdoors, weather permitting. Mass will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.
- **7:00 pm** - Mass will be celebrated in private and livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2020

Join us as in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

- **6:30 am** - Las Mañanitas will take place outdoors, weather permitting.
- **7:00 am** - Mass will be open to the public and celebrated outdoors, weather permitting. Mass will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.
- Procession and Rosary to follow immediately after Mass.

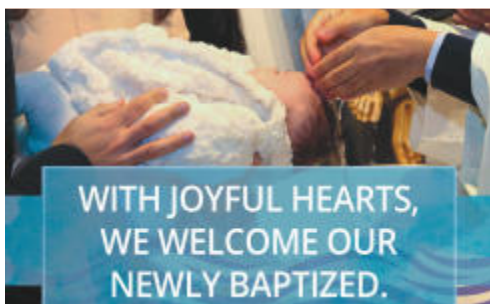
Resound

December 18, 2020 | 7:00 pm

We invite you to an evening of prayer and song as we anticipate and prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us via livestream on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

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.



Olivia G., Olivia D., Dylan, Laura, Jameson



AROUND THE PARISH



Simbang Gabi: Updated Schedule

December 15-23, 2020 | 6:30 pm

Join us for our traditional Simbang Gabi Masses in preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Masses will be celebrated outdoors, weather permitting. We will adhere to COVID-19 guidelines. Wear a face covering and maintain social distance. If you are unwell, please be safe and stay home. Join us for Mass via livestream on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Please contact:

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Gacusan 510.289.0382

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Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on Thursday, December 24, and Thursday, December 31. The last opportunity for Confessions before Christmas is Thursday, December 17, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, or by appointment.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

- **4:00 pm** - Mass will be open to the public and celebrated outdoors, weather permitting.
- **6:00 pm** - Mass will be celebrated in private and livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.
- **12:00 mid** - Mass will be celebrated in private and livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Christmas Day, December 25

- **7:15 am** - Mass will be celebrated in private and livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.
- **9:00 am** - Mass will be open to the public and celebrated outdoors, weather permitting.
- **10:45 am** - Mass will be open to the public and celebrated outdoors, weather permitting.
- **12:30 pm** - Mass will be open to the public and celebrated outdoors, weather permitting.

All outdoor Masses will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. If joining us for Mass on site, follow COVID-19 guidelines. Wear a face covering and maintain social distance. If you are unwell, please be safe and stay home.

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