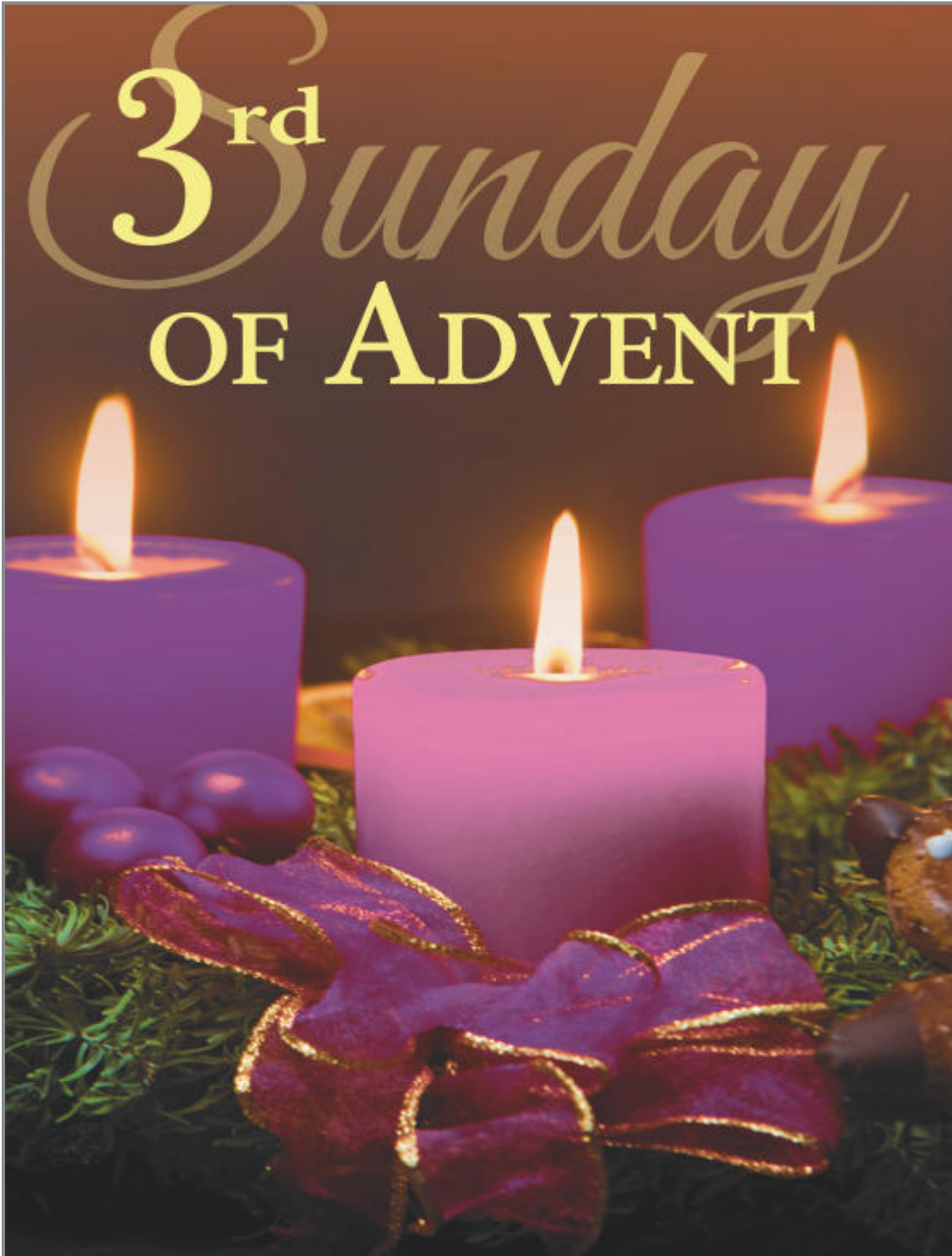




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd 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 13 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

- 3:30 pm Vigil Mass Sebastian & Concetta Manzitto †, Christina Grace Macasaet, Eduvala Family, Charles Ybarra †, Wayne Young
- 7:15 am Dean & Audrey Lizardo, Eugenia Mano †
- 9:00 am Espiritu Gonzales †, Carmo B. Fernandes †, Brian Duffy †
- 10:45 am For the people of Holy Spirit Parish
- 12:30 pm Victoriano Abelas †, Bud Schafer †, Marina Vargas †, Maria Qui Phan †, Maria Chich Ngo †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 | MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

- 7:00 am Ruth & William Quinn Nickolson †, Antonio Licad †
- 9:30 am Juanita Remolador †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 | TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

- 7:00 am Kyle Atikus Isidore Barnes, Robert Vun Yau Lee †, Jomarie Reginald Halog †
- 9:30 am Lorenza Bungcayao †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

- 7:00 am Joe Martinez †
- 9:30 am Jose Aguirre Sr-Pilar Aguirre †, Rachele Ignacio, Natividad Carpio †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 | THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

- 7:00 am For the people of Holy Spirit Parish
- 9:30 am Balz & Mary Senn †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 | FRIDAY OF THE THIRD OF ADVENT

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

- 7:00 am Rita Kane †, Maximiano Magpoc †, Crisanto & Aileen Cargado
- 9:30 am Oscar & Josie De Torres

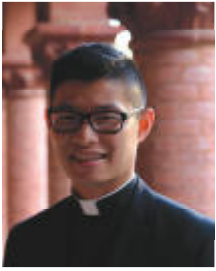
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 | SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

- 7:00am For the people of Holy Spirit Parish
- 9:30 am Lucy †

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. PETER...

Today, we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday” which means “Rejoice” and we light the rose candle on the Advent Wreath. The celebrants also wear rose-colored vestments. Today's feast reminds us once again that we, the faithful followers of Christ, are called to live with joy.

A question remains: *Where is true joy to be found?*

In our first reading, we heard the prophet Isaiah together with the people of Israel exulting in their call as bearers of God's good tidings: “I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God who is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation.” The greatest joy for humanity is to know that we are loved by God and that He sent His only begotten Son to be one of us and to live among us. Through Him, with Him, and in Him, we become the adopted children of God and together share the gifts of salvation.

The responsorial Psalm has again the Song of Mary who exults in the mercy of God from generation to generation. We rediscover in Mary the joy of faith. Despite an uncertain future, Mary continually trusts in God's plan of

Salvation and welcomes Jesus joyfully into her life.

St. Paul, in our second reading, calls on the Thessalonians to “rejoice always” and immediately calls on them to continue to “pray without ceasing” and always give thanks to God in every circumstance. No matter what happens to us, we can always give thanks to God in the midst of its happening. We may be struggling in various ways, but there is always something in which we can find grace and return joy and gratitude.

John the Baptist in today's gospel fully realized that he is not the Christ. Rather than becoming the person others wanted him to be, John the Baptist was content to be the person God wanted him to be: to be the voice who prepares for God's Son. He was happy to serve Christ and to share this good news with others.

My dear friends, the prophet Isaiah, Mary, Paul, and John the Baptist witnessed their joy and the presence of God in their lives. Let us look around for the signs of God's presence in our lives and in our families. Together during this Gaudete Sunday, we “return to joy” or “reaffirm our joy.” Let us choose to be joyful and choose it everyday!

Advent blessings to all of you.

Fr. Peter
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John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” John 1:26-27





SERVE



St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

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

-We kept ourselves safe through adhering to Government Health Regulations pertaining to Covid-19.

-Our Bishop also wrote a special letter to guide the faithful on how to keep them safe from COVID-19 when they are in the Church. We had sanitizers around the entrances of our church and encouraged people to wash their hands before entering the Church.

Special Collection: Religious Retirement Dec. 12-13, 2020

Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

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.

Giving

Sunday, November 29	33,041
St. Vincent de Paul	1,395

Corner

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

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PRAY



FIRST READING

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)



PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)



SECOND READING

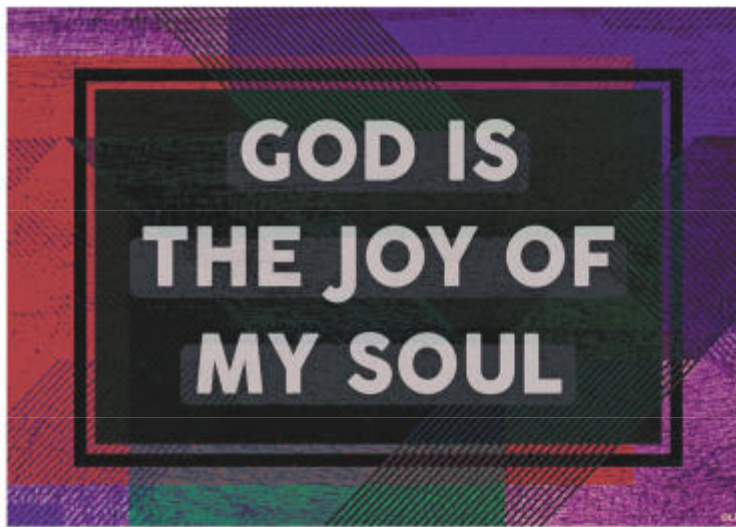
May the God of peace make you
perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)



GOSPEL

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
Make straight the way of the Lord." (In 1:23)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.



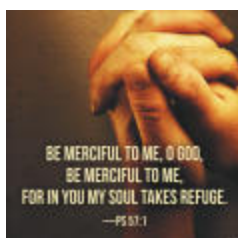
Please note: Our prayer list is refreshed every week. Feel free to call the office to include your loved one for the week: 510.797.1660

Pray for Our Sick

Les Carscadden, Dixie Kibbee, Joseph Figueiredo, Andrew P. Javier, Carina A. Javier, Maxeen Caballa, Lesli Griffiths, Patricia Nielsen, Renee Baca, Nancy & Francis Ho and Family, Rhea Dizon Montebon, Norma Jean Soliz

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Joseph Jeyseela Rayan, Steven Sethofer



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

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



INVITE

Simbang Gabi

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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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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

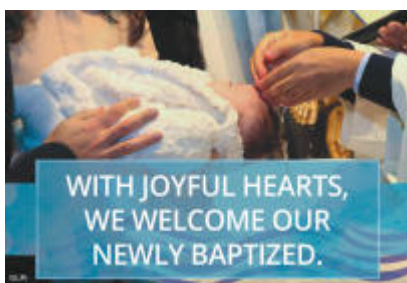
Christmas Eve, December 24

- **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 mn** - 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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AROUND THE PARISH



Confessions

The last opportunity for Confessions before Christmas is Thursday, December 17, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on Thursday, December 24, and Thursday, December 31.

Nourish: “A Season of Everything – Recognizing and Embracing the Ebbs and Flows”

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a loved one.

This program provides family caregivers practical and emotional support, shared experiences and useful tools - all with a Christ-centered view.

Our next Zoom meeting is on Thursday, December 17, 7:00 pm.

Zoom link:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82407384573?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82407384573?pwd=RHRDVjBaR1MrT1ZwUG43ODN3emdKUT09)
[pwd=RHRDVjBaR1MrT1ZwUG43ODN3emdKUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82407384573?pwd=RHRDVjBaR1MrT1ZwUG43ODN3emdKUT09)
Meeting ID: 824 0738 4573
Passcode: 008627

For more info, contact Annette Lewellyn at sanmz@aol.com or 510.794.5141.

Flower Fund

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

We would like to thank the following donor(s):

- Dec. 12/13 - Belle & Florante Asis

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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: _____

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.



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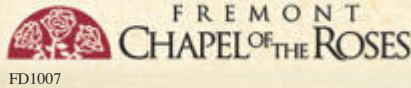
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