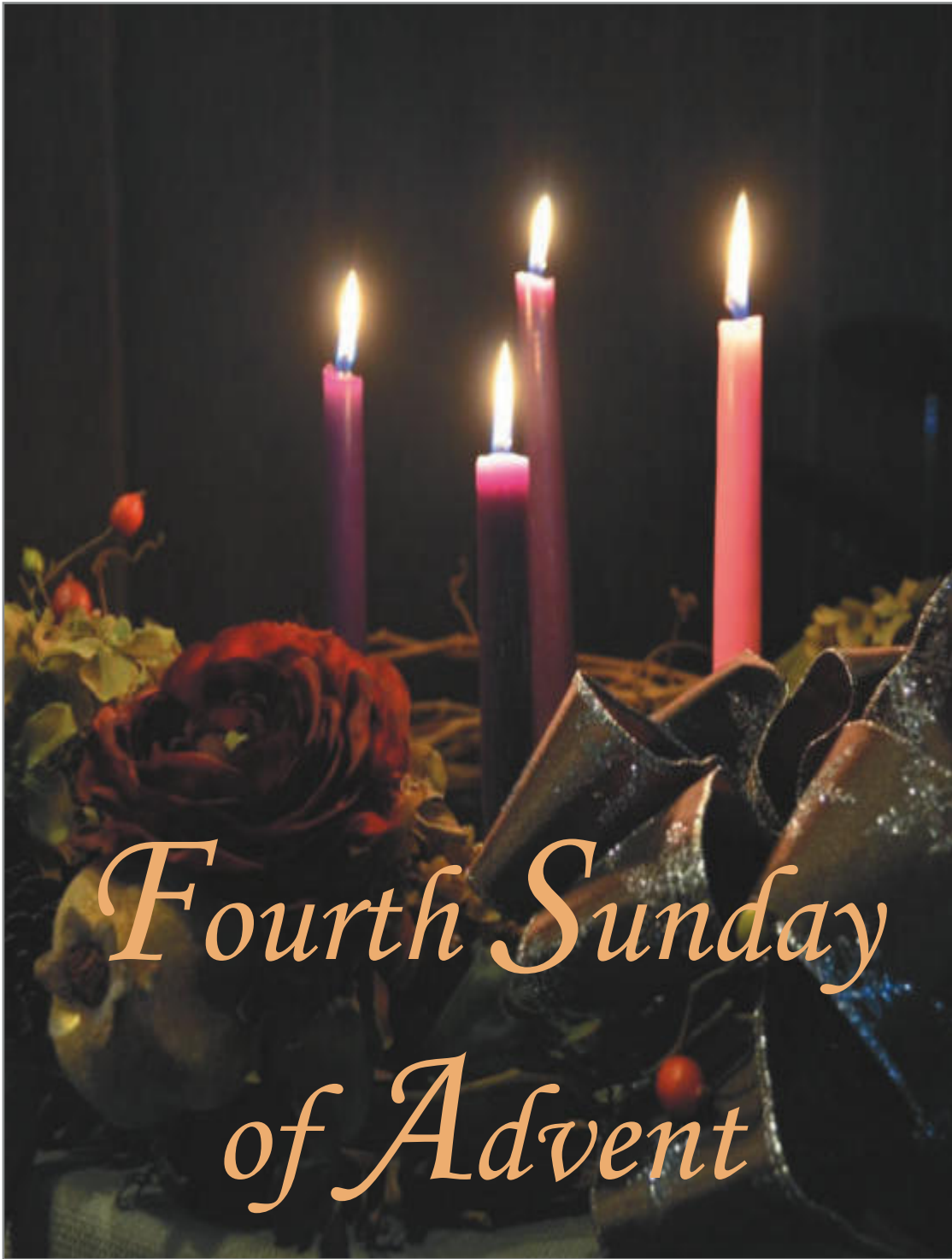




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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](http://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](http://holyspiritfremont.org/join-our-community)

### Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

- 3:30 pm (Vigil Mass) Elmon Ledesma & Family, Jen & Finn Ryan, Lorraine Cortez †
- 7:15 am Robert Vun Yau Lee †, Arnaldo & Carmen Agcaoili, Maria Laksmana †, Eugenia Mano †
- 9:00 am Luis Amaral †, Brian Duffy †, Joseph Jeyseela Ryan †
- 10:45 am Francisco Capistrano †, Amber Russell †, Jurisha Tambaoan
- 12:30 pm For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 | MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

- 7:00 am Barbara Pesek †, Cora Duffy †, Modesta Velasco †, Lutgardo Villaresis †
- 9:30 am Clyde R. Macasero, Charlize S. Macasero, Feliciano Calderon †

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 | TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

- 7:00 am De Jesus Family, Walter Fasolis Sr. †, Walter Fasolis †
- 9:30 am Deceased Marquez Family members †, Virginia V. Noguera †

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 | WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

- 7:00 am Jaydee Francisco, Francisco Family †
- 9:30 am Mary Yip, Natividad Rabinovitz, Lu Family, Jacob Bayani

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 | THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

- 7:00 am Esteban Gaspar †, Dorothy Knowles †, Diane Santos Nguyen, Barbara Esteban †
- 9:30 am Heraldo Gregorio Da Silva, Vital Silveria Jose Elisa

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/  
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

All Masses For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 | FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

- 7:00am Lilibeth Rivero, Aida Tulod †
- 9:30 am Eugenia Mano & Paul Tallarico †, Nolan Gatchalian †

*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.*



## FROM THE DESK OF DCN. BERNARD...

To say “yes” to God means stepping out of our comfort zone and allowing us to surrender totally to Him.

Chapter 11 in the Book of Hebrews gives testimony to those who have gone before us, who placed their faith in God by saying “yes” to His call without knowing the circumstances that lay ahead.

This is well-mentioned in Hebrews 11.1, “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.”

I believe that St. Paul has the answers for Hebrews 11 in Romans 8: “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose” (8:28).

Today, we recall the greatest “yes” of all time! A yes that wasn’t easy to live by, and that had bestowed no distinctions, privileges or favors, despite being a favored one.

Mary’s “yes” was the game-changer! It was her free choice but totally aligned with God’s will. To top it all, without the Blessed Mary’s Fiat to

the Angel Gabriel – *May it be done to me according to your word!* – who knows where we would all be right now? Mary’s submission to the will of God paved the way for our salvation through her Son Jesus Christ, in whose First Coming we celebrate at Christmas in a few days.

Let us live by what we proclaim when we say the Lord’s Prayer, *thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. It is not enough to just be satisfied with the way things are, we need to be fruitful in building the Kingdom of God.

Let us make Mary a model of our lives, to treasure the Word of God, to ponder in our hearts and say yes to His holy will. When we say yes to God, we are never alone! God will make a way!

In lighting all four candles of Advent, our prayer is this: may we all discover and bear witness to the Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace which has been graced to us. And as we light our center candle of Love on Christmas Eve, we give thanks, praise, and honor to Christ who is our Light. May His light shine through our hearts.

Jean and I wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas. May all find joy and strength in the presence of Jesus Christ living in our lives.

**A**nd the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”

Luke 1:35





# 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:



Anjela  
Kamote

Ana  
Edward



Antonia  
Robert

## 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!

## 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](mailto:info@holyspiritfremont.org) to

arrange a pick-up time.

## Thank You, Stanley Family!

We wish to thank Stanley Family Trees for donating a 14-foot Christmas tree. Your generosity is truly appreciated!



Giving

Sunday, December 6

30,739

Special Collections coming up:  
Seminary | January 10, 2021

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

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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.



## Joy to the World

### Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

*Let us pray...*

God,  
you became human through the obedience  
of a simple young woman named Mary.  
Mary is our model of faith.  
May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.  
Give us the courage to face each day  
with the yes that Mary gave to you.  
We ask this through the incarnate God,  
who comes to us again during this Christmas  
season.

Amen.



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, Hazel Fray, Petronilo Nallas, Father Ronald Longero, Barbara Gessner

### Pray for Our Recently Departed

Erlinda Cordon, Anita Sanje, Stephanie Maddon

### Birthday Blessings

Fr. Samwel Mvati



All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



# INVITE

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2020

- **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, 2020

- **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.

## New Year's Day Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve  
December 31, 2020

- **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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
New Year's Day  
January 1, 2021

- **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.

*\*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.*



Andre, Alessia, Gianni

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# AROUND THE PARISH



## Simbang Gabi

December 20-23, 2020 | 6:30 pm

Join us as we continue our traditional Simbang Gabi Masses in preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Masses are celebrated outdoors, weather permitting. Please adhere to COVID-19 guidelines. Wear a face covering and maintain social distance. If you are unwell, please be safe and stay home. Masses via livestream on

our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

## 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](mailto:info@holyspiritfremont.org) to arrange a time.

## Contact Us

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In observance of Christmas, all parish departments will be closed on Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25.

On behalf of Fathers Ken, John, and Peter, along with the parish team, we appreciate your prayers, kindness, and generosity, especially this past year. We pray that you and your loved ones have a very blessed Christmas!



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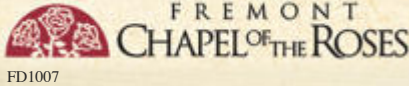
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