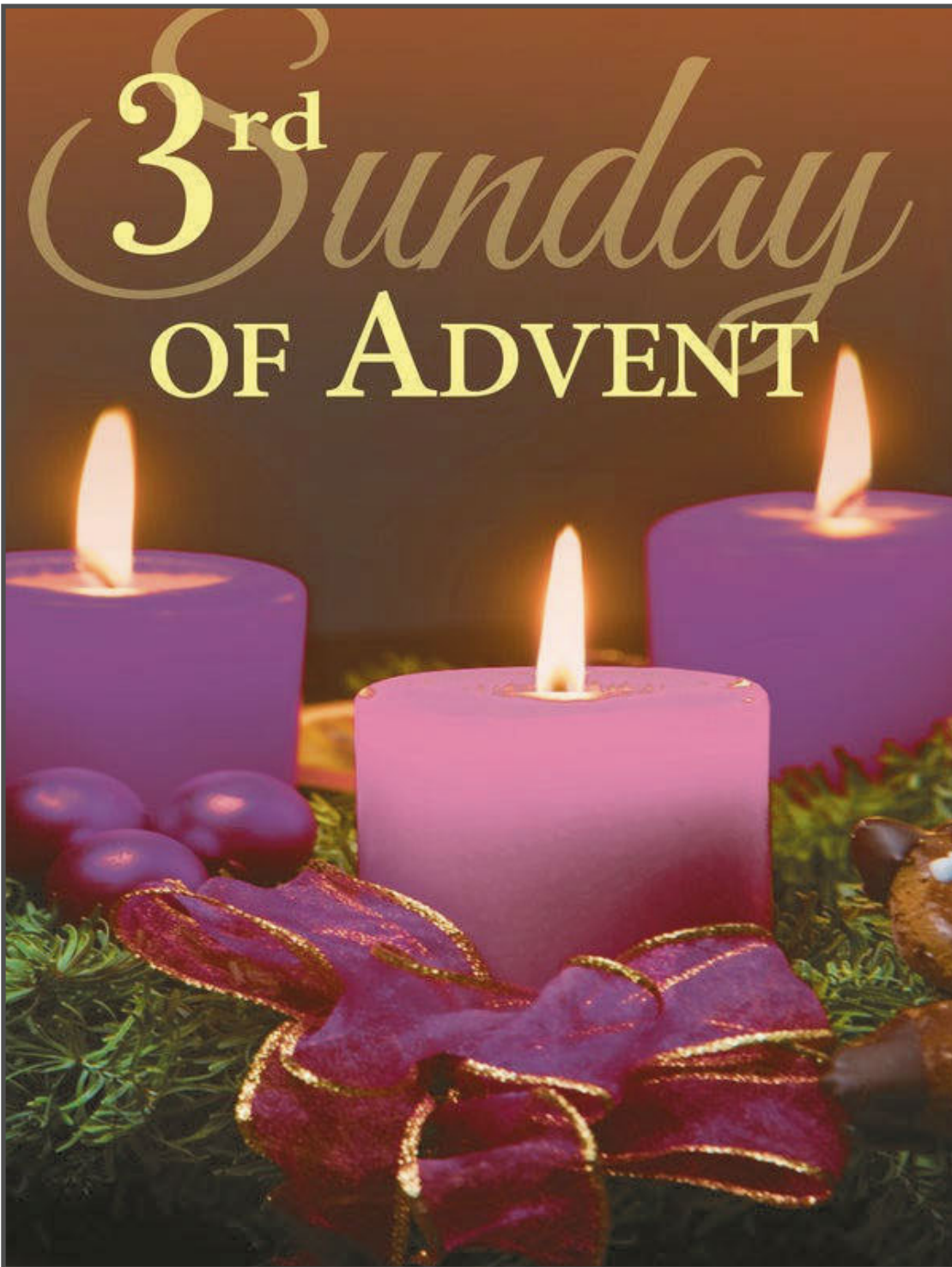




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Weekend

Saturday: 7:00* & 8:15 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:15 am*
9:00 am* | 10:45 am
12:30 pm | 5:00 pm

Weekday

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00* & 8:15 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm*
First Friday: 6:30 pm*

*Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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OUR VISION

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Confession

Saturday: 3:30 pm
Thursday before First Friday: 3:30 pm
Weekdays: call for an appt.

Eucharistic Adoration

Visit the Adoration Chapel in the Governo House.
Mon-Fri, 6:00 am-12:00 pm

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 pm immediately followed by Mass
Next Mass: January 7, 2022

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass, contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660

New to Holy Spirit?

Welcome! To register, contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org or go to holyspiritfremont.org/join-our-community

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To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
7:15 am	† Eugenia T. Mano, † Souls in Purgatory, † Isabel Hermosura, † Natalia Bonilla Ambrose Villo
9:00 am	Shirley Abreu, † Artur Alexandre Simoes, † Jocelyn Blancaver Bain, † Beatriz Bartolo
10:45 am	Winston & Roderick Mina, † Durante Family, † Marciano "Rocky" Principe, Franciscan Friars of Renewal / San Junipero Serra Friary
12:30 pm	† Gregoria Concepcion, † Lee Kil Yeh & Rod Ramos, † Victoriano Abelgas, Virgilio Sotto
5:00 pm	† Tommy Carreon, † Salvador Vera, William F. Nicholson, Wayne Young

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

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

7:00 am	Johnny Vu, † Catalino Ordonez, † Romeo Monteroso
8:15 am	† Elodia & Aucensio Torres, Lucia Yumena, † Betty Bartolo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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	† Demetrio Timbreza Sr., Angelita F. Yumena, † Sylvia Sandalo
8:15 am	† Ruth & William Quinn Nickolson, † Walter Navarro, † Bernice Haring

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 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	† Maura Robeniol, † Romeo & Rosario Suarez, † Julieta Brimbuela
8:15 am	† Abelina Misola Hebron, † Doming Rojo, † Suzanne Ogi
6:30 pm	† Jomarie Reginald Halog, Marietta Y. De Alday & Family, † Andy Chan

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

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

7:00 am	Rachelle Ignacio, Faith Rovetta, Delon Orquin
8:15 am	† Pilar Jose Aguirre, Sr, † Mariano & Steven Ladrillono, Dean & Audrey Lizardo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 | FRIDAY 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	† Diosdado Fontanilla, † Rachille Goff/Raymundo Agbulos, † Margarita Monteroso
8:15 am	Tresa Mariya Ignatius, † Walter Navarro

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 | SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

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

7:00 am	Geoffrey Patrick Saturnio, † Ryan Averilla, † Josefina Tulabing
8:15 am	Oscar & Josie De Torres, † Emmanuel Valbuena, † Pedro Rabugio



FROM THE DESK OF FR. PETER...

Friends,

Today, we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday” which means “Rejoicing Sunday” with the lighting of the rose candle, the third of the Advent Wreath. The celebrants today may wear rose-colored vestments. These symbols remind us once again that we are called to live happy and joyful lives.

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

In our first reading, we hear the prophet Zephaniah together with Israelites exulting in their call as bearers of God’s good tidings: “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel... The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love...”

The most fundamental and greatest cause for joy for humanity is the profound belief in our minds and hearts that we are always and forever LOVED BY GOD. The evidence of that love for us is He sent His only begotten Son to be one of us, to live among us, to die for us, and resurrect for us. Through Him, with Him, and in Him, we become the adopted children of God and together share the joyous and eternal gift of salvation.

Also in our responsorial Psalm, the prophet Isaiah invites each of us to sing the joyful songs of praise to God our Savior: “Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”

St. Paul, in our second reading, calls on the Philippians and every one of us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” He then immediately instructs us to continue to “pray without ceasing” and always give thanks to God in every circumstance. When we keep this wondrous truth in our minds or our hearts constantly, we continue to give thanks to God, even amid hardship. That’s why so many of our martyrs could sing under torture. Daily, don’t we meet people who are undergoing great trials or pain? And these are often the very same people who are encouraging us! We all struggle in various ways, but there is always something in which we can find grace and return to joy and gratitude. Our assured Salvation is the greatest reason to be thankful.

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist fully realizes that he is not the Christ. Rather than becoming the person others want him to be, John the Baptist is content to be the person God wants him to be – the voice who prepares for the Coming of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He is honored and supremely happy to serve Christ and to share this good news with others.

My dear friends, the prophets Zephaniah and Isaiah, Paul and John the Baptist witnessed their joy and the presence of God in their lives. Let us look within and around for signs of God’s presence in our lives, in our families, and in each other. On this Gaudete Sunday we “return to joy,” we reaffirm our joy. Let us choose to be joyful and live it – everyday!

Advent Joy and Blessings to all of you.

Fr. Peter

Christmas Mass Times

- **Friday, December 24** - 3:00, 5:00 and 8:00 pm, 12:00 midnight
- **Saturday, December 25** - 7:15, 9:00 and 10:45 am, 12:30 pm

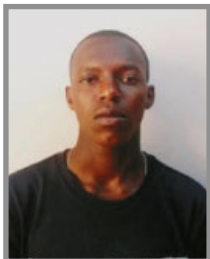
On behalf of Fr. Ken, Fr. Peter, Fr. Eddie, Fr. Frank, and the entire Parish Staff, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas! See you at Mass!





SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch



Emanuel Kanezi has entered Bugando University to become a medical doctor (MD). The program is 5 years.

Congratulations, Emanuel, and we wish you all the best!

Special Collection: Religious Retirement Fund

December 11-12, 2021

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. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious. Please give generously.



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:

- ⇒ Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- ⇒ Spaghetti Noodles - not wheat
- ⇒ Vienna Sausage

Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Parish Office during regular business hours or Governo House on Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am only. **Do not leave donations outside.** 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! For info: 510.797.3672

Parish Office Ministry

Do you enjoy working with people? Are you looking for some meaningful work for a few hours a week?

Then join our Holy Spirit Parish Office Ministry.

We are looking for volunteer receptionists for weekdays and weekends.

You must be a registered parishioner and complete Safe Environment/Virtus Training.

Please contact Sahaya Josephine at 510.797.1660 or info@holyspiritfremont.org



Giving

Sunday, November 28

\$33,219

Corner

Special Collections coming up:
Diocesan Vocations Program | January 9

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

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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



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2021

Join us as we celebrate our Queen and Patroness of the Americas!

5:00 am - Las Mañanitas

5:30 am - Mass

Grab & Go meals provided after Mass by the Society of Guadalupanos.

Simbang Gabi Kick-off

December 14, 2021 | 7:00 pm

Join us at the Cathedral of Christ the Light as we kick off the devotional nine-day series of Masses around the Diocese of Oakland.

Simbang Gabi

December 15-23, 2021 | 6:30 pm

Join us for our traditional Simbang Gabi Masses in preparation for

the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

To support our Simbang Gabi Novena, please contact:

Mass intentions - Jennie Visitacion, 650.219.6417 or Maryanne Gacusan, 510.289.0382

Souvenir booklet - Bella Asis, 510.791.6121

Lector/Eucharistic Minister - Femy Fonacier, 408.307.0359 or complete sign-up sheet found at church main entrance

For more information - Pat Saturnio, 510.468.7321

No 5:00 pm Mass on December 19, 2021

In lieu of the 5:00 pm Mass, we invite you to join us for the Simbang Gabi Mass at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 19.

Thank you for your understanding.



Pray For...

Please note: Our prayer list is refreshed every week. Feel free to contact us to include your loved one. Go to <https://holyspiritfremont.org/request-a-prayer/> or call the Parish Office at 510.797.1660

Pray for Our Sick

Garna Dumughn, Robyn Crommelin

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Eliza Pagmanaja, Roland Bernardo, Rhea Montalbo, Edgar Ramirez, Luzviminda Yee, Genevieve Fasolis, Faustino Gregorio

Birthday Blessings

Fr. Frank Kuwornu, Lolita Uy, Lillie Marsh

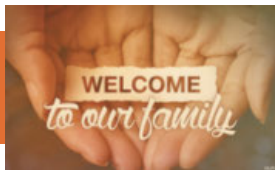
In observance of Christmas...

The Parish Office will be closed December 24-27, 2021.

We wish you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas!



That through our words, actions and joyful spirit we may inspire in others a desire to follow Jesus Christ, and so find the perfect gift of salvation. *We pray to the Lord...*



INVITE

Filipino Society Meal Deal

December 12, 2021

The Filipino Society is hosting their \$5 meal deal after the morning and 12:30 Masses. Stop by the Parish Center and get a great meal at a deal.

Proceeds benefit parish projects. Thank you for your support!

Sacrament of Reconciliation During the Advent Season

To prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we invite the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent - **3:30 to 5:00 pm:**

Thursdays: December 16 and 23
Saturday: December 18

Please wear a face covering and maintain social distance. Ushers will be on hand - please follow their instructions.

2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 15, 2021 | St. Francis Plaza

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree...

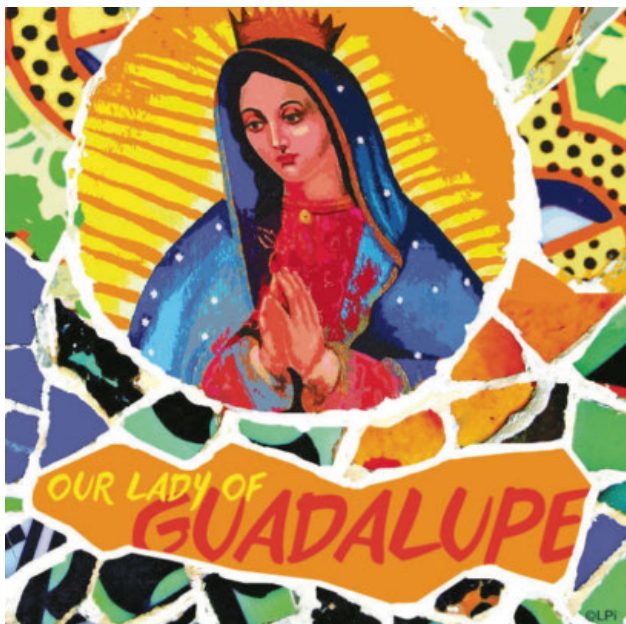
Join us immediately after the Simbang Gabi Mass for our Annual Tree Lighting event.

Just like last year, help decorate three trees by placing medium-sized ornaments with names of your loved ones.

Christmas Baby

It is a tradition at Holy Spirit to have a child process in for the Christmas Eve Masses to represent the Christ Child. This is a wonderful tradition that lends great meaning to our Christmas Eve celebration. The Presider carries the child as the mother and father process in at the same time.

If you have a child between one (1) month and 13 months old by Christmas Day and are interested, please contact Dn. Chuck at 510.789.8652.



Our Parish Library is open once again!

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AROUND THE PARISH



Introduction to Natural Family Planning

December 16, 2021 | 7:00 pm via Zoom

Join Ellen Holloway, SymptoPro instructor, for a free introduction to the Sympto-Thermal Method of natural family planning.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about modern methods of fertility awareness based on real time biomarkers present throughout a woman's cycle, and to ask questions about NFP and fertility awareness.

To register or to inquire about other intro class times, contact ellenholloway100@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Gift Shop

Our Gift Shop now has Christmas items in stock! Check out our holiday selections and gift ideas. Shop hours are Sundays, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm! Stop by and see us!

Plants for Our Parish

Help beautify our campus! We are looking for folks who would like to donate a variety of plants and greenery for our parish grounds. Please contact frpeter@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660 ext. 206 for more information.

Flower Fund

We are accepting donations towards floral arrangements for our church sanctuary. You may drop off your donation at the Parish Office or send by mail.

For information or special requests such as dates, colors, or events (e.g., anniversary, birthday, memorial, etc.), please text Judy Young at 510.378.1933.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

May 9-17, 2022: \$2849/person, dbl. occupancy. Cost includes airfare from LAX or SFO, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, sightseeing, transfers, etc.

May 17-23, 2022: Extended 7-day trip to Poland available. Pilgrimage sites include Wadowice (Pope John Paul II's hometown), Auschwitz, Divine Mercy Shrine, etc.

Brochures are available in the Parish Office.

For more info:
Dn Dominick Peloso - dominick@vallombrosa or 650.269.6279
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Parish Office

Mondays to Fridays
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Sundays
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Sundays
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