# HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# 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.

# CONTACT

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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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Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

# **BE SPIRIT FILLED AND MAKE DISCIPLES!**



# WORSHIP

### **OUR VISION**

Be a flourishing community of intentional disciples shining as beacons of Christ.

### 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. to Fri.: 6:00 am to 12:00 pm Sat.: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Sun.: 12:00 to 5:00 pm

### Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday (except January) at 12:00 pm. All seniors and those seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend. Next Mass: September 3, 2022

### 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: September 2, 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-ourcommunity

# Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

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SUNDAY, AUG	GUST 14   20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53					
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	† Jesus Saenz Jr., † Maria Teresa Del Rosario, † Souls in Purgatory, † Thuc Tran				
7:15 am	Robert & Charlene Aguilar Bumagat, † Cesar & Clarita Mesina, † Eugenia T. Mano, † Monica Berty Jonata				
9:00 am	† Joseph V. Shagday, † Joela Abreu, † Aurora Abelgas, † Francisco Tanega				
10:45 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish				
12:30 pm	Joseph Alonzo, † John D' Almeida, † Eneida Gonzalez, † Jesus & Eneida Gonzalez				
5:00 pm	Calvin Suva, † Sam Mitchell, † Joe Faial, † Federico Cruz				
MONDAY, AUG	GUST 15   SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56					
7:00 am	Fe Vito Cruz, † Antonio Barrios, † Rita Kane Hylle				
8:15 am	† Enrique & Catalina Ladrillono, † Asuncion Velasquez & Family, † Cristino Cimafranca				
TUESDAY, AU	GUST 16   TUESDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME				
Ez 28:1-10/Dt	32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30				
7:00 am	Nicolas West, † Marna Vega, † Abenezer L. Clemente				
8:15 am	† Mercedes Eguia, † Aurelio Avelino Sr., † Christine Vu				
WEDNESDAY,	AUGUST 17   WEDNESDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME				
Ez 34:1-11/Ps	23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16				
7:00 am	Marilyn Keily, Gerard Martinez, † Malia Matoto				
8:15 am	† Liberata Rasca Aquino, † Christine Vu, † Francis & Mila Mesia				
6:30 pm	† Evangelina Solis, † Demetria Domingo				
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18   THURSDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME					
Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14					
7:00 am	Ned Barrett, † Manuel P. Venturina, † Cesar Villamor Sr.				
8:15 am	Raul Calo, † Ismael Hernandez Garza, † Ding C. Tongson				
FRIDAY, AUGL	JST 19   FRIDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME				
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40					
7:00 am	Tessie Sugay, † Luz Resari, † Mark John Miranda				
8:15 am	Albert & Jolivette Leano, Kevin & Lilian Librodo, Jorge Luis Hernandez				
SATURDAY, A	UGUST 20   MEMORIAL OF SAIN BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH				
Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps	s 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12				
7:00 am	† Adoracion Lu, † Deirdre Clark's Ancestors, † Jose Mari M Canceran				
8:15 am	Johnny Vu, † Galo Gonzales, † Francis & Mila Mesia				
	rit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send pirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.				

# NOURISH



### HERE'S THE WORD... A Brief Commentary on the Gospel

Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40:2-4, 17; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

#### Perseverance in Adversity

It is part of human nature to avoid what is unpleasant, whether it is undeserved suffering or punishment deserved for bad behavior. We want to hear our priests preach against the consequences of sin, but we do not want them to challenge us about the sins in our lives. It is also difficult for some of us to stand up for our faith and defend the teachings of the Church when those teachings are not "politically correct," according to the judgments of modern society. God asks us to persevere in adversity and to take a stand for what is righteous according to His Word. He promises that the eternal reward will outweigh any temporary discomfort.

**In the First Reading**, the prophet Jeremiah's enemies imprisoned him in a cistern as a punishment for prophesizing Jerusalem's impending conquest and telling the people not to resist the Babylonian invaders. Jerusalem's coming destruction was God's divine judgment against her people for their many sins, including their acts of injustice, oppression of the poor, and disobedience to the commands of the Law in Yahweh's covenant. Despite his many persecutions, Jeremiah remained true to his mission to preach repentance and the acceptance of God's judgment.

**Our Responsorial Psalm** is a prayer that might have come from Jeremiah as he lay in the mud at the bottom of the cistern. The psalmist combines his lament concerning his sufferings with his thanks that God acts to defend His faithful servants, even in extreme situations. The "pit of destruction" and the "mud of the swamp" are poetic metaphors for the world of death that the psalmist sees opening before him. He believes God hears him and describes his rescue as being "raised up" or resurrected. He praises God in a "new song" in response to the new action of God coming to his deliverance. The message for us is that the psalmist's ability to give thanks even in his suffering is not purely a human response but a divine gift of God's presence when suffering is accompanied by faith and humble perseverance.

In the Second Reading, the inspired writer (believed to be St. Paul) used the metaphor of the difficulties when competing in a foot race. His point was to encourage the faithful not to follow the easy path but rather to make, if necessary, the painful decision to persevere in following the Gospel of salvation. He compares a Christian's life to a sports arena with the faithful participating in a race. Our audience is "a cloud of witnesses," numbered among the Communion of Saints who are watching us from Heaven and urging us on. They are praying for our victory over the forces of evil in the world as we complete the contest that will end in the reward of eternal salvation. The passage reminds us that we are never truly alone, but always have those who care about us and pray for us in our struggles.

**In our Gospel Reading**, Jesus presented His disciples with a difficult lesson. He told them that He had not come to bring peace but division in families and nations. Everyone must choose between Him and the world; there is no middle ground. Then, Jesus made a dramatic statement, saying He had come "to set the earth on fire!" In the Old Testament, fire was symbolic of purification, discernment, judgment, and a manifestation of the presence of God. St. John the Baptist warned that the Messiah was coming with "the Holy Spirit and fire" (Lk 3:16), and in Scripture, it is one of the most expressive symbols of the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. In our Gospel reading, the fire Jesus referred to could be the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. His words might also refer to the refining and purifying fire that Jesus would light in His suffering, death, and Resurrection. In that series of events, He ignited and transformed the New Covenant people of God to pick up their crosses and follow Him in bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Holy New Covenant Universal Church.

Today's readings are relevant to us because we are making the same choices as Jeremiah, St. Paul, and Jesus' disciples in practicing our obedience of faith by serving the mission to which God has called us despite personal suffering. Are we willing to commit ourselves to Christ and His Church at the cost of our family relationships and secular standing, or do we deny Christ by valuing what is material, secularly acceptable, and temporal rather than eternal? The decision to submit to Christ may be painful for us in this life, but pain and suffering will count toward eternal salvation for both the ministerial priesthood (who bear the responsibility of teaching the Word of God and His Law) and the priesthood of believers. Our Divine Father will reward us, and our heavenly brothers and sisters will applaud us as they welcome us into the everlasting beatitude of Heaven.

"And the Word was made flesh...and dwelt among us."

Fr. Ken



# SERVE

## St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

While home for a holiday break, youth sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish help clean and spruce up St. Joseph parish grounds!



### Ministry Leads Meeting August 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm

Please join us via Zoom for our next Ministry Leads meeting. The link will be sent via Flocknote.

The meeting should last approximately 45 minutes. If the lead members are unable to attend, kindly request a representative to take your place.

# 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:

- $\Rightarrow$  Canned Fruit
- $\Rightarrow$  Canned Soup
- $\Rightarrow$  Dry Pinto Beans—1-lb. bags.

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 <u>only</u>. Do not leave donations outside. <u>Please note</u>: We do <u>not</u> accept perishable, fresh foods (e.g., meats, produce, dairy, etc.). All food donations must be in factory sealed packages and/or containers. <u>PLEASE</u>, <u>NO EXPIRED FOOD</u>. Thank you for your support! For information or assistance: 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 as a volunteer receptionist.

Contact Sahaya Josephine at <u>info@holyspiritfremont.org</u> or 510.797.1660.

# Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and the Homebound. They bring the Holy Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Jean Liwanag at <u>brightjg459@gmail.com</u>

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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.





FIRST READING

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

#### 0 PSALM

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

SECOND READING Let us rid ourselves of every burden

and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Heb 12:1-2)

# GOSPEL

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Lk 12:51)

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#### GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes. Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.



That the Church may never be afraid to proclaim and defend the truth of the Gospel. *We pray to the Lord...* 



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

### **Pray for Our Sick**

Anrico Soriano, Beatrice Nini, Charlie Glover, Thea Cole, Bernie Hoercher, Arlene Poma

## Pray for Our Recently Departed

Rosita Calo Alcantara, Diana Lewellyn, Jose Mari Canceran, Ida Marie Scafer, Ma. Victoria Javier-Laurena, Agusto Pascual, Chandra Bhan, Adoracion Lu

### **Birthday Blessings**

Caroline Kawazoe, John Francisco, Serafina Magdziak, Jaime Advincula





# INVITE

### Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima August 28, 2022 | 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

We are pleased to announce that the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be with us here at Holy Spirit once again.

Come and visit with our Blessed Mother after each Sunday Mass.

## 2023 Mass Intentions

We have begun accepting and processing 2023 Mass Intention requests. Download the Mass Intention request form on our website - <u>https://</u> <u>holyspiritfremont.org/mass-intentions/</u> - or pick up a blank form at the Parish Office.

Please ensure that your request form is completely filled out. Any missing information may delay of processing your requests. And please be sure to include your stipend offering.

Due to our large, prayerful community here at Holy Spirit, requests are absolutely FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED! We will process requests according to the date the request was received.

# Women Gather

August 20, 2022

Join us for prayer and service. Please arrive between at 9:30 and 10:00 am.

Prayer begins at 10:00 am followed by potluck lunch and an afternoon of service.

Space at Casa Julie is limited. Contact Sr. Annette at 408.390.7184 to RSVP.

### **Vocations Crucifix Program**

We are looking for parishioners to host the Vocations Crucifix and pray for men and women discerning to enter the priesthood or religious life.

Twice monthly on the second and fourth weekend of the month, families or an individual are presented with the Vocations Crucifix and invited to pray for two weeks.

To participate in this prayer ministry, please sign up on Flocknote or call the parish office at 510.797.1660.



## Faith Formation Registration for 2022-2023

Registration is now open for preschool-age children, Grades 1 -12, and adults—including First Communion, Confirmation, ongoing religious education, and RCIA.

To register, go to our parish website - <u>https://</u> <u>holyspiritfremont.org/</u> - and look for the "Faith Formation' tab. You may also register in person—visit us at the de Sousa House, Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Payment plans and scholarships available. Contact us at <u>faithformation@holyspiritfremont.org</u> if you have any questions.

# AROUND THE PARISH



## **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.

We thank our donors:

August 13 ... Jordan & Christiana Dequinia

### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** August 19-21, 2022

This program offers a weekend of support to women, men and couples whose lives have been impacted by pregnancy loss, abortion, or miscarriage.

It is an opportunity to reflect on the experience, identify ways it has affected your life, and start the healing process.

The weekend includes two nights lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. All information remains confidential. Go to realoptions.net/hope to learn more.

### **Diocese of Oakland Discernment Day**

September 24, 2022 | 9:00 am St. Patrick Seminary & University

Meet clergy and seminarians from the Oakland Diocese at this special day just for those interested in discerning a call to priesthood.

Contact Father Carl Arcosa at CArcosa@oakdiocese.org to register. Please note this event is only for men 18 and older.

### Adult Paint & Wine Event: "Jesus, the Good Shepherd" August 21, 2022 | 3:00 pm

Please join us in the de Sousa House for a relaxing afternoon of painting and friendship! The \$20 fee covers the cost of art supplies, wine and hors d'oeuvres! Must be 21+ to participate.

Proceeds will go towards St. Patrick's Seminary & University 14th Annual Gala. RSVP by Aug 16—please contact the Parish Office at 510.797.1660 or info@holyspiritfremont.org.





9:00 am to 4:00 pm Sundays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

# Parish Gift Shop

Sundays 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Parish Library

Sundays 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

### Clergy

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