

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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BE SPIRIT FILLED AND MAKE DISCIPLES!

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

OLP

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.



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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ls 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30	
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Cruz Family, † Charles & Mary Milz, † Angelita B. & Felimi V. Rodis, † Souls in Purgatory
7:15 am	† Eugenia T. Mano, † Emilio Hortillosa, † Larry Rogers, † Domingo De Guzman, Jr.
9:00 am	† Theresa Swamy, † Tony & Jose Durante, † Rodolfo Felarca, † Phil & Josephine Lucero
10:45 am	† Felix D' Almeida, † Procopia Lucero Jr., † Amy Lam, † Genaro J. Padua
12:30 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
5:00 pm	John & Dylan Francisco, Fitzgerald, Lucel & East Reyes, † Celia Reyes Ramos, † Sophia Casalegno
MONDAY, AUGUST 22 THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22	
7:00 am	† Adoracion Lu, † Jose Prado, Jr., † Amy Lam
8:15 am	† All Souls, † Erlinda Bautista, † Lydia Gapasin
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 TUESDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26	
7:00 am	Ana Licad, † Cirilo & Estrelita Canlas, † Trinidad Samonte
8:15 am	† Briccio De Torres, † Buenaventura Alberto Reposar, Jr., † Elena Abarca
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE	
Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51	
7:00 am	Rose Tolores, † Alberto M. Chan, † Maria Da Ponte
8:15 am	† Chandra Bhan, † Sich Truong, † Bert Magat
6:30 pm	† Thomas Quinata, † Eneida Gonzalez
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 THURSDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51	
7:00 am	Susana Alonzo, † Raphael Kooliyadan, † Francisco Carpio, Sr.
8:15 am	Ricardo Catapang, † Jesus P. C. Sandoval, † Salvador Gomes
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 FRIDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13	
7:00 am	Ludy Calo, Lydia Ceniceros, Joanne Alonzo
8:15 am	Charles Ybarra, † Renato Castaneda, † Manuel Alvarez
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 I MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA	

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1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

7:00 am [†] Maria Laksmana, [†] Deirdre Clark's Ancestors, [†] Eva Managuelod

Kayden Lingad, † David B. Garcia, † Thomas Orion & John Mark Castillo, 8:15 am [†] Anna Lai Kun, Au

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.

NOURISH





FROM THE DESK OF FR. EDDIE...

Beyond the Narrow Door...

Beyond the narrow door... I firmly believe that we only get a shot at life just once. The path that we take, we will only pass but once. So it is necessary to fix our minds and hearts to our eternal destiny, which is heaven, beyond the narrow door. Our faith in God is a treasure of great value which is a gift we have undeservedly received and yet given to us generously. We need to live our faith well – to live it implies that we become the reflection of the very presence of God to others.

Beyond the narrow door... Every person is created by God to be with him forever. Our readings remind us of our common invitation to rediscover what is there for us beyond this world. We are meant to go to heaven, though it is no easy journey to get there because we need to pass through the narrow door. Jesus has revealed to us how to move past through the narrow gate for "our Savior is the way, the truth and the life." God wants us all to come home to His banquet someday soon. Just because one is a Catholic, it does not imply that salvation is a sure thing. It is still important to examine ourselves, "How do I conduct myself each day as saved and loved by Christ?" As God said through Prophet Isaiah in the First Reading, "I come to gather nations of every language" (Is 66:18). Every person who strives to be just, loving, and holy, regardless of any prejudice or label, has a slot beyond the narrow door. Salvation is open to all for God wants all of us to be saved.

creation. The words of Saint Paul should echo in our hearts today and always, "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines..." We need to live each day proclaiming to the world that we are different for we are made by God and that we belong to Him. Let us not allow the world to define us or to cancel us but let us show to the world what it means to be sons and daughters of God. Be loud and be proud that you are loved by God and speak out what you want and need the world to know. In our imperfections, we are brave for God's grace is sufficient for us. To preserve ourselves for heaven will be hard. It will be a tough journey for me and you to get there, difficult and challenging at all times. It will be demanding, and it will be inconvenient just as it will be painful and scary all the time. The world will consume and ridicule us and we will be weary and wounded. But with faith in God, we can move forward with hope because Jesus promised, "I will be with you till the end of age."

Beyond the narrow door... Giving up on heaven is not an option. We can step through beyond the narrow door if we believe and live what we believe. We must not be contented with **"eating, drinking in your company or listening"** but we must put into action the values of the kingdom of heaven. What do we have to do? Let us break bread with those who have nothing and quench those who thirst for love and mercy. We must defeat the realities of sin and conquer evil by good. Let us go out to the world and proclaim the Good News on what the Lord has done and prepared for all of us. As said at the conclusion of each celebration of the Holy Mass, **"Go and proclaim the gospel with your lives!"**

Beyond the narrow door... Be the best as God's

***F**or behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30





SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Our parishioner Conrad Sathiananyhen has arrived in Tanzania for a visit to our sister parish!



In the above photo, Conrad receives a warm welcome. (In the background, you can see the vehicle that Holy Spirit Parish purchased for St. Joseph the Worker.)

Below, Conrad stands with Bishop Kimaryo.



From our Youngest Stewards I helped someone, I prayed, I studied my lessons:

Abbey, Ellie

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

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>

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 info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660.

Giving Sunday, August 7 \$35,235 Special Collections coming up: Diocesan Priest Retirement Trust | September 11

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

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

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

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Cycle C)

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117:1-2; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Who Will Be Saved?

How often do you ask yourself about the condition of your soul and the likelihood of your eternal salvation? As a society, we are often overly concerned with our accumulation of material goods and do not concern ourselves with the imperishable works that will follow the righteous into eternity. How seriously do we consider that we might not be preparing our souls for the eternal judgment we all must face? This question is a serious matter in a time when many professing Christians do not go to confession or even attend worship on the Lord's Day. Giving God worship, renouncing sin, offering penance, and conversion continue as integral parts of the Biblical message to every generation. Eternal salvation is the destiny God plans for all of us (1 Tim 2:3; 2 Pt 3:9), but how many will be willing to do what is necessary to fulfill that destiny?

Today's First Reading is from the prophet Isaiah's eschatological (end-times) discourse when he prophesies that in the Messianic Age, all nations of the earth will repent and convert to the worship of the One True God. And, as an offering to God, the converted Gentiles will restore the dispersed Jews to Jerusalem. The new Israel of the New Covenant Church that welcomed all Gentile nations of the earth into the universal family of Jesus the Messiah fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. Many have also seen the United Nations recreating the state of Israel in 1947 and opening a way for all the world's Jews displaced by World War II to have a nation as a further fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. A Jewish state called Israel had not existed since the Assyrians exiled the ten northern tribes of Israel in 722 BC! The recreation of Israel was indeed a miracle.

In the Second Reading, the inspired writer reminds the Jewish Christians of his times and us today that God loves us. Even when we suffer chastisement because of our sins, these corrections are signs of God's fatherly love and concern for His children. Our loving heavenly Father is not a permissive parent; He is a righteous Father who expects the best from His children. A holy God deserves holy children.

The Gospel Reading reminds us that, from the beginning of God's relationship with humanity, His gift of free will has always given men and women a choice between two paths or two gates/doors. All humankind has the option to travel the way of obedience and fellowship with God that leads to eternal life or to go one's own way without God and follow a path that leads to eternal separation from our Divine Father. Jesus offers the same teaching in today's Gospel reading that there are two paths in life: the "narrow path" and the "wide path."

At first, the broad path seems appealing because it calls for no standard of conduct. It is the more traveled path, but it leads to sin, judgment, separation from God, and eternal punishment. The other choice is the narrow, less traveled, more challenging path that requires spiritual strength to stay on course, but it leads to fellowship with the Lord and eternal salvation. God does not desire that any should perish and that all should come to salvation. It is the destiny He planned for us from the moment of our conception in our mothers' wombs. However, the Lord does not force us. Like every person in salvation history, you must determine your ultimate destination; there is no middle ground, and the choice is entirely yours.

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



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

Minda Saturnio, Bernie Hoercher, Rose Tolores

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Bert Magat, Alfredo Tuazon, Jean Duka, Leonora Corpuz Quilalang, Arlene Poma

Birthday Blessings

Jeff Adams, †Lourdes Concepcion Nilmeier, Ricardo Catapang, Sr. Asha Kooliyadan

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Michael & Frances Marron



Ken



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 next weekend.

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.

CYO Girls Volleyball Grades 3-8

CYO Girls Volleyball is accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 season. Registration will end on August 31 (or until teams are full).

Go to <u>https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/</u> <u>Default.aspx?tabid=482484</u> to sign up.

Got questions? Contact our Athletic Director, Rhea Scott at <u>rheascott.hscyo@yahoo.com</u>

Join Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouts sign up is NOW! Dens for Grades K-5 are forming fast. To register, go to <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/HSP154</u>.

Upcoming Recruitment Events:

- August 27 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Quarry Lakes, Fremont
- August 28 After all the Holy Spirit Sunday Masses, St. Francis Plaza

For more information, please contact us at <u>hspack154@gmail.com</u>



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS, WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Eliza, Xavier, Leon Abel, Quinn, Kaylani, Kaliah, Allison, Ryann

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



Our Lady of Velankanni

In anticipation of the Feast of Our Lady of Velankanni, we invite our parishioners to join us...

August 30 to September 7: Novena after Mass (Mon-Sat 7:00 am; Sun 7:15 am) September 17: Feast Day observed at the 5:00 pm Mass

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.

 August 21/22 ... In Memory of Demetria Domingo

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 and refreshments! Must be 21+ to participate.

Proceeds will go towards St. Patrick's Seminary & University 14th Annual Gala. To sign up, contact the Parish Office at <u>info@holyspiritfremont.org</u> or 510.797.1660.

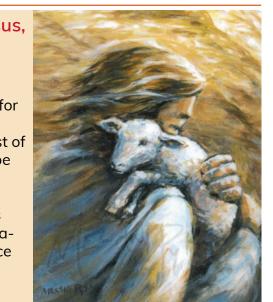
International Rosary

The International Rosary celebration will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 after the Our Lady of Fatima Mass at 6:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to pray the holy rosary with us. If you are interested in reciting the Hail Mary in your native language, contact Marina at 510.792.9621 or Bella at 510.791.6121.

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 for men 18+ years old who are interested in discerning a call to priesthood. Contact Father Carl Arcosa at <u>CArcosa@oakdiocese.org</u> to register.



Parish Office

Mondays to Fridays 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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