



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | FIRST 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.

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: December 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: December 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-our-community

Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

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Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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| 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) | For the People of Holy Spirit Parish |
| 7:15 am | † Justiniano Regidor, † Eugenia T. Mano, † Gregory Miller, † Conrado Jaballas |
| 9:00 am | Cecilia Hu, † Ememorita Gonzales, † Charlie & Rosie Marquez, † Amy Lam |
| 10:45 am | Tambaoan Family, † Dennis Ahern, † Alicia Macasero, † Portia Belleza Lamar, † Nicole Marie Goulart |
| 12:30 pm | † Milagros Racho, † Jose & Simeona Albano, † Rogelio Malonzo Tulao, † Ely Hernaez & Lee Kil Yeh |
| 5:00 pm | Roberto & Aurora Villamil, † Milagros Consuelo Y. Avila, † James Y. Avila, † Janet Claire Hoey |

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

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| 7:00 am | † Clayton & Francesca Nagle, † Edwin Villalta, † Ma. Luisa Lopez |
| 8:15 am | † Aquilino Domingo, † Jose Tagle, Familia Lechuga Meraz |

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

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| 7:00 am | Jeffrey Suva, † Ricardo Hizon, † Oscar Ocampo |
| 8:15 am | Ferdie Soriano, † Joseph Hop Do & Joseph Mai Pham, † Leticia Felarca |

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

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| 7:00 am | † Walter Szto, † Jo Kie & Lucia Nio, † Feast of St. Andrew |
| 8:15 am | † Amy Lam, † Danilo, Aurora De Jesus, † Giovanni Lazaga |
| 6:30 pm | † Andy Chan, † Ireneo De Jesus |

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 | THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

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| 7:00 am | Vicentian Society Members, † Jose Hizon, † Estrelitta Puntero |
| 8:15 am | Godfrey Mbah, † Victor & Guillerma Taroy Gianan, † Rosa Manalo |

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 | FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

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| 7:00 am | Stephen Sugay, Shaji Manamel |
| 8:15 am | Ted & Elena Velasco, † Jason Lucas Valerio, † Paulina Castaneda |
| 11:00 am | † For the Deceased Members of the Javier Family |
| 6:30 pm | † For the Deceased Members of the Poma Family |

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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| 7:00 am | Kathleen Barrett, † Anna Nguyen Thi Hanh, † Domingo Marquez |
| 8:15 am | Letty & Jose Aguirre Jr., † Victoria Martinez, Ansy Mary Antony |
| 12:00 pm | † Gloria Rodriguez, † Christopher Regio & Inocencia Mitrado |



FROM THE DESK OF FR. EDDIE...

In Joyful Hope...

We now begin the Advent Season when the Church observes the four-week preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, and also awaiting for the Second Coming of the Lord, the full establishment of the Kingdom of God. So please don't jump yet to Christmas, just like most shoppers and partygoers. The liturgical color of Advent is purple which stresses a certain penitential dimension to this season. Indeed, today's readings suggest the need to stay awake and be ready as we await the coming of the Lord, and the best way to be prepared is the constancy of our faith and profound conversion.

Our lives might be defined as an Advent, as a time of waiting in faith for the saving presence of Jesus into our daily lives and for His triumphant return. Our Savior taught us to pray for the coming of God's kingdom. We are all invited to do our part in building up that kingdom by what we say and do in the ordinary events of our daily lives. In the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah provides us a splendid and wonderful sight of peace, where the nations of the world live together in harmony under God. When you think of what is happening in our world, it is a reality for which we all yearn to be realized.

During this Advent Season, let us take a moment to ponder on who and what we really are and the way we must conduct ourselves as what Saint Paul says in the Second Reading, "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day... and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." While thinking about the fact that Santa is coming to town with all the gifts and eggnog, it might be good to think more about Jesus coming into our hearts bringing with Him the Light, Peace and Joy. It

is fitting to give ourselves time to remove those that hinder the Lord from coming and to avail of the offering of forgiveness and mercy of God in the Sacrament of Confession.

There is always that tendency to be caught up in the here and now, so the time of Advent is a reminder that we are the people of God who are called to cry out, "Come Lord, come! Maranatha!" Advent is a good reminder. Waiting in joyful hope is what should be our mindset as we gaze constantly on the ultimate horizon which is the coming of our Lord and the fulfillment of what is to come.

Let us prepare with burning passion by keeping ourselves awake and attentive to the many ways that God speaks to us and invites us to follow His ways. Our time of joyful anticipation for the coming of our Lord reminds us not to lose hope in the future. The present situation might be bleak and desolate for it appears to be that we see the endless evils happening within us and in the world, and we tend to see no reason to hope for what is better. The Advent season wants us to see that Jesus is surely to come and that a brighter future where Christ will be all in all will be fulfilled in God's saving time.

May we all embrace the Advent Spirit in being attentive consistently to the coming of our Lord! Let our joyful hope of waiting be a moment of building holy lives and committing ourselves to establishing God's Kingdom here on earth! Let our moment of waiting be a recognition that God directs the course of everything!

Beloved friends, I pray that Advent may be a blessed time for you and your families, and that you may feel the presence of the Lord, who is the Prince of Peace and the Light of the World.

With all my prayers and priestly blessing,

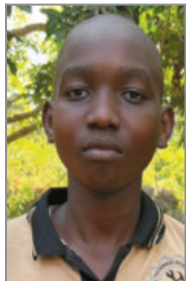
Father Eddie 😊

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.



SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch



Meet John Angelo!

He attends Rhino Tech School and is Form 1 (Grade 7).

John receives a 75% scholarship.

Share Christmas

Share Christmas, the annual gift-giving program is underway! If you'd like to give a gift to someone who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas, please take the appropriate tag or tags from a tree.

Gifts should be new. The tags are self-adhesive, so once you place your gift in a gift bag just attach the tag to it and put it under one of the trees in the church on any Sunday.

If you bring your gift during the week please drop it off at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

All gifts must be returned before Sunday, December 18, 2022, in order for us to organize and deliver them to our recipients.

Thank You for Your Gift

We thank Yvonne Blick † for remembering Holy Spirit Parish in her final will.

We are very grateful to the Blick family for their generous donation in memory of Yvonne †.

And we thank Jim Dequinia for his assistance.

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 Corn
- ⇒ Chef Boyardee / Canned Pasta
- ⇒ 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. **PLEASE, NO EXPIRED FOOD.** Thank you for your support! For information or assistance: 510.797.3672

Shepherds Field Olive Wood Handcrafts Sale November 26-27, 2022

Handcrafted religious articles from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be sold after all Masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem.

In the past, Catholic families used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land, but they are now facing economic hardship, as there are not many pilgrims are visiting the Holy Land due to pandemic and

political issues.

As a result, many Catholic families have left the Holy Land.

The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world.

Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land.

Stop by the Peace Center after all the Masses this weekend!

Giving

Sunday, November 13

\$26,331

Corner

Special Collections coming up:
Religious Retirement | December 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.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8, 2022

On this holy day of obligation, Mass times are as follows:

7:00, 8:15 and 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

Advent Penance Service

December 5, 2022 | 6:30 pm

To prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we invite the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2022

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

5:30 am - Las Mañanitas

6:00 am - Mass

Grab & Go meals provided after Mass in the de Sousa House, sponsored by the Society of Guadalupanos.

Simbang Gabi

December 15-23, 2022 | 6:30 pm

Join us for our traditional Simbang Gabi Masses in preparation for the coming of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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
- A sign-up sheet can also be found near the church main entrance.

For more information, contact Pat Saturnio at 510.468.7321.

No 5:00 pm Mass on December 18, 2022

In lieu of the 5:00 pm, we invite you to join us for the Simbang Gabi Mass at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 18.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you at Mass!



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

Michael Bologna, Mary Catapang, Lesli Griffiths, Bernie Hoercher

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Noel Garrido, Felicitas Jose

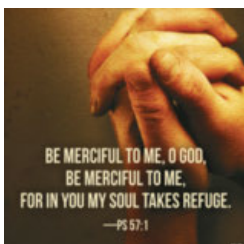
Birthday Blessings

Fr. Frank Kuwornu, Lawson Javier, Lucas Javier



PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER



Jesus tells us to “stay awake.” May we be alert to changing all of the missed opportunities for forgiveness—to special chances of love for others. *We pray to the Lord...*



INVITE

Filipino Society Meal Deal

December 4, 2022

The Filipino Society will be hosting their \$7 meal deal next Sunday after the morning and 12:30 Masses. Stop by the Parish Center and get a great meal at a deal. For large orders, send us an email by December 1 at hsfs.communications@gmail.com.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

December 4, 2022 | 2:00-4:00 pm

Create your own beautiful wreath. Join us in the de Sousa House for fellowship, merry-making, and refreshments. \$25/person. All materials will be provided. To RSVP, contact the Parish Office at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660.

Parol Contest

Join our friendly competition! The aim of the Parol Contest is to encourage family and friends to foster and continue the Christmas tradition that originated in the Philippines. Go to <https://holyspiritfremont.org/announcements/> or stop by the Parish Office for contest rules and details. All entries must be submitted December 5-9, 2022.

Live Christmas Play

December 10, 2022 | St. Francis Plaza

Join us immediately after the 5:00 pm Mass for a live Christmas pageant, performed by our Faith Formation children. Enjoy refreshments, activities and crafts.

Grandparents Club: "Sunday Afternoon Movie"

December 11, 2022 | 2:45 pm

The Sunday Afternoon Movie sponsored by the HS Grandparents Club is back! Come watch a family movie with us in the Peace Center. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parish Christmas Concert

December 14, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Join us in the church for an evening of praise and worship! Enjoy an evening of music in anticipation of Jesus' birth.

Please note: There will be **NO** 6:30 pm Mass (including Adoration) on Wednesday, December 14.

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 15, 2022 | 7:30 pm

Immediately after the Simbang Gabi Mass, join us in the Church Plaza (Fremont Boulevard side) for our annual tree lighting event. And this year, we have a wonderful surprise for our parishioners and community!

Just as in previous years, we will have Christmas trees that you can help decorate with medium- to large-sized ornaments. Dedicate these ornaments to loved ones or write a prayer on your ornament. We invite our parishioners to hang personalized ornaments on the Christmas trees beginning December 7.



Amara, Adeline,
Torrey, Jacob,
Alexander

Parish Advent Mission & Retreat: "Still Becoming, Still Beloved, Still Broken, Still Belonging"

November 28-29, 2022

The most important gift Jesus came to earth to give and still is giving is HIMSELF. This Advent in the midst of gift-giving may we relearn how to give ourselves to those we love.

This Parish Mission & Retreat—with retreat master Fr. Rich Danyluk—will be a reminder of what we have lost these past years because of Covid and an invitation to a life that surpasses all others. It is a gift to yourself so you can be more for those you love and who God sends your way during this sacred season.



Join us in the church immediately after the daily morning Masses and at 6:30 pm.

AROUND THE PARISH



Parish Library

New DVDs have been added to this library this month:

“Mother Teresa – No Greater Love” (shown in local theaters last month)
“The Siege of Vienna – September 11, 1683”
“Apparition Hill of Medjugorje”

We’ve also added new books:

“Mother Teresa – 25 years later and her legacy today”
“The How-To Book of Catholic Devotions”

Visit us in the Governo House on Sundays, 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Egypt

March 5-17, 2023

Join Fr. Ken Sales on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt!

Experience the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we visit holy sites in Bethlehem (including Mary’s House, Cana, and the Mount of Olive) and Jerusalem (Via Dolorosa).

The cost (\$3690/double room) includes (but not limited to) airfare, Daily Mass, breakfast and dinner, and deluxe coach transportation.

For more details, stop by the Parish Office or contact Alex Paras at alerrparas68@gmail.com or 510.509.0585.

Publicity Requests for December

Due to the upcoming holiday, please submit any/all publicity requests at least three (3) weeks prior to the publication/publicity date. Go to our parish website at <https://holyspiritfremont.org/publicityrequest/> to submit your request.

Silent Retreat December 4-10, 2022

Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park is hosting a 5-day silent retreat. Consider this a golden invitation to be with God, to hear Him speak to your heart, to deepen your relationship with the Lord.

\$450/person—includes lodging, 3 meals daily, and conferences. For questions and to register, please call Vallombrosa Retreat center at 650.325.5614.

Oakland Diocese Simbang Gabi Kick-off December 10, 2022 | 10:00 am

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for “Night Masses”) is traditionally a pre-dawn novena of Masses approximately from December 16 through December 24, culminating at the Christmas midnight Mass.

In the Diocese of Oakland, the Kick-off Mass will take place at All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward, and Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, will preside as the celebrant.

Parish Office

Mondays to Fridays
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturdays
9:00 am to 12:00 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

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A wonderful way for you to support Holy Spirit Parish is to leave a bequest in your will. Your gift to our parish can make a meaningful impact on our mission. If you have included or are considering including a gift to the parish as part of your estate plan or in the form of another gift, please let us know. We would like to recognize you for your support.



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