HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT





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: January 14, 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: January 6, 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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12	
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	† Rodolfo & Efraim Rodriguez, † Gloria Villanueva, † Souls in Purgatory, † Rufina Idos Arenas
7:15 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish, † Petra Garza Angeles
9:00 am	Rose Callejas & Family, † Petronila Domingo, † Eugenia T. Mano, † Teresita Jaballas
10:45 am	Eden & Rico Esguerra, † Petronila Domingo, † Erlinda Bautista, † Acerboni/Soncini Family
12:30 pm	† Julio Bruno, † Cimino Family, † Rosauro & Fe Castro
5:00 pm	Ambros & Louella Villo, † Elora, Pacita & Felipe Regio, † Rufina Idos Arenas
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT	
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26	
7:00 am	† John & Catherine Keily, † Teofilo T. Bayaca, † Geraldine Dutra
8:15 am	Joey & Susan Alonzo, † Joseph Nicholas, † Juan & Dominador Mitrado
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT	
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14	
7:00 am	The Schmidt Family, Lolita Uy, † Buenaflor Velasquez & Family, † Feast of St. Andrew
8:15 am	Tessie Sugay, Daniel Gonzales, † Joseph Schwab, † Ruben Real
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30	
7:00 am	† Byron Benton, † Pete Rosales, † Demetria G. Domingo
8:15 am	† Wilson D. Carbonel, † William Barlow, Sr, † Jose Barbosa da Silva
6:30 pm	Ladislao Rana, † Pilar & Jose Aguirre Sr., † Andy Chan
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38	
7:00 am	Marissa & Jerry Cacacho, Corazon Hammel, † Dolores Gedang
8:15 am	Concepcion Motas, Tess Gallegos, † Concepcion Darunday
11:00 am	† Rufina Idos Arenas , Edgardo Ibana

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 | FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

6:30 pm

7:00 am Josefina Yanos, † Simon Kunju, † Venancia Nodado

8:15 am Skyler Soriano, † Rizalina Estavillo, † Anthony Yu Acevedo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 | SATURDAY OF SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

[†] Lourdes Concepcion Nilmeier

7:00 am Lito Ramos, Kyle Atikus Isidore Barnes, † Leonora & Clemencia Principe
8:15 am Eulalia Villamor, Anaya Khan, † Marion Pat & Sinfroso Mina

NOURISH





FIRST READING

Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. (Is 11:3-4)



PSALM Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)



Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Rom 15:7)



GOSPEL

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt 3:1-2)

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GOD DOES NOT ABANDON US

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.



SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch



This is Rose Arufani. She attends St. Rita Secondary School, located 2 kilometers from St. Joseph the Worker. Rose is in Form 1 (7th

Grade) and receives 75% scholar-ship.

Share Christmas

Share Christmas, the annual giftgiving 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.

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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 Jelly / Jam
- \Rightarrow Peanut Butter—16 oz.
- \Rightarrow Ramen Soup—Chicken

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

VOLUNTEEROPPORTUNITIES

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 Josephine at 510.797.1660 or info@holyspiritfremont.org

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>

Sunday, November 20

\$30,981

Giving

Cornel

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 <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

Francisco Rivera, Nduke Wetzel, Bernie Hoercher, Wayne Young, Lesli Griffiths, Sylvia Aljentera

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Edet Okopedeghe, Julia Nitafan, Floro Ricardo Montenegro, Belen Talad

Birthday Blessings Lolita Uy, Jason Kawazoe





he Giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving. - St. Nicholas of Myra

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INVITE

Filipino Society Meal Deal December 4, 2022

The Filipino Society is hosting their \$7 meal deal this Sunday after the morning and 12:30 Masses. Stop by the Parish Center and get a great meal at a deal. Proceeds benefit parish special projects.

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 <u>https://holyspiritfremont.org/announcements/</u> 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. <u>Please note</u>: There will be <u>NO</u> 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.

The WORD in Other Words Bible Diary | \$20 each

Would you like to deepen your faith in 2023? Are you looking for a meaningful Christmas or New Year gift for your loved ones? "The WORD in Other Words" contains daily scripture readings and reflections by SVD priests, Blue Sisters, and Pink Sisters in the Philippines. Purchase a copy from the Parish Office or place your order via email at info@holyspiritfremont.org.We only have a limited number of books—so get your copy right away!



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Christmas Mass Times

Saturday, December 24, 2022 ~ Christmas Eve 2:30 pm, 5:00 pm, and 8:30 pm

Sunday, December 25, 2022 ~ Christmas Day 12:00 midnight, 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, and 12:30 pm Please note: There is <u>NO</u> 5:00 pm Mass.

Please note: There is <u>NO</u> 5:00 pm Mass. On behalf of Fr. Ken, Fr. Eddie, Fr. Peter, Fr. Frank, our Clergy and the entire Parish Staff, we wish you and your loved ones a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! See you at Mass!

AROUND THE PARISH



Holy Spirit School Virtual Bingo Night December 9, 2022 7:00-8:00 pm

Play for a chance to win great prizes! Space is limited. To reserve your space go to <u>www.myevent.com/hssbingo</u>. Proceeds benefit Holy Spirit School.

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 would like your family to participate in one of our Christmas Eve Mass processions, please contact Justin Ma at jckma90@gmail.com.

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 the following donors:

- Nov. 19 ... In memory of Isabel Barlaan Loyola
- Dec. 7 ... In memory of Ambrose Luzano Loyola
- Dec. 10 ... Mercy Maganito
- Dec. 15 ... Simbang Gabi Ministry
- Dec. 23 ... In memory of Lydia Gapasin
- Dec. 24 ... Gretchen Brennan

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

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.

Women Gather December 18, 2022 | 10:00 am

Advent Day of Prayer for Women will be hosted at Casa Julie. Please arrive at 9:30 am. Prayer begins at 10:00 am, followed by lunch and an afternoon of service (wrapping gifts for food insecure children for Christmas.) Space is limited. Please RSVP to Sr. Annette at 408.390.7184

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 <u>alerrparas68@gmail.com</u> or 510.509.0585.

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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