



HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 | SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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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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 at 12:00 pm (except if it falls on January 1). All seniors and those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend.
Next Mass: January 7, 2023

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, 2023

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 | SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Guevarra Family, † Gregory Miller, † Souls in Purgatory, † Rufina Idos Arenas
11:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
7:15 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
9:00 am	Vincent Longarini, Thanksgiving to Holy Trinity, Holy Family, † Narciso Flores Marzan
10:45 am	Espiritu Family, † Pilar Torres, † Rebecca Orias Cadiz, † Donaciano Mauricio Andrada
12:30 pm	Ballesil Family, Esperanza Rose Vergara, † Rogelio Malonzo Tulao, † Julien Leal, † Prospero Ong

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 | MEMORIALS OF SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

7:00 am	Poly & Deepa, Lannie & Albert Guerrero & children, † Marilyn Lisondra
8:15 am	Anne Asis Junco, Zosimo Pagkaliwangan, † Julia Nitafan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 | CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

7:00 am	Marika de Jesus, † Godofredo Aquino, † Domingo Marquez
8:15 am	Lyca Guerrero & children, † Julia Nitafan, † Joseph Silva Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

7:00 am	Nora, Ben & Angie Concepcion, † Nieves Licad, † Justin Acoba
8:15 am	† Anna Griffin, † Rocco Filippone, † Edmund & Nelia Sanchez
6:30 pm	Jose Jr. Letty Aguirre, † Andy Chan, † Edgardo Asuncion

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

7:00 am	Marvi, Leila & Bong Concepcion, Ofelia Marquez, Mae Torres
8:15 am	Dn. Chuck Glover, Ramon & Tessie Sugay, † Patricia Barry

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 | CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

7:00 am	† Carolina Racca, † Rick Garcia, † Gregory Miller
8:15 am	Marissa Cruzada, † John Briskie, † Joseph Victor Shagday
6:30 pm	† Ricardo Ramirez, † Cecilia Cochico

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 | CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

7:00 am	Lawrence Acosta, † Julia Nitafan, † Julia
8:15 am	Dn. Chuck & Sherry Glover, † Christopher Regio
12:00 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish



FROM THE DESK OF DN. BERNARD...

Today, on this octave of Christmas, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. If the Almighty God is our Father, and Jesus is our brother, then by adoption, Mary is our mother, too.

What a wonderful time to start the year on the right note. To follow the will of God, Mary's "Yes" wasn't that easy. There were a lot of consequences that she had to bear having made that decision. It was a life-changing moment for her especially at a very young age. However, she chose the uncertain but better part due to her faith in God, as brought about by her good upbringing and spiritual life that her parents St. Joachim and St. Anne had instilled in her. If we follow her as the role model for our lives, then we would surely be on the right side of life.

Mary not only brought Jesus to this world but walked with Him throughout His life journey on earth, "from the manger to the foot of the cross" (from conception to natural death). That is why we as Christian Catholics and followers of Christ believe in the sanctity of life, that every human being has the right to live no matter the circumstances. Everything is a gift from God, and we have no right to stand against what God has allowed to exist.

The octave, which is number "8", is a sign of infinity. It symbolizes a continuous motion that never ends, always going away at both sides but looping back to its central meeting point (Jesus). This is what our lives should be, always returning to the Lord no matter what. Because of the sin committed by Adam and Eve that has stained every man/woman on earth, we need a redeemer to bring us back to God, and Mary's "Yes" was significant in changing the path of history. Her "Yes" assisted God in the birth of our redemption in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. She not only said "Yes" but remained faithful to it. Most of the time, a lot of us would say yes but are not committed to it, as if we are just forced to say it to please others.

Let us walk with Mary as she brings us to her Son Jesus. May we dedicate our "Yes" to following God's will, to following His commandments, and to loving God and one another. Isn't it a wonderful way to start the year?

*"The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Num 6:24-26)*

A Joyous and Peaceful New Year, and may God bless us all,

Dn. Bernard & Jean

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Mary: The Mother of God

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/mary-the-mother-of-god>

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more. And you'll discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.



SERVE

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:

Dec. 25 ... Kay Do

Jan. 1 ... AnsyMary Antony

Second Collection: Annual Seminarians Appeal

January 7-8, 2023

Every year, a Second Collection is taken up in support of our seminarians in the Diocese of Oakland. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity. To give online, go to <https://oakdiocese.org/diocesan-donation>

Holy Spirit Blood Drive

Jan. 8, 2023 | Peace Center
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Next Sunday is our PARISH BLOOD DRIVE. Anyone 17 years old or older weighing at least 110 lbs. can donate with a valid identification. (Blood donors may be 16 years old but must have parental consent.)

Appointments are available online at vitalant.org. Click "Donate" & enter Sponsor Code: HolyHoly. You may also contact Kendee at kendeeds@yahoo.com. Walk-ins are also welcome. Your life giving donation will change the life of someone in our community. Thank you!

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 Green Beans
- ⇒ Chef Boyardee / Canned Pasta
- ⇒ Pork & Beans

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

Catechist Appreciation & Christmas Dinner

We are grateful to our catechists for their gift of time and dedication to the children in our Faith Formation program.



Giving

Sunday, December 18

\$31,835

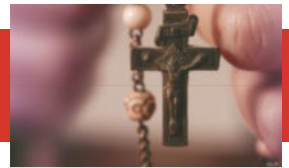
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Second Collections coming up:
Diocesan Seminarians | January 8

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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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

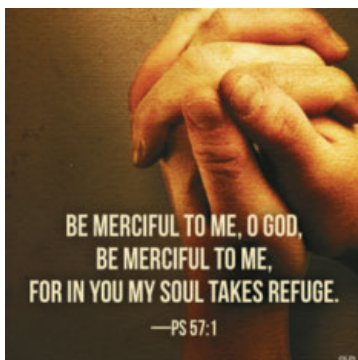
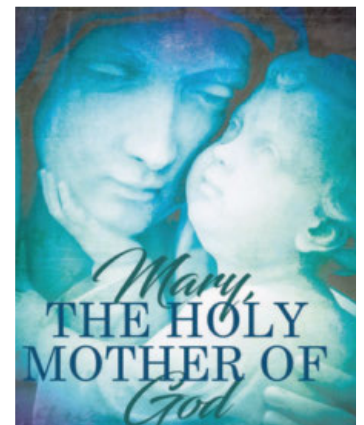
Melissa Sanguinetti, Bernie Hoercher, Lawrence Acosta, Rich Jones

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Amparo Madrid Abulencia, Cecelia Cochico, Daniel Bega, Norbie de Vera, Charlotte Kearns, Daniel Cornejo, Maria "Amphy" Borillo

Birthday Blessings

Dn. Chuck Glover



O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.



INVITE



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!

Holy Spirit Men's Hiking Group

January 14, 2023 | 7:00 am

Join us for our next hike at Coyote Hills in Fremont, followed by fellowship, bagels, coffee, and Bible study. Contact Tom Fezler at tfezler@ampf.com for more details.

Holy Spirit School Crab Feed

February 25, 2023 | 4:30 pm | Parish Center

Save the date! Holy Spirit School Crab Feed is BACK! Join us for the return of our annual fundraiser. Enjoy fellowship and good food! Only \$80.00 per person for all-you-can-eat crab! More details to follow soon!

Diaconate Formation Information Sessions

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, has made the decision to call forth another class for Permanent Deacon formation.

Four information sessions will be held in January for all discerning a call to diaconal ministry. For more information, go to <https://oakdiocese.org/vocations>

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.



Jaden
Ariana
Jaiyana

Table of Plenty: Update

The recent increase in the number of guests we attend to indicates that more people suffer from lacking basic necessities.

While the reality of this problem is saddening, we know God is always with those who are suffering and brokenhearted.

Every Saturday we have an opportunity to see Christ in others and be Christ for others by serving those often overlooked and abandoned by society.



AROUND THE PARISH



Parish Office Closure

In observance of New Year, the Holy Spirit Parish Office will be closed December 20, 2022, through January 2, 2023.

Parish Gift Shop & Library

The Parish Gift Shop and Parish Library are closed this Sunday, December 25, 2022 for Christmas and next Sunday, January 1, 2023 for New Year's Day. Sunday hours will resume January 8, 2023.

Thank You, Trader Joe's

Special thanks to Trader Joe's, Fremont Hub, for supporting our community and beyond. Food donations received every 4th Sunday benefits our Table of Plenty guests and weekly flowers are shared within our parish and school, as well as with local senior care patient facilities.

Serra Catechetical Institute

The Serra Catechetical Institute (SCI) is a 1-year formation process for parish and Catholic school catechists, parents, and all adults who want to know their Catholic faith better and be able to hand it on more effectively.

Participants will receive a solid introduction to the Catholic faith in 60 hours of basic catechetical formation, including:

- Spiritual development (our own relationship with Jesus),
- Doctrinal formation (sacraments, creed, and morality), and
- Catechetical process and methodology (how to teach the faith).

The next program begins January 14, 2023. For more information, go to <https://oakdiocese.org/serra-catechetical-institute>

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Spanish/English Retreat January 20-22, 2023

Experiences of grief and pain are often unnamed and unspoken but both typically accompany abortion, miscarriage, and stillbirth. Although these experiences are different in some ways, often there are similar struggles. Women, men, and couples - anyone affected by pregnancy loss - are encouraged to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

For more information or to register, contact Becky Morales at becky@realoptions.net. You may also find more details at <https://oakdiocese.org/events/rachels-vineyard-retreat-spanish-english-retreat-january-20-22-2023>

Save the Date: Walk for Life Mass

January 21, 2023 | 9:00 am
Cathedral of Christ the Light

All the faithful are invited to join Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, as he celebrates Mass in preparation for the Walk for Life West Coast. After the Mass, participants are encouraged to go as a procession to the San Francisco Walk For Life. All Diocese of Oakland parishes are encouraged to attend. For updates, go to <https://oakdiocese.org/life-justice>

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Sundays
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Parish Library

Sundays
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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