



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 | THIRD 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: January 14, 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

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Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	† Restituto A. Sandoval, † Trinidad A. & Bonifacio M Sandoval, † Marciano Principe, † Sik Shing (Assunta) Fung Lai
7:15 am	Menchavez Family, † Eugenia T. Mano, † Maria Da Ponte, † Jeffrey Dayrit
9:00 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
10:45 am	Winston & Ella Mina, † Espiritu Gonzales, † Victoriano Abelas, † Gregoria & Vicente Concepcion
12:30 pm	Ken and Ambros Villo, † Carlos Goulart Jr., † Mario & Peggy Paglieri, † Sarah Warda
5:00 pm	Lydia Javier, † Rufina Idos Arenas, † Floro Ricardo Montenegro, † Castro Family Deceased Members

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 | FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

7:00 am	† Lorna Arachea, † Ma. Luisa Lopez, † Oscar Ocampo
8:15 am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe, † Ruth & William Quinn Nicholson, † Alfredo R. Fojas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

7:00 am	† Danilo Malonzo Apostol, † Victor & Guillerma Taroy Gianan, † Michael Bologna
8:15 am	Fr. Sam Mvati, Jorge Luis Hernadez, † Maria Estrella Santos

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS. PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

7:00 am	† Demetrio Timbreza Sr., † Rufina Idos Arenas
8:15 am	† Ruben & Crescencio Jr. Vasquez Aguilar, † Julia Nitafan, † Jaime, Virgilio & Cesar Concepcion

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 | THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30

7:00 am	Delon Orquin, † Gellerma Perpetua, † Virginia Candell
8:15 am	† Elodia & Aucensio Torres, † Antonio S. Tan, † Joemarie Reginald Halog, † Virginia Candell

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 | FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36

7:00 am	† Naval Gonzalez, † Maximiano Magpoc, † Emilio Hortillosa
8:15 am	Alex Zowin Family, Rachele Ignacio, † Ester Asuncion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 | SATURDAY OF THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

7:00 am	† Rufina Idos Arenas, † Angelito Lagos, † Rosie De Leon
8:15 am	Faith Rovetta, † Julia Nitafan, † Felicidad, Benedicto & Marina Concepcion



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you. (Is 35:4)



PSALM

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the Lord is at
hand. (Jas 5:7)



GOSPEL

When John the Baptist heard in prison of
the works of the Christ,
he sent his disciples to Jesus with this
question,
“Are you the one who is to come,
or should we look for another?”
(Mt 11:2-3)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

“Be strong, fear not!” Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life’s roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life’s unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God’s merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God’s child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist’s message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life’s distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?



SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch



Meet Anna Abdala.

She was born in Ndungu and attends St. Rita Secondary School, down the road from St. Joseph the Worker.

Anna will enter Form II in January.

Share Christmas 2022

Saturday, December 17, is the last day to return your Share Christmas gifts. Please be sure that you attach the self-adhesive tag securely to the gift. The gifts must be in the before Sunday, December 18, in order for the gifts to be delivered.

Holy Spirit Blood Drive

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

Because of you, life doesn't stop. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. All healthy donors are urged to donate blood now.

To schedule an appointment, go to donors.vitalant.org. Use the parish's unique blood drive code: holyholy.

Thank you for donating blood so others can live. Each blood donation can help up to 3 people!



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:

- ⇒ Jelly / Jam
- ⇒ Peanut Butter—16 oz.
- ⇒ 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 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

Second Collection: Religious Retirement Fund

December 10-11, 2022

This weekend's Second Collection is for the annual Retirement Fund for Religious in parishes throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay.

Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious.

Please be generous. We thank you for your prayerful support. You are helping those who have dedicated their lives to our faith, formation and evangelization.

Giving

Sunday, November 27

\$33,009

Corner

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.



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.

Please note: There is **NO** 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday, December 18. In lieu of the 5:00 pm, we invite you to join us for the Simbang Gabi Mass at 6:30 pm. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you at Mass!

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



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

Bernie Hoercher, Melissa Sanguinetti, Adrian Javier

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Belen Tatad, Blanche Scarpino, Michael Lingle, Michael Bologna, Calixto Cataquiz, Erlinda Tendencia

Birthday Blessings

Frank Alix, Sarah Marbella Avila



Make Immaculate Virgin, Mother of the true God and Mother of the Church!, who from this place reveal your clemency and your pity to all those who ask for your protection, hear the prayer that we address to you with filial trust, and present it to your Son Jesus, our sole Redeemer.



INVITE

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.

Ladies In Stitches Ministry Thanks You

On behalf of the Ladies in Stitches Ministry, we want to thank you for participating in our raffle and annual sale. Congratulations to our raffle winners—Aaron, Angelo, and Victoria!

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 invite you to hang medium- to large-sized ornaments. Dedicate these ornaments to loved ones or write a prayer on your ornament.

Hot chocolate (donated by Hippies Brew) and light refreshments sponsored by the Simbang Gabi Ministry will be provided.

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.



Iliana, Annabel,
Ellie, Kailoa,
Theodore, Giovanni

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 **NO** 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



Memorial Altar Photos

If you placed a photo of your deceased loved ones on the November Memorial Altar, please stop by the Parish Office to claim your picture.

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!

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 details, go <https://oakdiocese.org/vocations>

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>

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.

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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