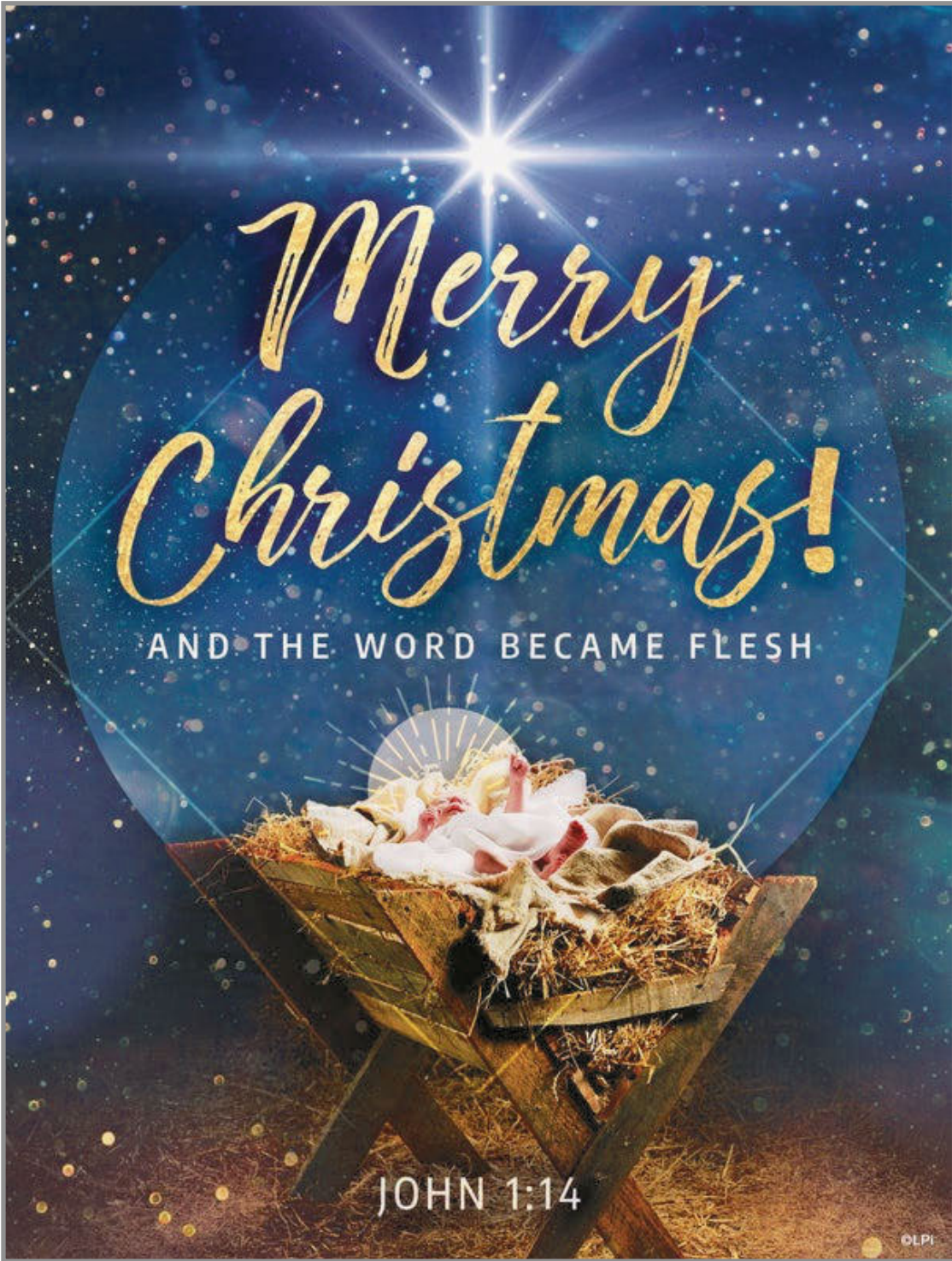




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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 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 (*note change*)

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, DECEMBER 25 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / CHRISTMAS

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

2:30 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
8:30 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
12:00 mid	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
7:15 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
9:00 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
10:45 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
12:30 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 | FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

7:00 am	Sophia Lizardo, Holy Family, † Ramon Nava
8:15 am	Asis & Albano Families, † Joseph & Helen Kane, † German Acosta

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 | FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

7:00 am	Linda Bajet, † Concepcion del Barrio, † Cristina Lagunero Venzon, † Elena Abarca
8:15 am	Valdellon Family, † Ernesto M. Villamor, † Maximiano Magpoc

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

7:00 am	Brenton & Alveena Figueira, † Estefa Jurado, † Leoncia Magpoc
8:15 am	Joseph Abreu Jr., Sonia & Matthew, † Mary C. Orduno
6:30 pm	† Enrique Ulatan, † Butch Pontillas, † Wilfredo & Juan Efren Borja

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 | THE FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

7:00 am	Rosalyn & Sunil Kunju, Joseph L. Buccat, † Zosima Jaballas
8:15 am	† Josefa Ocampo, † Simeon Taroy Gianan, † Gregorio & Eufrosina Gianan Borja

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

7:00 am	Adrian Orias, † Edward S. Miller, † Estela Chico
8:15 am	† Purita A. Maraya, † Joela Abreu, † Simeon & Carolina Gianan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 | THE SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

7:00 am	† Myra Jose, † Salud Martinez, † Maria Ngot Dinh
8:15 am	Holy Trinity, Emmanuel. Oblena, † Purification Swaminathan, † Florencio & Magdalena Gianan Bonaobra



FROM THE DESK OF FR. PETER...

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

Warm Christmas greetings to each and every one of you and your families!

It is hard to believe that we are now celebrating our two thousandth and twenty-second Christmas. We have so much experience that we can celebrate Christmas with our eyes closed and, while we are at it, our hearts as well. For many of us, Christmas is a time for being nice to those we love and approve of, and perhaps to feel a bit kindly to those we do not care for or maybe even despise. When the season ends, we can return to being “the good”, “pious” and judgmental Catholics of our long tradition.

But if you and I stand or kneel before any crib and with a heart full of Christmas glow, gaze on the Infant lying in the straw, what do we see? We SEE A helpless Babe with heart and arms stretched out to welcome and embrace EVERYONE, EVERYONE, EVERYONE!

When we reflect on the lives of Mary and Joseph, the first Christmas was very messy. Mary and Joseph have to go to a place they would rather not go, to do something they would rather not do, and meet people they don't even know. I think if they could have chosen, they would rather have birthed their Baby at home, surrounded by their family and friends. But they chose to travel to Bethlehem and on a cold night, where nobody knows them, nobody welcomes them. They end up in a dirty, smelly, and messy cave, wherein a Baby is born and the Salvation of the whole of Creation happens!

I do believe that baby Jesus, while in the womb of His mother Mary, felt and sensed that nobody wants Him, nobody welcomes him. As such, we witness in the gospels that throughout His life and throughout His ministry, Jesus makes sure that He makes room for EVERYONE!

If you or I, standing there before a Crib, wish or want to exclude someone or push anyone aside, we are missing the meaning of Christmas. Something has gone seriously wrong with our Vision, with our Faith, WITH OUR HEARTS. Jesus came to unite us all, and calls each of us to be loving and accepting. How dare any one of us try to push another aside? When we turn our back on our sibling, we are turning our back on the CHILD in the Crib. We are turning our backs on the Man who said: "Take and Eat, Take and Drink."

We are surrounded by so much Suspicion, Anger, Hate and Rejection in so many aspects of our lives – domestic, social, political, and God help us, in our Church. Are we going to sail through this season also with a cozy glow of “Angels we have heard on High”? It is past time for us to open our eyes of faith and common sense. It is past time for us to measure our fears, our piety, our behavior, and the way we treat people we don't agree by the way we live our faith in the Child in the Manger, Who is the Sibling of Every One of Us.

This Christmas, may we all free our hearts, expand our hearts, and make room for people as Jesus did and welcome the glorious new life that He offers us.

Have a fulfilling Christmas in 2022 AD.

Your friend,

Fr. Peter



SERVE



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.

Please contact Jean Liwanag at brightig459@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this ministry.

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.

For more information, please contact Josephine at 510.797.1660 or info@holyspiritfremont.org

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:

- ⇒ 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

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!

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.

Giving	
Sunday, December 11	\$29,788
Second Collections coming up: Diocesan Seminarians January 8	
Our pledged weekly amount (excluding special collections): \$31,963	

Corner

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!



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

Ludi Calo, Melissa Sanguinetti, Bernie Hoercher, Adrian Javier, Lesli Griffiths

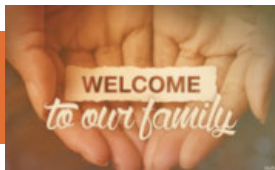
Pray for Our Recently Departed

Napoleon Caraos, Angelo Nitura, Ethan Escorcio, Patricia Sanguinetti, Vincent Troiano, Darryl Katsanes

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Sunil & Rosalyn Rock





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!

New Year's Eve Vocation Discernment Night

December 31, 2022 | 3:00 - 8:00 pm
Diocesan Youth Retreat Center, Lafayette

The day includes meeting diocesan clergy and seminarians, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Q&A session, lunch and dinner. Register by emailing Father Carl Arcosa at CArcosa@oakdiocese.org. Please note this event is only for men 18 years and older.

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>



Jameson
Kayson
Autumn
Leia
Zoey
Dylan

Christmas Mass Times

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

12:00 midnight
Carols begin at 11:30 pm

Sunday, December 25, 2022 ~ Christmas Day
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



Parish Office Closures

In observance of Christmas and New Year, the Holy Spirit Parish Office will be closed:

December 23 to December 26, 2022
December 30, 2022 to January 2, 2023

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

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.

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
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Parish Gift Shop

Sundays
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Parish Library

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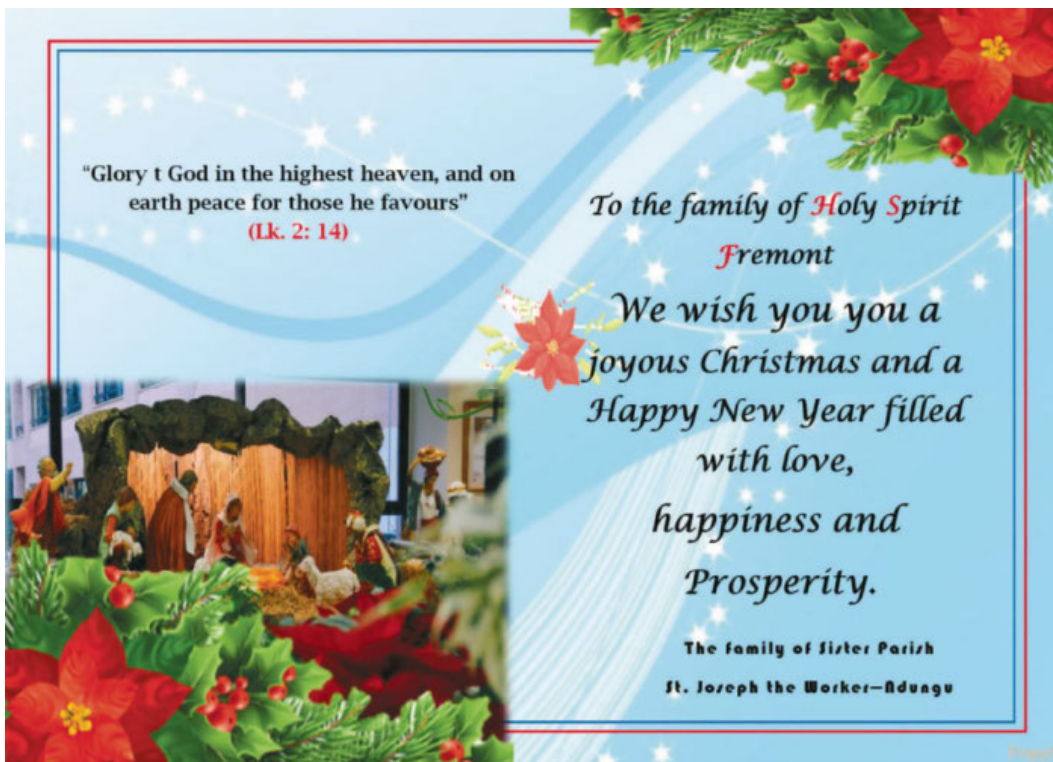
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