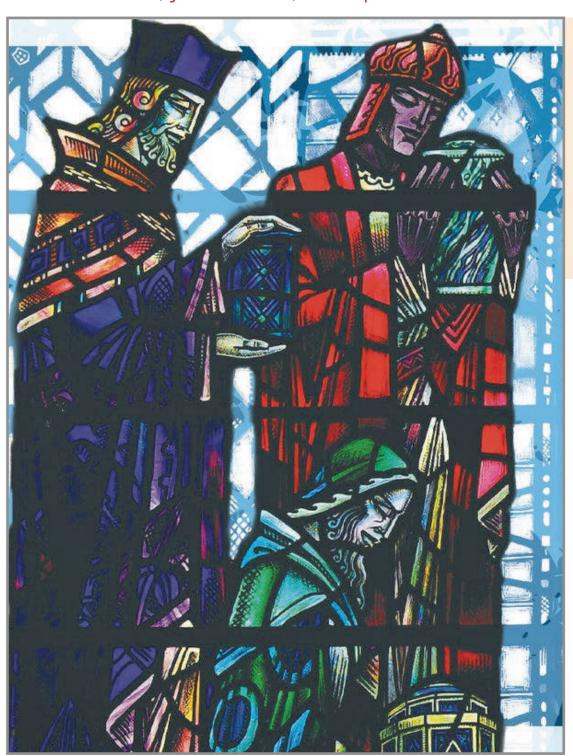


SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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.



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: February 4, 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: February 3, 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-ourcommunity

Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Estrada-Salindong Family, † Ohara Deceased Family Members, † Souls in

(Vigil Mass) Purgatory, † Belen Tatad

7:15 am Yankiling Family, Barlow Family, † Eugenia T. Mano, † Carmen Camacho

9:00 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

Cybill Esquerra & Jomathan, Chito Sanchez, Espiritu Family, Lurli 10:45 am

Dobzyniak

12:30 pm Almeida Family, † Tony Durante Family, † Arokia Swamy, † Aniceta Berdos

5:00 pm Tulio Family, † Carlos Nicolas, † Amparo Madrid Abulencia

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

7:00 am Michael Ceniceros, † Ramona Dote Esteves, † Jaime E. Dy-Liacco

8:15 am † Perfecto Castaneda, † Julia Nitafan, † Edwina Manansan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 | TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

7:00 am Rosalyn Jose, Ramola & Jose Puthokaran, † Max Orduno 8:15 am Kyle Atikus Isidore Barnes, † Gregory Miller, † Filepi Regio

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 J WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

7:00 am † Domingo Cabrera, † Benita Ramirez 8:15 am James McGee & Family, † Flora Regio 6:30 pm Gailaza-Fernando Motas Jr., † Andy Chan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 | THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

7:00 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish 8:15 am † Lorna Arachea, † Josefina Regio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 | FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

7:00 am Caroline Abulencia, † Bimbo Batacan, † Leon Del Rosario

Jorge Luis Hernadez, † Mark Anthony Salindong 8:15 am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 | SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

7:00 am Elaine Stanley Charlie Glover 8:15 am

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.

NOURISH





FROM THE DESK OF DN. STEVE...

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. O God, with your

judgment endow the King, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

We have all gone shopping for a gift for someone. Today we can go to the nearest store or go online with the nearest computer. We can even have the gift delivered to that special person without ever leaving our home.

Can you Imagine the magi in today's world. They could have shipped the gifts straight to the Holy Family and let Herod deal with the Amazon guy walking along his custom donkey cart.

But each person is different, and each gift must match what the person wants or needs at this particular time of their life.

Several years ago, my daughter Melissa made me a quilt, large blanket, custom-made by her. I could always go and buy a blanket, yet she made this one, spent time sewing each patch on, to create me a custom pattern that is totally me. This gift to me is priceless and great for nap time on my favorite chair.

After the Angel appeared to the great Kings of faraway lands, they were told to follow a special star. This star would help them find the King of the Jews, a gift from God, for everyone. So, what did the magi bring as special gifts to the King of Kings and Why?

Gold

Practical use: For a young couple who would soon have the expense of traveling to Egypt to

avoid the wrath of Herod, the gold would be an invaluable gift.

The royal metal: signifies Jesus Kingship (hence, the gift for a King).

Frankincense

Practical use: Aside from its considerable monetary value, frankincense was used as a sweet-smelling incense and perfume.

Symbol of prayer: signifies Jesus as the High Priest/Mediator between God and man (hence, the gift for a priest).

Myrrh

Practical use: Myrrh, a bitter oil from a tree resin, was also economically valuable but probably more beneficial to Mary and Joseph for its medicinal uses.

A burial ointment: meaning that Jesus had to die for the salvation of all (hence, gift for one who would die).

So, in today's world, what do we have to offer God as a personal gift from us?

A baby who came into our life, to save each one of us. A light that penetrates darkness, (the star), to help us find our way to God just like it guided the Magi. Jesus the King of Kings, a ruler who is to shepherd us toward Heaven, our ultimate goal.

How about our love, unconditional love, the same gift God gives us every day?

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide each of us, and bless us with the true gift of Christ, as we journey towards our Heavenly Kingdom.

God's Blessings to a New Year,

Dn. Steve and Annette



SERVE

Thank You for Supporting the 2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal

On behalf of our pastor, Fr, Ken Sales, thank you for your generous support of the 2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal.

By sharing your time, talent, and treasure with our brothers and sisters and the broader community in the Diocese of Oakland, you are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts and blessings He has given to you.

Just like last year, the 2022 parish goal for the 2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal, as set by the diocese, was \$99,400. Because of your generosity, our parish raised \$139,543.45 (as of the December 15, 2022 statement). That's 140.39% of the overall goal! Monies raised over the goal go back to our parish. Thank you so very much!

Though we exceeded our goal, we did not, however, raise as much funds as we have in previous years. We understand that many of our families faced many struggles this past year. We are very grateful to those who prayerfully considered what they could offer and gave generously to the Bishop's Appeal. It is our hope and that we can make better strides for next year's appeal. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond.

Again, thank you for your generous support of the 2022 Bishop's Ministries Catholic Appeal.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

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

Second Collection: Annual Seminarians Appeal

January 7-8, 2023

Every year, a second collection is taken up for our financial support of our seminarians in the Diocese of Oakland. We are grateful for your kindness, prayers, and generosity.

To give online, go to https://oakdiocese.org/diocesan-donation

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 25

\$79,301

Second Collections coming up:

Holy Spirit Youth & Young Adult Ministry | January 15

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.

PRAY



HERE'S THE WORD...

A Brief Commentary on the Gospel

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (ABC)

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The United States and Canada celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany on the Sunday after the Christmas Octave; therefore, it always falls between January 2nd and 8th. However, other countries celebrate the Solemnity on its ancient traditional date of January the 6th.

The word "epiphany" means "appearance, revelation, or manifestation." Today's feast celebrates the first of three joyful wonders that signified Jesus' identity as the long-awaited Messiah.

The first epiphany was the visit of the Magi. They followed a star from the East to find the King of the universe to give Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (the Gospel Reading).

The second was Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River and the first revelation of the Divine Trinity: God the Holy Spirit descended over God the Son in the form of a dove, and the divine voice of God the Father spoke from Heaven.

The third revelation occurred at the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus turned water into wine in His first miracle. In the Gospel accounts of these three epiphanies, we learn that God appears in creation to move forward His divine plan. He reveals Himself as a guiding star, as a dove accompanied by a voice from Heaven, and in the gift of wine that miraculously came from stone jars of water to prefigure the miracle of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

In the Gospel Reading, the gifts the Magi gave the Christ-child had cultural and theological significance. They prostrated themselves in adoration, giving Jesus gifts of gold (a gift fit for a king), frankincense (incense used in worship and offered by priests), and myrrh (an aromatic spice produced from the gum resin of certain bushes or trees used in the preparation of the dead).

The Magi were the first Gentiles to respond to God's call to the Gentile nations to come to salvation through Christ Jesus. The Gentile Magi, who sought out the Christ-child, as opposed to Herod's chief priests who made no effort to find Him, is a precursor to the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish religious leaders and the acceptance of Jesus' message of salvation by the Gentiles.

Jesus Christ, "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), gave a mission to His disciples in every generation when He called them to become a reflection of His "light" by sharing His Gospel of salvation to illuminate the lives of others.

May the Holy Spirit instill this mission in you and may the Church's prayer at the beginning of the Mass be manifest in your life and the life of your faith community: "Father, You revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star.

Lead us to Your glory in Heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen."

"And the Word was made flesh...and dwelt among us."

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Ken



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

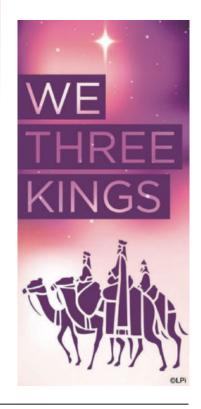
Bernie Hoercher, Lesli Griffiths, Adrian Javier, Michael Schwanz

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Dante Evangelista, Nelly Martinez, Frankie Coronado, Betty Ann Pacheco, Veronica Macainan, Walter Beacham, Greta Floresca

Birthday Blessings

Rosalyn Jose, Peter Scampavia





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.

Women Gather

January 21, 2023 | 10:00 am

Join us for our next in-person gathering. Come early between 9:30 and 10:00 am for a meet and greet. Prayer at 10:00 am is followed by lunch and an afternoon of service.

Space at Casa Julie is limited. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sr. Annette at 408.390.7184

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!

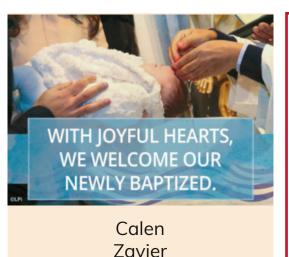
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Egypt March 5-17. 2023

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.



Kyler

Penelope

9 Days for Life

January 19-27, 2023

Please join us in praying the Rosary for Life immediately after the daily 7:00 am Mass and the 7:15 am Sunday Mass.

Also, we invite you to pray the 9 Days for Life Novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention includes a reflection along with suggested activities and resources.

Go to <u>www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life</u> for more information.



AROUND THE PARISH



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

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

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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

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. For more information, go to https://oakdiocese.org/life-justice

St. Edward Bible Study

St. Edward Church Bible Study is starting a new study of the Book of Wisdom on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Faith Formation Office (located between the rectory and the school). Come and learn, share, and enjoy fellowship as we grow in understanding of God's Holy Word and blueprint for our lives – the Bible. St. Edward is located at 5788 Thornton Avenue, Newark.

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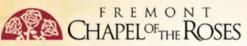
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