



SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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.
Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm daily

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday at 12:00 pm (except if it falls on January 1 and Holy Saturday). All seniors and those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend.
Next Mass: May 6, 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. There is no Mass on Good Friday.
Next Mass: May 5, 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, APRIL 2 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Ton Ogi-Robbins, † Leticia Dicioco Reyes, † Inocencio Seramilla, † Armando Vega
- 7:15 am Irene Jenkins, † Mike Brand, † Claude & Arely Ratcliff, † Virginia Barroga
- 9:00 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 10:45 am Lerr Paras, Dylan & Rachel Mesia, † Raul Oribello, † Linda Agbuya
- 12:30 pm Lynn Mayoralgo, † Flora Ventresca, † Clinton Stein, † Marbella Alhambra
- 5:00 pm Froilan Anzaldo, Lawrence Acosta, † Daniel Kok Siong Carretero, † Lorna Pacho

MONDAY, APRIL 3 | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

- 7:00 am † A. J. Jose, † Ildefonso Abia, † Chuck Gerughty
- 8:15 am Ofelia Marquez, † Leticia Felarca, † Domingo Marquez

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

- 7:00 am Francis Choy & Pius Ho, † Francisco Abenojar, † Liberata Rasca Aquino
- 8:15 am † William Ahern, † Gregg Calo, † Mac & Lydia McClanahan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

- 7:00 am Devyn D' sa, † Lois Liska, † Timoteo M. Concepcion
- 8:15 am Helen M. Orias, † Joseph Victor Shagday, † Romeo Pascual
- 6:30 pm Alexander Asis, Kenrick Tankeh, † Maria Gloria Pedroza, † Linda Agbuya

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 | HOLY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

- 7:00 pm For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 | GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 | HOLY SATURDAY

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56





HERE'S THE WORD...

A Brief Commentary on the Gospel

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion (Cycle A): Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-66
Theme: Death and Life

The Sixth Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday or the Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The vestments the priest wears are red, just as they were on Good Friday. This Mass celebrates the day Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on the 10th of Nisan. It was the day in the Old Covenant preparation for the Passover feast when God commanded the people chose the perfect male lambs or goat-kids for the sacrifice of the Passover, reliving the events of the first Passover in Egypt (Exodus 12:3). On this day in AD 30, the crowds in Jerusalem proclaimed Jesus, the true Lamb of God and King of Israel. They placed palm branches before Him as he rode into the Holy City, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 and Jacob/Israel's prophecy for Judah's heir in Genesis 49:11-12. We remember that event and celebrate by carrying palms at Mass as signs of life and resurrection.

In the **First Reading**, God's Suffering Servant tells us that he is God's faithful disciple, teaching the divine word and God's promise of redemption to a sinful and oppressed humanity. He testifies that he teaches as God directs him despite suffering persecution and declares it is because of his faith and obedience that he will endure his trials that are part of God's divine plan.

Christians see the image of the Suffering Servant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. During the years of His earthly ministry, He faithfully taught the coming of God's Kingdom. He did not resist His persecutors' insults, nor did He turn away from those who beat Him, slapped His face, or spit upon Him. Finally, they attempted to disgrace Him like a common criminal and condemn Him under God's curse to hang on a tree. But God did not abandon Him to shame; instead, He arose victorious on the third day, having defeated both sin and death.

In the **Second Reading**, St. Paul writes to the Philippian Christians what most Bible scholars believe are verses from an early Christian hymn. Paul refers to Jesus' humility in emptying Himself of His divine glory to live a human life and undergo suffering. Paul writes that Jesus, through His humility, was obedient to the Father in offering His life as a sacrifice for humanity's sins and was raised from death by God to divine glory.

In the **Gospel Reading**, we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete His work as humanity's Redeemer-Messiah. We remember His Last Supper with the disciples, His unjust trial and execution followed by His rising from the dead.

The Church's liturgy emphasizes that the three elements of His suffering, death, and resurrection belong together in God's plan for humanity's redemption. In our liturgical celebration on Passion Sunday, we affirm that Jesus' death was not a defeat but a victory over the powers of sin and death that opened Heaven and union with the Most Holy Trinity to the righteous.

The Sixth Sunday is also the last Sunday before the Paschal Triduum, our Passover festival, as we enter our own Jerusalem and begin our final preparation for Holy Week. It was on a Thursday that the Jews celebrated the last legitimate Old Covenant annual Feast of the Passover.

The Gospel of John 12:1 recorded that the Passover was six days from the dinner in Bethany (as the ancient's counted). The dinner in Bethany was a seventh-day Sabbath meal the day before Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on the first day of the Jewish week (our Sunday).

In ancient times there was no concept of 0 as a place holder; therefore, when the ancients counted any series of years, months, or days, for example, the first day always counted as day #1.

If it was six days from Jesus' Saturday dinner in Bethany to the Passover sacrifice, then Passover occurred on a Thursday in complete agreement with the other Gospel accounts. It also establishes Jesus' crucifixion on a Friday, just as we keep the remembrance of those same events in the Holy Triduum.

Have a Blessed and Holy Week! ~ Fr. Ken

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK: [Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord \(Year A\) – Not My Will by Edward Sri](#)



SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch



This is Mary Salim.

Born in 2004, Mary is the fifth out of eight children.

She attends the Kilomeni Girls Secondary School, Form IV.

Mary receives a 75% scholarship.

Table of Plenty: Thank You

The Table of Plenty team would like to thank all of you who have donated shopping bags, egg cartons, fruit from your trees, food, or contributed financially.

It is because of your support we are able to help so many of our food insecure neighbors.

We would also like to thank Trader Joe's, Panera, Elite Bakery, and McDonald's (Mission and Grimmer locations) for their generous donations.

As pandemic-related subsidies expire, we expect there will be more need in our community for food in the coming weeks and months.

Please pray for those in need.

God bless you all for your generosity!

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:

- ⇒ Canned Fruit
- ⇒ Dry Pinto Beans—1-lb. bags
- ⇒ Vienna Sausage

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

CGS Catechists Needed

Become a catechist for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program here at Holy Spirit Parish.

Help 3- to 6-year-old children to know Jesus and to build a relationship with God.

If interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 510.456.4974 or faithformation@holyspiritfremont.org. Help is needed on Saturdays, 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Volunteer Artists Needed

Our parish is looking for face painters, balloon artists, and other merry makers for our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9, 2023, 9:45 to 10:45 am.

Come share your time and talent—and bring joy to the young children in our parish!

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 510.797.1660 or info@holyspiritfremont.org

Giving

Corner

Sunday, March 19

\$31,365

Special Collection coming up:
Holy Land (Good Friday) | April 7

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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Family Bible Story Time

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Join us immediately after the 12:30 pm Palm Sunday Mass for Family Bible Story Time, hosted by our Faith Formation children and catechists. Activities will include Bible storytelling, guided interactive Q&A, and a sing-along. All are welcome to this is a free event.

Stations of the Cross

Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday

April 3-4, 2023

9:00 am and 6:30 pm

Holy Wednesday

April 5, 2023

9:00 am and

immediately after the 6:30 pm Mass

Holy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7:00 am: Morning Prayer

7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 pm: Procession and Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose (Parish Center)

9:00 to 11:30 pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

April 7, 2023

7:00 am - Morning Prayer

12:00 pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Communion

1:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

4:00 pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Communion

6:00 pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Communion

8:00 pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Communion

Holy Saturday

April 8, 2023

7:00 am - Morning Prayer

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena

CRS Rice Bowls

Please turn in your monetary donations at the Parish Office this week. Thank you for supporting Catholic Relief Services!



Please note: Our prayer list is refreshed every week. Feel free to contact us to include your loved one. Go to <https://holyspiritremont.org/request-a-prayer/> or call the Parish Office at 510.797.1660

Pray for Our Sick

Larry Legier, Robert Legier, Roberta Salingdong, Jeffrey Muljadi, Roman Reed

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Priscilla Cabantac Rosete, Mary Beth Lewis

Birthday Blessings

Andy Angeles, Genie Kopania, Rhea Igarta, Maria Virzi



Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Mass Times

Saturday
(Vigil Mass)
8:00 pm

Sunday
7:15 am
9:00 am
10:45 am
12:30 pm

Please note: There is **NO** 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday.



INVITE

Feast of the Divine Mercy

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of Mercy, instituted by Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Novena

April 7-15, 2023 | 3:00 pm

We invite you to pray the Divine Mercy Novena inside the church in anticipation of the Feast of the Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy Mass

April 16, 2023

2:00 pm: Join us in the church for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

3:00 pm: We will celebrate Mass to mark the Feast of the Divine Mercy. You may bring images of the Divine Mercy to be blessed after Mass.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Holy Spirit School, and Holy Spirit Youth Ministry for their participation. Spiritual kits and food will be provided immediately after Mass.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 9, 2023 | 10:15 am

**Grab your baskets for some Easter fun...
We're searching for eggs, for every last one!**

We invite families with children (12 yrs. and under) to join us after the 9:00 am Mass in the parking area near the Preschool. *The Easter Bunny will be there!*

Vocations Crucifix Program

We are looking for parishioners to host the Vocations Crucifix and pray for the men and women discerning to enter the priesthood or religious life.

Twice monthly on the second and fourth weekend of the month, families or an individual are invited to pray at home for two weeks.

To participate in this important prayer ministry, please sign up on Flocknote or call the Parish Office at 510.797.1660.

Holy Spirit Preschool—Now Enrolling!

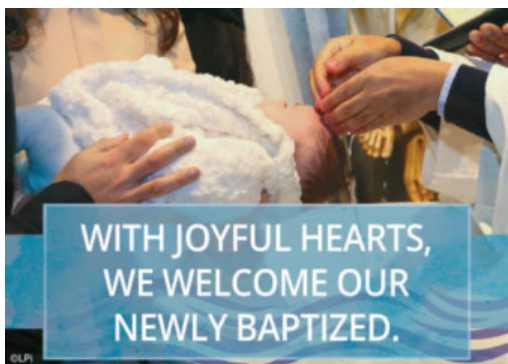
Come and join our preschool family! We are now accepting applications for our 2023-2024 school year. Our preschool offers a variety of opportunities for your child to learn and play!

Preschool children must be 3 years old and fully potty trained by Sept. 1, 2023 to be eligible. Please contact Ms. Cecilia at 510.793.2013 or email hspschool@csdo.org.

8th Grade Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus are offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating 8th grader who is a parishioner of Holy Spirit Parish and/or a Holy Spirit School student, and who will be attending a Catholic high school this Fall 2023.

For an application, please email scoschi2@gmail.com. Deadline is May 6, 2023.



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Ella, Daniel, Gianna

The Parish Office will be closed Good Friday through Easter Monday, April 7-10, 2023. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Have a blessed Easter!



AROUND THE PARISH



St Christina Orthodox Church Old World Bake Sale

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023
12:30 to 2:30 pm

Stop by our neighbors down the street—3721 Parish Avenue. The Bake Sale will feature traditional Easter foods from Russia, Greece, Ukraine, the Middle East, and more.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage August 27-September 6, 2023

Join Fr. Thomas Vendetti, LC, on a blessed pilgrimage to the Queen of Peace in Medjugorje.

The cost of \$2595 (dbl. room) includes round trip airfare (from SFO), accommodations, daily Holy Mass, guided tours, and breakfast and dinner daily. For more information, contact Agnes Lilles at 303.638.6301 or lillescolorado@msn.com

Parish Library

The Parish Library will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. Please come again the following Sunday (April 16).

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress 2023: "I Am With You Always"

Join us for what is sure to be an amazing event for youth and adults, which will include talks, Adoration, Holy Mass, and more!

- September 8-9: Spanish track
- September 15-16: English track

Seeking volunteers, sponsors, vendor participants, and donors.

For more information, go to <https://oakdiocese.org/eucharisticrevival2023>

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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We invite you to learn more about how your support makes a difference, and donate in a way that works for you – be it a recurring gift, a one-time gift, or a pledge. Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>





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