



SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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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 (except if it falls on Holy Thursday)
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: August 5, 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: August 4, 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 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	† Shirley Cunningham, † Sebastian & Concetta Manzitto, † Jose F. Salgado
7:15 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
9:00 am	Samara Barlow West, Brittany Thomas, † Lucy Kinnaird, † Rosario & Romeo Suarez
10:45 am	Kimberly Sanchez, Espiritu Family, Benjamin Campos, Jurisha Tambaoan, † Luz Mangubat Gopez
12:30 pm	Graciela O. Montes, † Julie Leal, † Salvador Figueroa, † Melinda Caronongan
5:00 pm	Johnny & Connie, † Rosalinda Martinez, † Corazon Umali, † Malati Biswas

MONDAY, JULY 17 | MONDAY OF THE FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

7:00 am	Graciela O. Montes, Brittany Thomas, † Luz Mangubat Gopez
8:15 am	† Irene Heinrich, † Francis Vu, † Melinda Caronongan

TUESDAY, JULY 18 | TUESDAY OF THE FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

7:00 am	Leilani L. Buccat, † Robert Villamor, † Luz Mangubat Gopez
8:15 am	† Holy Souls in Purgatory, † Mario T. Concepcion, † Amado Flores

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 | WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

7:00 am	Geralyn Pineda, † Tiburcio Agustin, † Melinda Caronongan
8:15 am	John Zowin, † Amada Adamos, † Augustine Vu
6:30 pm	Graciela O. Montes, † Andy Chan, † Elizabeth Carson

THURSDAY, JULY 20 | THURSDAY OF THE FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

7:00 am	Brittney L. Buccat, Patrick & Marvi Bajet, † Luciano Abia III
8:15 am	† Raymundo Agbulos, † Reno Vella, † Christine Vu

FRIDAY, JULY 21 | FRIDAY OF THE FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

7:00 am	† Kenneth Drybrae, † Melinda Caronongan, † Claire Matamis
8:15 am	Julia Nitafan Family, Tai Vu & Men Pham, Graciela O. Montes, † Rodolfo Munoz

SATURDAY, JULY 22 | FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

7:00 am	Sunil Kunju, Jonathan Mano, Robert Legier
8:15 am	Renita Castaneda, Johnny Vu, † Ernesto Kong Jr.

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.



FROM THE DESK OF BR. RONALD...

How's your summer going, Holy Spirit family?

Summer vibes render a feeling of fun and flourishing. It seems that everything around us whispers to engage in some outdoor activities under the bright sun.

Today's readings bear a summery theme on sowing, growing, and expecting to yield a good harvest. In a spiritual sense, we Christians are called to allow God's word to grow in us, glow Christ-like love through actions, and go to the mission field where He calls us to serve.

In the First Reading, Prophet Isaiah illustrates the importance of moisture brought about by rain and snow which causes the life on earth to thrive, "giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater." Additionally, this reading teaches about the life-giving Word of God which He sends out to produce fruit. Thus, the Word is meant to deliver and complete according to God's purpose, "My Word accomplishes everything." The Word brings forth repentance, faith, and salvation from God.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul writes a letter of hope addressed to the Romans. He imparts that the sufferings the early Christians endure are nothing to compare to the glory to be revealed by Christ. And so for us, there is hope found in Christ amidst our sufferings. This hope sustains us and

the whole creation as we actively wait for Christ's return.

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus teaches us about the nature and the principles of the Kingdom of God through the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15). Jesus explicitly conveyed the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. The different soils represent diverse ways which we receive the word of God. More often than not, we ponder on this parable by identifying ourselves with either a particular type such as the path, the rocky ground, the thorny field, or the good soil. It is likewise conceivable that all four soil types are in us. The parable emphasizes the importance of having a receptive heart and cultivating a profound understanding of the word of God.

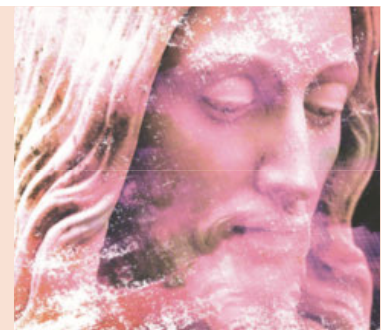
Keenly, it is very striking that the sower scattered seeds on all types of soil. This leads us to basically ask, "Does the sower know what he's doing?" "Why didn't he just sow onto the good soil?"

Perhaps Jesus intends that we likewise reflect on the all-embracing loving quality of The Sower – God. He does not choose whom to love. There is nothing that separates us from His love (Romans 8:31). He just loves. He continues to sow whatever it takes. He meets us where we are and leads us to the right path until we become a "good" soil and produce a bounty. Now that is the good news!

Br. Ronald Edma

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

(Psalm 65)





SERVE

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Needed

We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for the 5:00 pm Mass on Sundays.

To join this ministry, please contact Dee.francisco3@yahoo.com

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 our donors:

July 8 ... Leon & Nellie Jones

July 22 ... Our Lady of Mercy Lay Carmelites

July 29 ... Amal Abraham & Caroline Philips

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:

- ⇒ Macaroni & Cheese
- ⇒ Pork & Beans
- ⇒ White Rice

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

Mandatory Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

All current and new volunteers must attend either session:

- Saturday, July 22: 9:15 am in the de Sousa House
- Wednesday, July 26: 7:30 pm in the Peace Center

Please contact Jean Liwanag at brightjg459@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Please contact Sahaya Josephine at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660.

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Sunday, July 2	\$32,019
<p>Special Collection coming up: Mission Cooperative Plan August 6</p> <p>Our pledged weekly amount (excluding special collections): \$31,963</p>	

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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

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— *Father John Muir*



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

Cecilia Balajadia,
Leonardo Maragay, Lesli Griffiths Fernando Javier

Pray for Our Recently Departed

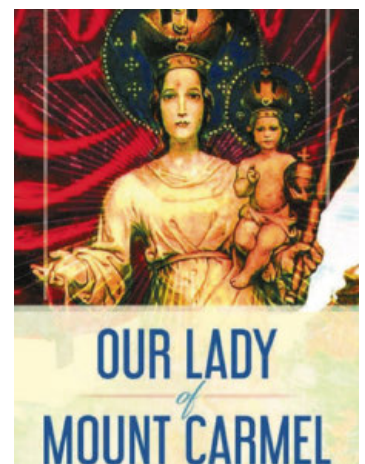
Francisco Rosario,
Leonora Bulabon, Miguel Fernandez, Frank Jesus Padia-Caparros, Glenna Neuschwander, Malati Biswas, Virgilio Canivel, Jr., Carol Blanco Jordan, Helen Ordoña, Anita Salcedo, Isabel Morales, Magdalena Huang Vu

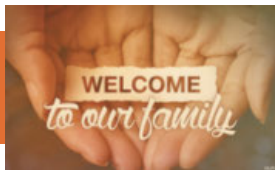
Birthday Blessings

Abigail Javier

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Jiannely & Brian Renteria





INVITE

St. Vincent de Paul Back-to-School Drive

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting backpacks and gift cards to help families and their children that need assistance this academic year.

Please help donating one or more items listed below:

- **New Backpack - size 9.8" x 6.3" x 16.9"**
- **\$25 Target gift card or \$25 Walmart gift card for school supplies**

Cash, check, and online contributions are also welcome! Checks should be made out to "Vincent de Paul Society" and write "backpack drive" on the memo line.

Collection dates: July 15-30, 2023. Vincentians will be in St. Francis Plaza after all the weekend Masses to accept your donations. Thank you for your love and generosity!

Parish Library

Our parish library just received a donation of books, many of which are new, including:

- *A Catholic Parent's Tool Box - Raising Healthy Families in the 21st Century*
- *Random Moments of Grace - Experiencing God in the Adventures of Motherhood*
- *Holy Sex - A Catholic Guide to Infallible Loving*

You can check these books out from the library, located near the Adoration Chapel in Governo House. The parish library is open on Sundays, 9:00 am and 12:30 pm.

An Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood

July 22, 2023 | St. Michael's Parish

Come and See! Join us at St. Michael's Parish in Livermore as we pray for vocations to diocesan priesthood.

Minors must be accompanied by parents. All men 18-40 years old are especially welcome to this prayerful event!

Schedule includes:

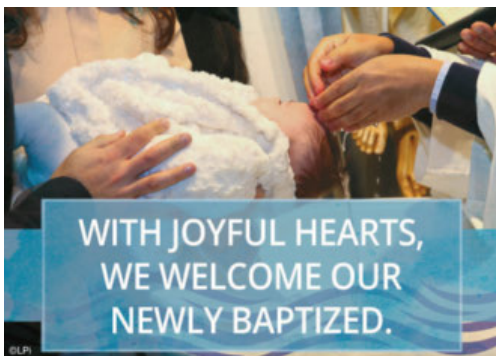
- **2:00 pm** - Assembly
- **3:00 pm** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection and Sharing
- **4:30 pm** - Break
- **5:00 pm** - Mass in the Church
- **6:15 pm** - Dinner followed by Vocation presentation

For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Carl Arcosa at: Carlarcosa@stmichaellivermore.com

Our Lady of Fatima Through October 2023

Join us for Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima:

- Monday, August 14 @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:30 pm (in lieu of Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
- Friday, October 13 @ 6:30 pm (Mass to be followed by International Rosary)



Aria, Jre, Leia,
Hatsumi, Jaylen, August



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BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports the ministries that go out into the parishes: faith formation and evangelization, CYO sports, formation of priests to serve parishioners, care of the retired priests, and meeting the unexpected needs of schools and parishes. 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>



AROUND THE PARISH



Diocese of Oakland Consecration to Jesus through Mary, Mother of the Eucharist July 20 to August 22, 2023

The easiest, shortest and most perfect way of approaching Jesus is through Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

We give to God, through the hands of Mary, all our good works. She purifies, beautifies, and makes them acceptable to Her Son. Mary will bring us to the Eucharist.

In preparation for the Eucharistic Revival Congress (in September), His Excellency, Bishop Michael Barber, SJ encourages all the parishes and schools in the Diocese to participate in this program, beginning July 20. All are invited—adults, youth, and children (5 yrs. and up).

Consecration Day Mass will be held in the Cathedral of Christ the Light and presided by Bishop Barber on August 22.

Register now and receive email instructions, daily prayers, and video links. Go to consecrationgroup.org—available in English and Spanish.



Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress 2023: “I Am With You Always”

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, invites the faithful in the Diocese of Oakland “to join in the National Eucharistic Revival to reflect upon the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives and to reaffirm our call to be a people nourished fed, and renewed by the Eucharist itself.” (Oct. 2022).

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

Registration is now open. Also 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
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Parish Library

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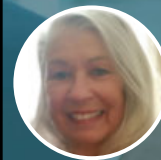


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