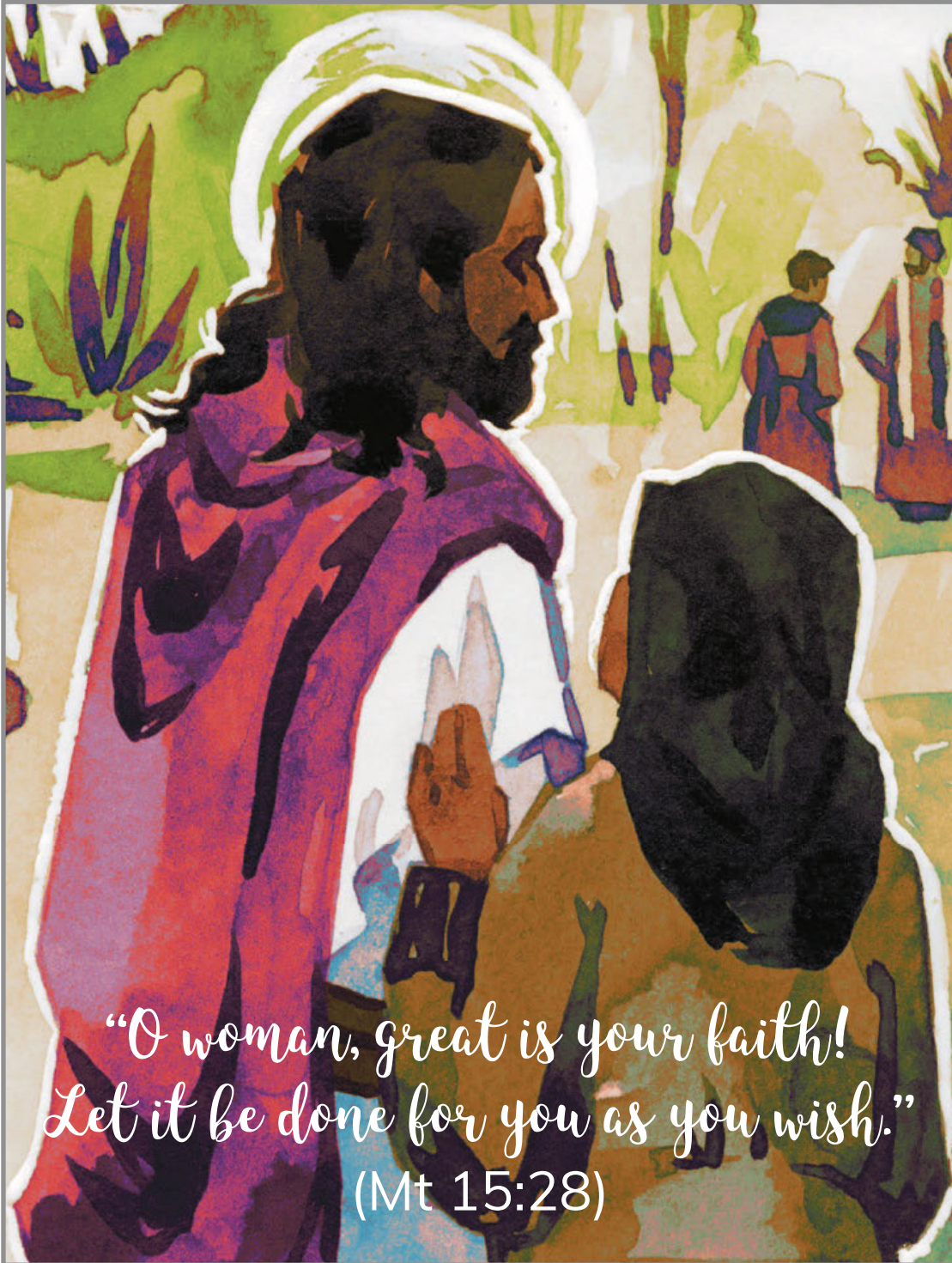




SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*“O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish.”
(Mt 15:28)*

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: September 2, 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: September 1, 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, AUGUST 20 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 7:15 am † Larry Rogers
- 9:00 am Vilma Tumampos family, † Jose Lito Sarte, Jr., † Bartolome D. Mercado, † Rodolfo Lagera, Sr., † Charles & Teresita Engler
- 10:45 am Holy Spirit Filipino Society, Dela Cruz Family, † Danny Mitchell, † Procopio Lucero, Jr., † Genard J. Padua
- 12:30 pm Graciela O. Montes, † Remedios Estares, † Paul Stutzke, † Christopher Joseph Discenna
- 5:00 pm Leon & Nellie Jones, † Victor Hugo Hernandez Jr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X, POPE

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

- 7:00 am † Rodolfo Felarca, † Anastacia Ong
- 8:15 am Graciela O. Montes, Kelly Baotran Nguyen, † Bartolome L. Mercado Jr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 | MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

- 7:00 am † Atanacia Padilla, † Nicodeme Ncho Atsepi
- 8:15 am Graciela O. Montes, Lynette Mercado, † Purification Daria

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 | WEDNESDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

- 7:00 am † Cirilo & Estrelita Canlas
- 8:15 am † Buenaventura Alberto Reposar Jr., † Conchita Abarquez, † Art Elgincolin
- 6:30 pm Bobby & Cez Reyes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 | FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

- 7:00 am † Oscar Ferrer
- 8:15 am Lu Loyola Tipping, † Orlando Valdez

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 | FRIDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

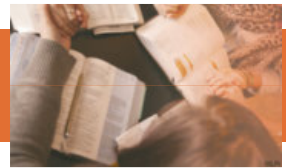
- 7:00 am † Rappai Kooliyadan, † Josefina Del Mar
- 8:15 am Ricardo Catapang, † Mattha Hồng Nguyễn, † Francisco Carpio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 | SATURDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

- 7:00 am Larissa Prashant
- 8:15 am Ludi Calo, Benjie Tulio, Fitz, Lucel & East Reyes

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 FR. BINH...

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7)

This brief line is very powerful and one of my favorites from all the Scriptures, for it shows the expansion of the Kingdom of God to the whole world. God stretched his mighty hands to also include the Gentiles in His salvation plan. Because of this, Jesus was hospitable and welcoming to the outsiders of His chosen people. The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel is an example of this, even though it didn't seem so at first. Like the disciples in today's Gospel reading, I was surprised at first at Jesus' seemingly cold-hearted attitude towards her. When we take a closer look, though, we can see Jesus' clever salvation plan in action.

Nobody can deny that Jesus Christ was a brilliant preacher who debated well on every topic. However, in the book, "Food for the Soul", author Peter Kreeft points out that there were two times that Jesus actually appeared to lose His arguments, ironically, to women.

The first instance is at the wedding feast in Cana. Jesus' mother, the Blessed Mary, informed our Lord of the shortage of wine. In reply, He said, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?" (John 2:4) As His mother, and as a righteous woman with deep concern and love for all people, she was interceding on behalf of the couple and their guests. Her intention was not to push Him but, rather, to point out that there was a need He could fulfill. True to His mother, of course, Jesus fulfilled her request, and shortly thereafter performed His first miracle. He did seem to lose His argument with her, though.

Today's Gospel shows us another time Jesus engaged in an argument with a woman. A Canaanite woman followed Jesus, imploring him with an urgent request: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is tormented by a demon." Her petition seemed to fall on deaf ears.

It is important to note that this Gospel was written by Matthew, who is generally regarded as the writer of "the most Jewish Gospels," focusing on Jesus' proclamations to the Jews. Not only were the Gentiles less of a concern to Matthew, but this woman, a Canaanite, was annoying him and the other disciples. In using the word "behold" to describe the scene, Matthew is telling us that he and his brothers were surprised. Jesus' first response to this woman was sharp and bitter but He usually showed compassion and mercy for the sick and suffering. This could explain the use of the word "behold" to say: "Would you look at this?!!!"

Following His apparent indifference toward this Canaanite woman, Jesus went on to express that He "was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel", clearly stating His mission and purpose. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." This woman, from the predominantly Gentile regions of Tyre and Sidon, was not among those initially chosen for salvation. The comparison of this woman and her daughter to dogs was extremely harsh, controversial, and disrespectful - qualities not characteristically found in our Lord's words.

It seems to me that our Lord may have been inciting her to continue her argument, and she did not disappoint! The Canaanite woman turned the tables and replied, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." By referring to Jesus as Lord and deeming Him the "master", the Canaanite woman argued that everyone - the "masters" as well as the "dogs" have a need to express compassion and mercy. Jesus, the master, allowed the Canaanite woman to ignite a fire in Him. She won His mercy and compassion and after their exchange, He healed her daughter.

The encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman brings us a great lesson. His love is boundless. Jesus wants all the people to come to Him and have faith in Him. God is for everyone! His goal is to ultimately save all the people in the world, and to gather everyone into the Kingdom of Heaven: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."



SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Prayers and congratulations to the newly ordained Fr. James Felix Singo!



Second Collections

Holy Spirit Youth & Young Adult Ministry
August 19-20, 2023

Proceeds of this weekend's Second Collection benefits our very own Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and will go towards tuition assistance and leadership development. Thank you for your support!

Congregation of the Mother of Carmel
August 26-27, 2023

The Congregation of the Mother of Carmel, Sr. Asha Kooliyadan's community has relocated to Orlando, FL. Next weekend's Special Collection will go towards the sisters' living expenses as they establish themselves and their ministry in a new city. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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 Corn
- ⇒ Chef Boyardee / Canned Pasta
- ⇒ 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

Join Our Acolyte Ministry

The Acolyte Ministry will be holding a training session for new youth and adult acolytes on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the church.

This ministry is open to youth (4th grade and above) and adults who have received their First Communion.

For more information, please contact Maria Acoba and Nars Bernardo at hsacolytes@gmail.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:

- **Aug. 19** ... Clyde & Jenith Macasero
- **Aug. 20** ... Rolly & Marina Salazar

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Sunday, August 6

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Congregation of the Mother of Carmel | August 27

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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.



IN MEMORIAM

Memorial Mass for Rev. Mr. William "Bill" Drobick †
September 22, 2023, 11:00 am
Holy Spirit Fremont

Please join us for Mass in memory of Dn. Bill Drobick † (1948-2023).

Dn. Bill was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He married Joanne "Joni" Reberg on October 24, 1971, and moved to California soon after. He is survived by wife Joni, daughter Holly Marsh, sons Matthew and Joseph Drobick, their spouses, and 11 grandchildren.

Dn. Bill served in the Army for two years during the Vietnam War and was based at the Oakland Army Base. He later earned Masters degrees from Golden Gate University in San Francisco and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

Dn. Bill was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate (along with fellow Holy Spirit parishioner Dn. Richard Yee) in February 1995 by Bishop Emeritus John Cummins. He was assigned to Holy Spirit Parish following his ordination under the pastorship of Rev. Gerard Moran and later Rev. Mathew Vellankal †. Along with various ministries, he served as Director of Religious Education and Confirmation.

After his retirement as D.R.E. of Holy Spirit, Dn. Bill went on to serve at St. Agnes Parish in Concord, CA, under Rev. Johnson Abraham.

Dn. Bill and Joni relocated to Florence, AZ, where they joined and served at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church. Dn. Bill was involved in prison ministry, which included visits with death row inmates and youth in Juvenile Hall.



On behalf of Fr. Ken Sales, our clergy and parish staff, we express our deepest condolences to Joni and the Drobick Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May Dn. Bill † rest in peace.



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

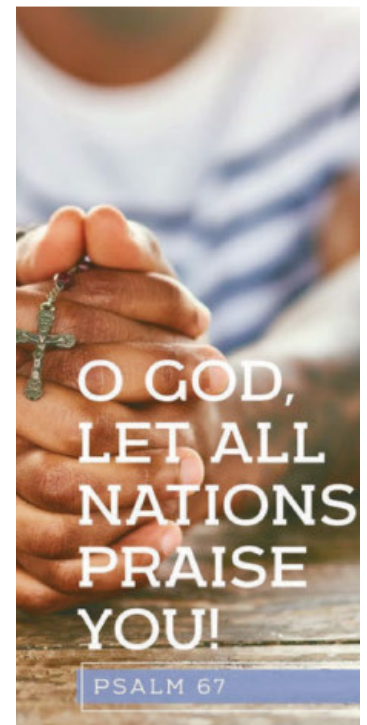
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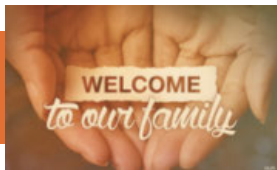
Pray for Our Recently Departed

Flora Sana, Mark Anthony
Castañas, Wilson L.
Mansumento, Peter
Loreno

Birthday Blessings

Jeff Adams, Ricardo
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Kooliyadan





INVITE

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 8:45 to 9:30 am

Spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. God invites all of us to offer our joys and sorrows to Him.

Is there something holding you back from accepting His love? Our merciful God invites us to reconcile with Him in the Sacrament of Confession.

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>

Labor Day

Monday, September 4, 2023

All parish departments will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe holiday!



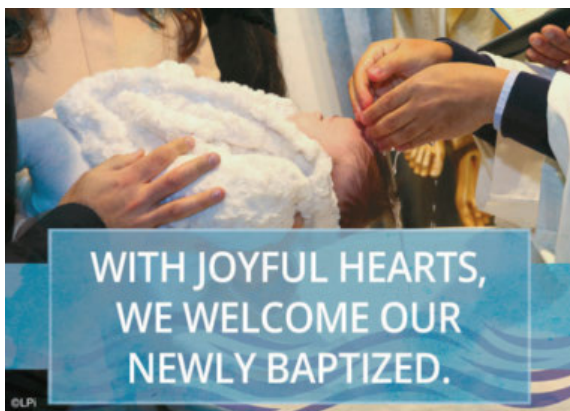
2024 Mass Intentions

We are now accepting 2024 Mass Intention requests. Please go to our website and download the request form or pick up a form at the Parish Office then return via:

- 1. Email:** Submit the completed form to ricardo@holyspiritfremont.org and attach the receipt of your Mass intention stipend donation made via online giving.
- 2. Mail:** Send the completed form with check donation to 37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536.
- 3. Drop-off:** Stop by the Parish Office and drop off the completed form with check donation in the mail slot.

Make all checks payable to "Holy Spirit". The Mass Intention Request form must be filled out completely. Incomplete information/requirements may delay the processing of requests. Requests received without stipend offering will not be processed.

Due to our large prayerful community here at Holy Spirit, it is absolutely FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED! Requests are processed according to the date the application was received.



Anastasia, Bree, Faith, Michael, Daniel, Aiden

Faith Formation 2023-2024

Registration for Children's Faith Formation, First Communion, Middle School, High School Confirmation, and Adult Faith Formation (RCIA) is now open.

For information, visit our parish website - <https://holyspiritfremont.org/>. Go to the "Faith Formation" tab at the top right, then choose the appropriate learning level from the drop down menu.

You may also stop by the de Sousa House Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, or contact the Faith Formation Department at 510.456.4974 or faithformation@holyspiritfremont.org.

AROUND THE PARISH



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

August 25-27, 2023

Our Lady of Refuge Retreat
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This program offers a weekend of support to women, men and couples whose lives have been impacted by pregnancy loss, abortion, or miscarriage.

The weekend includes two nights lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. All information remains confidential.

Contact us at hope@realoptions.net for more information. Register at <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=25772>

Filipino Society Meal Deal

August 27, 2023

The Filipino Society will be hosting their \$7 Meal Deal next Sunday after the morning and 12:30 Masses.

Stop by the Parish Center—get a great meal at a deal! Proceeds benefit parish special projects.

For large orders, contact us via email us by Thursday, August 24 at hsfs.communications@gmail.com.

Family Weekend Getaway

September 1-4, 2023

Holy Spirit Filipino Society is hosting this getaway on Labor Day weekend. Join Fr. Ken and our Holy Spirit families for some R & R at Lake Don Pedro in La Grange! For more information, contact Danny at 510.468.7980

Our Lady of Fatima

Through October 2023

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

- 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)

International Rosary

October 13, 2023

Please join us in praying the International Rosary immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

If you want to participate in the Rosary and recite the Hail Mary in your native language, please contact: Marina, 510.207.6395 or Bella, 510.791.6121

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Sundays
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