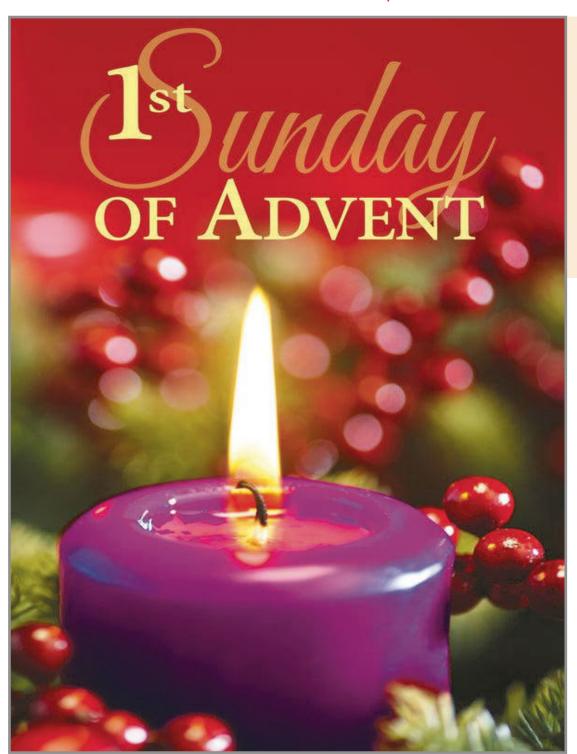


#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#### **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 (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: January 6, 2024

#### 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 <u>no</u> Mass on Good Friday.

Next Mass: January 5, 2024

#### 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 3 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

5:00 pm Graciela O. Montes, Natividad Yanos, † Ruizlan, Mario, Teodoro, Carlos, † Karen

(Vigil Mass) "Kei" Esperada

7:15 am Graciela O. Montes, Ofelia Marquez, † Domingo Marquez, † Maria Loida

Guevarra

9:00 am Kathleen Barrett, Eden & Rico Esguerra & Family, † Joseph Nicholas, † Victoria

Cogliano

10:45 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

12:30 pm Anthony Ressencourt, Lea Ressencourt, † Rosauro & Fe Castro, † Victoria

Martinez, † Christopher Joseph Discenna

5:00 pm Natividad Yanos, † Ricardo, Felix, Nicanor, Benjamin, † Vicente Mangaoang,

† Reynato Sto. Tomas

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 | MONDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2. 3-4b. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

7:00 am Rose Callejas & Family, † Petronila Domingo, † Justin Acoba, † Anna Nguyen Thi

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8:15 am Ambros and Louella Villo, † Petronila Domingo, † Carolina Mangaoang

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 | TUESDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

7:00 am † Madarang deceased Family members, † Gatmaitan deceased Family members,

† Jay Arampulickan

8:15 am Graciela O. Montes, † Maria dela Cruz, † Geraldine Dutra

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | WEDNESDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

7:00 am Graciela O. Montes, † John & Catherine Keily, † Teofilo Bayaca 8:15 am Tessie Sugay, Medy Flores, † Buenaflor Velasquez and family

6:30 pm † Estrella Jongko, † Raul Holgado, † Romulo Ruelos

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a/Mt 7:21. 24-27

7:00 am Kyle Atikus Isidore Barnes, † Wilson Carbonel, † Ambrose Loyola 8:15 am Louie Amaral, Karen Janzareck, † Manuel & Maria da Rosa

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 | SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am † I. Y. Kunju, † Joseph Victor Shaqday, † Concepcion del Barrio

8:15 am Pinky Padlan & John Tumampos, † Marion & Isabel Mina, † Elodia & Aucensio

Torres

11:00 am † Magdalena Montes

6:30 pm Graciela O. Montes, † Renato Francisco, † Faustino Gregorio

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 | SATURDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

7:00 am Abelardo Bantad, † Venancia Nodado, † Alejandro Marquez 8:15 am Ken Eidelberg, † Rizalina Estavillo, † Angelita Camarillo

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### **NOURISH**





### FROM THE DESK OF SR. KAREN...

This weekend we begin a new season of the Church year, Advent. We find the church decorated in purple. Some

places use blue to remind us of the Mother of Jesus whom we celebrate with two feast days. This is a season of preparation for the arrival of Jesus into the world through His birth in Bethehem. How can that be? He was born in history over 2000 years ago. How can we be preparing for His birth again? Church celebrations are very different from other historical anniversaries. In our faith we believe we can be there now in a spiritual way, but we need to prepare our hearts for this to happen. The people of Israel prepared for centuries for the arrival of the Savior. How did they do that and what must we do today to relive that experience this year?

The teachings of Jesus have given us the road map on how to welcome him again. Be in right relationship with God, self, and others. If we want to welcome Jesus into our lives, we need to spend time in prayer. We can attend the parish mission and the Marian feast of the Immaculate Conception, go on retreats, or join others in celebrating cultural experiences such

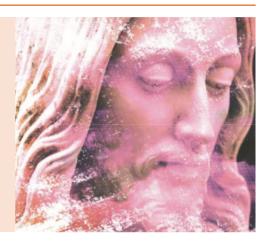
as the Mass on December 12 in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe. Some people have a calendar or an Advent wreath.

Jesus instructs us to find ways to care for others. Many people help at a food shelf or a homeless shelter. Some bring gifts to neighbors, family, friends, or others. People decorate their homes and yards and send greetings. Others like to find occasions to sing carols together. There are many programs, movies, plays and other events that help us focus on preparing our hearts for the arrival of Jesus.

Some foods and family customs also help us prepare for the coming. My mother made a nut cake she called a Yule Cake that we all loved, and it was only made during Advent and wrapped in a Brandy cloth and kept in the refrigerator until Christmas.

We know Jesus gave His Spirit to us and He dwells in a special way in all of us. We wait for a deeper coming in one another, in Liturgy, Scripture, and especially the Eucharist. Our understanding is also that Jesus comes for us at the end of our lives and at the end of this world. So, during Advent we prepare for all these comings. Let us sing out our joy as we look forward to the coming of Jesus more fully in our lives. Come Lord Jesus!

Watch therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming ." (Mark 13:35)





### SERVE

#### **Share Christmas**

Share Christmas, the annual gift-giving program is underway! If you'd like to give a gift to someone who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas, please take the appropriate tag or tags from a tree.

Gifts should be new. Attach the tag to the wrapped gift and put it under one of the trees in the church on any Sunday.

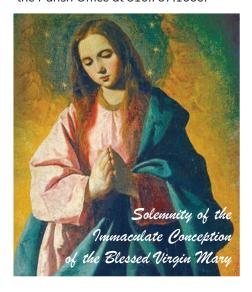
If you bring your gift during the week please drop it off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. All gifts must be received before Sunday, December 17, 2023, in order for us to organize and deliver them to our recipients.

#### Vocations Crucifix Program

We are looking for parishioners to host the Vocations Crucifix and pray for 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 presented with the Vocations Crucifix and invited to pray for two weeks.

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



#### 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:

- ⇒ Dry Pinto Beans—1-lb.bags
- ⇒ Tomato Sauce
- ⇒ 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 <u>only</u>. Do not leave donations outside. <u>Please note</u>: We do <u>not</u> accept perishable, fresh foods (e.g., meats, produce, dairy, etc.). All food donations must be in factory sealed packages and/or containers. <u>PLEASE</u>, <u>NO EXPIRED FOOD</u>. Thank you for your support! For information or assistance: 510.797.3672

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Are you looking for a way to serve our parish? The Stephen Ministry of Holy Spirit Church prayerfully and lovingly ministers to parishioners mourning the loss of a loved one. Stephen ministers support families through the funeral rites and assist with the planning process.

When we help during funerals, each time commitment is typically about 2 hours, which includes setting up in the church, greeting guests, and participating in the Mass. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated.

For more information about this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 510.797.1660 or info@holyspiritfremont.org

#### Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the 12:30 pm Mass on Sundays. Please contact Dee.francisco3@yahoo.com to join 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.

Contact Josephine at 510.797.1660 or info@holyspiritfremont.org

Giving

Sunday, November 19

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#### Special Collection coming up:

Religious Retirement | December 10

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**



# Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8, 2023

On this holy day of obligation, Mass times are as follows: 7:00, 8:15 and 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Join us as we celebrate our Queen and Patroness of the Americas.

• 5:00 am: Las Mananitas

• 5:30 am: Mass

Hot meal and refreshments provided after Mass in de Sousa House, sponsored by the Society of Guadalupanos.

#### Simbang Gabi 2023

Join us for our traditional Simbang Gabi Masses in preparation for the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior on December 15-23 at 6:30 pm. After Mass, please join us in the Parish Center for a meal and fellowship.

To support our Simbang Gabi novena, please contact the following:

Mass Sponsors: Jennie Visitacion, 650.219.6417 or Stephanie Delarosa, 415.937.3704

**Souvenir booklet:** Albert Leano, 310.867.3266

**Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Femy Fonacier, 408.307.0359

A sign up sheet can also be found in the vestibule at the church main entrance. For

more information, please contact Pat Saturnio at 510.468.7321

#### Women Gather

December 16, 2023

Prayer, reflection, faith sharing for women. Prayer will begin at 10:00 am followed by lunch and an afternoon of service (wrapping gifts for food-insecure children for Christmas). For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sr. Annette at 408.390.7184.

#### **New Year Mass Times**

Newy Year's Eve Sunday, December 31, 2023

- 5:00 pm Mass
- 10:00 pm Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00 pm Mass

New Year's Day Monday, January 1, 2024

- 7:00 and 8:15 am
- 6:30 pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

Tuesdays & 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.



hat our hearts will be filled with joy as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Let us pray to the Lord...



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

#### Pray for Our Sick

Dave Durante, Jocelyn Devera Reyes, R. Jones, G. Manuel, M. Javier, Junaid Safi, Isolde Krenzer, Lion Rafael De Tagle

#### Pray for Our Recently Departed

Ruperto Tankeh Sr., Raymunda Yankiling, Felix Bermudez, Miguel Cordova Vasquez, Kelly Bennett, Richard Macphail

#### **Birthday Blessings**

Fr Frank Kuwornu, Angie Cimino, Jason Kawazoe, Cristiano Francisco, Marcellus Francisco





### INVITE

#### Filipino Society Food Sale

December 3, 2023

The Filipino Society is hosting their \$7 meal deal after the morning and 12:30 Masses. Stop by the Parish Center and get a great meal at a deal.

Thank you for your support. Proceeds benefit parish special projects.

#### **Christmas Pageant**

December 3, 2023 | 6:00 pm

Immediately after the 5:00 pm Mass, stay for a live Christmas play, performed by our Faith Formation children. Afterwards, join us for our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

#### 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3, 2023 | 6:30 pm

Join us in the church plaza (Fremont Blvd. side) for our annual tree lighting event.

Just as in previous years, we will have Christmas trees for you to help decorate with medium- to large-sized ornaments. Dedicate your ornaments to loved ones or write a prayer on the ornament. Parishioners may hang their ornaments on the Christmas trees beginning November 30, 2023.

#### 2nd Annual Parol Contest

Join our friendly competition! The aim of the Parol Contest is to encourage family and friends to foster and continue the Christmas tradition that originated in the Philippines.

Visit the Announcements page of our website - <a href="https://holyspiritfremont.org/announcements/">https://holyspiritfremont.org/announcements/</a> - or stop by the Parish Office for contest rules and details.

All entries must be submitted December 9-10, 2023.

#### **Parol Coloring Contest**

Calling all children, youth, and adults! Join our artful contest—sponsored by the Holy Spirit Simbang Gabi Committee!

There are four (4) age categories: Preschool to Gr. 2; Gr. 3-5; Gr. 6-8; and youth/adults. The prize for each age category is a \$50 Holy Spirit Gift Shop gift certificate.

Age-designated coloring sheets are available at the Parish Office, Holy Spirit School Office, or de Sousa House. All entries must be submitted December 9-10, 2023.

#### **Advent Penance Service**

December 14, 2023

Prepare the way of the Lord! To prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, we invite the faithful to received the Sacrament of Reconciliation & Penance. Priests will be available for Confessions at 1:30 to 2:30 pm and then again at 6:30 pm.

#### **Parish Library**

Stop by our Parish Library in the Governo House on Sundays, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

- We have new selection of DVD movies.: "The Chosen" or "Slaves and Kings – The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret".
- We've also added the following books: "To Die Well A
   Catholic Neurosurgeon's Guide to the End of Life" and
   "Come To Me Living the Nine First Fridays".

#### **Grief Support**

Are you dealing with the death or illness of a loved one, a divorce, the loss of a job or other life-changing loss? Sharing your story with others may speed healing and lighten the burden of loss. Your story is uniquely yours but pain is universal. Information shared is strictly confidential. For more information, please contact Helen Campbell at 510.795.7958.



Alexander, Teagan, Greyson, Maverick

#### Shepherds Field Olive Wood Handcrafts Sale

December 2-3, 2023 | Peace Center

Handcrafted religious articles from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be sold after all Masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem.

In the past, Catholic families used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land, but they are now facing economic hardship, as there are not many pilgrims are visiting the Holy Land due to political issues, and especially now because of the current war between the Israelis and Hamas.

Many Catholic families have left the Holy Land. At one time, Christians made up 20% of the Holy Land's population, but is now down to less than 1%. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birth-place of our savior; Jesus Christ, is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land.

## AROUND THE PARISH





Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve\*\*

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:30 pm

12:00 midnight Carols begin at 11:30 pm.

Monday, December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day

7:15 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, and 12:30 pm There is NO 5:00 pm Mass.

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\*\*Please note: To fulfill your Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent, you must attend the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 23, or any of the morning or 12:30 pm Masses on Sunday, December 24.

### Bulletin Publicity Requests for December

Due to the upcoming holidays, please submit any/all publicity requests three (3) weeks prior to publication date.

Go to our parish website at <a href="https://holyspiritfremont.org/publicityrequest/">holyspiritfremont.org/publicityrequest/</a> to submit your request.

#### "Come and See": An Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocation to the Priesthood

December 23, 2023 3:00-7:00 pm

Join us at St. Michael's Parish in Livermore. This is open for men (18-40) who are interested and discerning the call to the Catholic priesthood. To register or for more information, please email Fr. Carl Arcosa at carcosa@oakdiocese.org or call 510.552.6596.

### Nourish—Support for Caregivers

Nourish for Caregivers is a ministry created specifically to offer support to the unique challenges of in-home caregivers. This Christ -centered program brings resources and support to family caregivers who carry both the blessing and burden of providing comfort and healing to people who are ill, suffering, and need special care.

Caregivers can join local and/or national Zoom calls for support (En Español). Go to <a href="https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care">https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care</a> for additional information.

#### **Current Schedule of Local Nourish Calls:**

1st & 3rd Tuesday (2:00 pm) 3rd Wednesday (7:00 pm) 4th Thursday (7:00 pm)

Local Nourish Calls in Spanish: 2nd & 4th Viernes (7:00 pm)

National Nourish Calls: Tuesday & Thursday (8:00 am)

#### **Parish Office**

Mondays to Fridays 9:00 am to 5:00 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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