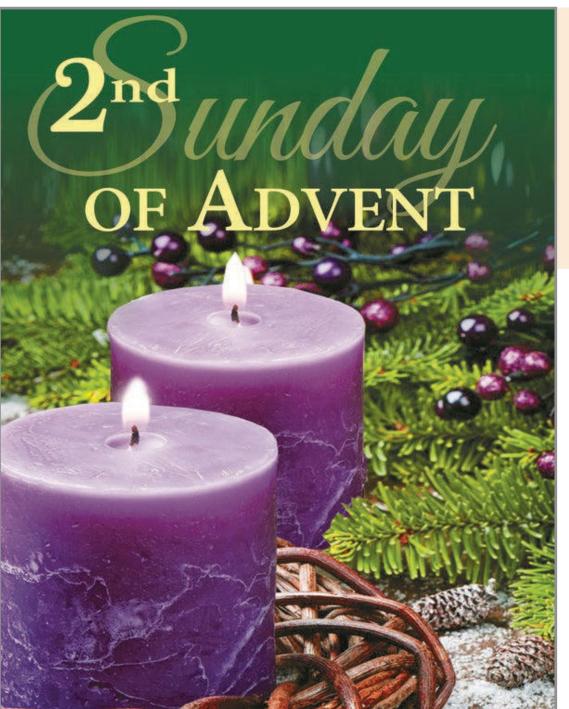
HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT





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 (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-ourcommunity

Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8	
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Graciela O. Montes, Skyler Soriano, † Salvador Ambayec, † Cipriano Crescini
7:15 am	Nicetas Torres, Menchavez Family, † Souls in Purgatory, † Angelita Camarillo
9:00 am	† Eugenia T. Mano, † Ester Dimalanta, † Hilaria Miranda, † Maurice Barboza, † Reena Barboza
10:45 am	Eulalia Villamor, Lito Ramos, † Tony Cimino Family, † Ligaya Bamford
12:30 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
5:00 pm	Graciela O. Montes, Esperanza Torres ,† Maria Maciel, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
MONDAY, DEC	EMBER 11 MONDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT
ls 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26	
7:00 am	Esperanza Torres, Nicetas Torres, † Fr. Robert Mendonca
8:15 am	Ambros Villo, Graciela O. Montes, † Maria Maciel
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	
7:00 am	Wayne Young, Esperanza Torres ,Nicetas Torres
8:15 am	Grace C. Oblena, † Lorna Arachea, † Maria Maciel
WEDNESDAY, I	DECEMBER 13 MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30	
7:00 am	Esperanza Torres, Nicetas Torres, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
8:15 am	† Maria Estrella Santos, † Maria Maciel, † Raymunda Yankiling
6:30 pm	Fr. Samweli Mvati, † Rosalinda Martinez, † Danilo Malonzo Apostol
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	
ls 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15	
7:00 am	† Guadalupe Corona & Pablo Macias, † Demetrio Timbreza, Sr., † Maria Maciel
8:15 am	Winston & Aaron Mina, † Dominic Gomes, † Redempta Barnachea
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 FRIDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT	

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Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

7:00 am Kristine Guevarra, Nicetas Torres, † Valeriano M. Alfaro

8:15 am [†] Jomarie Reginald Halog, [†] Maria Maciel, [†] Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 | SATURDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

7:00 am [†] Maria Maciel, [†] Corazon Dionisio
8:15 am Alex Zowin Family, Rachelle Ignacio, Delon C. Orquin, Faith Rovetta

NOURISH



FROM THE DESK OF FR. KEN...

The Theme of this Sunday's Readings: **All Humanity Shall See the Salvation of God**

Today's readings focus on release from captivity and restoration. In the second week of Advent, we continue to turn our thoughts to the "comings" of God the Son in the past and the future. We look forward to celebrating the Messiah's First Advent when all creation rejoiced at His Incarnation, and we also think about His promised return.

In His Second Advent, Christ will return to claim His Kingdom of the Church from its earthly exile, fulfilling God's promise of universal salvation. He will also bring about the Final Judgment for men and women of all nations when He separates the faithful and obedient sheep from the sinful and unworthy goats of humanity's flock (Mt 25:31-46).

God instructed the 8th century BC prophet Isaiah to prophesy to the covenant people concerning their future exile in Babylon. Their exile judgment was divine punishment for their many sins and their apostasy from the Sinai Covenant (Is 39:5-7).

In today's First Reading, after the harsh oracle of the exile, God instructs Isaiah to console the people by assuring them, that while they are making atonement for their sins in exile, He will not abandon or forget them. He reminds them that God is Israel's Divine Shepherd who cares for the sheep of His flock. He will forgive their sins and bring about the release of His people from their captivity. God will prepare the way for their return to their homes in the Promised Land, gently leading them like a shepherd leads his flock. He will not only restore them to the land, but He will restore the peace of His covenant relationship with them. In our Second Reading from St. Peter's second letter to the universal Church, he warns us that the promised sudden return of Jesus Christ can happen at any moment. The Second Advent of Christ only seems delayed because God, in His mercy, allows time for the entire earth to hear the Gospel message of salvation. Using the imagery of a roaring fire and a cosmic meltdown, the inspired writer describes the Second Coming of Christ when He will return as humanity's divine Judge and inaugurate a new creation.

The old world will pass away, and God will create a new Heaven and earth in which every living thing will flourish in righteousness in the Presence of the Almighty. The knowledge that Christ could come in judgment at any moment should instill in each of us a desire to repent our sins and to persevere in holiness so that He will find us in a state of grace at the moment of His inevitable coming.

In today's Gospel Reading, St. Mark tells us that Israel's historic deliverance from the Babylonian exile prefigures an even greater act of God. It is the promise of redemption made possible for humanity by the Redeemer Messiah, announced by the prophetic voice of the last Old Testament prophet, St. John the Baptist.

Quoting from the Isaiah passage in our First Reading, St. Mark assures us that God the Son came to fulfill the promises of the Old Testament prophets. Jesus came to set Israel and the men and women of all nations free from bondage to sin and death. In the Age of Jesus' Kingdom of the Church, His mission continues in saving the faithful living in this earthly exile.

The Church gathers them into a full restoration of fellowship with God and the hope of a future life in the Promised Land of Heaven. It is a restoration that Christ will complete in His Second Advent, and we need to continually keep our souls in a state of grace in preparation for the glorious event of His return.

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

Happy Advent!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B) Watch formed.org



The word conversion comes from the Latin word convertere, meaning "to turn around." When was the last time you were driving somewhere and got lost on the way to your destination?

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SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

On the Feast of Christ the King, Fr. Elipenda treated the parish children of St. Joseph the Worker to soda!





Fr. Elipenda pictured here receiving gifts from parishioners of one of the outposts.

Flower Fund

We are accepting donations towards floral arrangements for our church sanctuary.

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 are very thankful for our donors: • **Dec 3** ... James & Elizabeth Dequinia

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:

- \Rightarrow Dry Pinto Beans—1-lb.bags
- \Rightarrow Tomato Sauce
- \Rightarrow 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, NO EXPIRED FOOD</u>. Thank you for your support! For information or assistance: 510.797.3672

Second Collection: Religious Retirement December 9-10, 2023

This weekend's Second Collection is for the annual Retirement Fund for Religious in parishes throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare.

Please be generous. We thank you for your prayerful support. You are helping those who have dedicated their lives to our faith, formation and evangelization.

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. Please place inside a gift bag and attach the tag to the bag.

Place the gift under one of the Christmas trees in the church or drop off at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

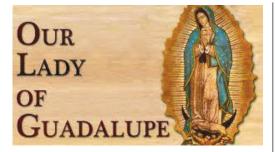
All gifts must be received before Sunday, December 17, 2023, in order for us to organize and deliver them to our recipients.



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



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.

Pray For

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

Pray for Our Sick

Herminigilda Manuel, Anthony Alvarez, Tom Alvarez

Birthday Blessings

Sarah M. Avila, Logan Batacan



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.



For those in need of love and companionship, that they may know that the Lord is their shepherd, who holds and carries them.

Let us pray to the Lord...



INVITE

Christ the Savior is Born

Christmas Mass Times

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 <u>NO</u> 5:00 pm Mass.

**<u>Please note</u>: 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.

Filipino Society Food Sale Price Change

Due to increased food and supply costs, the Filipino Society will be increasing the price of our meal deal to \$10 (including bottled water) starting in 2024.

We thank you for your support as we continue our mission of fund-raising for our scholarships and special projects for Holy Spirit Parish.

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 - <u>https://</u> <u>holyspiritfremont.org/announcements/</u> - 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.

Parish Blood Drive

January 7, 2024 | 8:00 - 11:00 am

Blood supplies are low during the holidays so please help us to make a difference in our community by making an appointment to donate blood. By the time you have finished reading this notice, someone has needed a blood transfusion.

Won't you please make an appointment to help? Appointments are available at donors.vitalant.org or contact Kendee at kendeehs@yahoo.com. Use code: HolyHoly.

AROUND THE PARISH



"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, email Fr. Carl Arcosa at carcosa@oakdiocese.org or call 510.552.6596.

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.

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 (<u>En Español</u>).

Go to <u>https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care</u> 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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT: "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS. EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

-LUKE 3:4-5

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS BISHIP'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 a recurring gift, a one-time gift, or a pledge. Scan the QR code

or go to <u>https://</u> www.oakdiocese.org/ <u>bishops-appeal-donation-</u> page

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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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