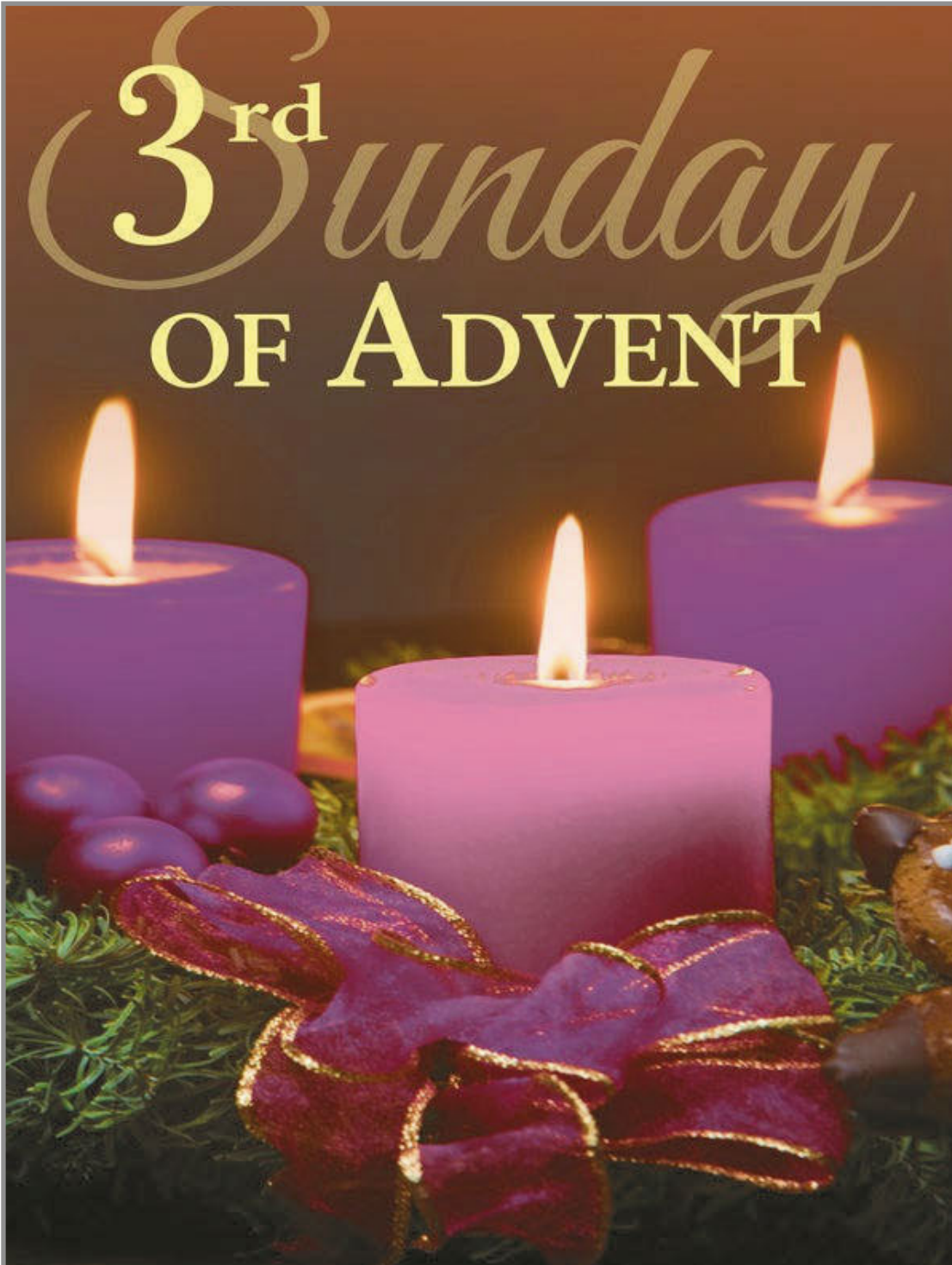




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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.

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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: 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](http://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: January 5, 2024

## Mass Intentions

To request a Mass, contact us at [info@holyspiritfremont.org](mailto:info@holyspiritfremont.org) or 510.797.1660

## New to Holy Spirit?

Welcome! To register, contact us at [info@holyspiritfremont.org](mailto:info@holyspiritfremont.org) or go to [holyspiritfremont.org/join-our-community](http://holyspiritfremont.org/join-our-community)

## Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Dean & Audrey Lizardo, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Bienvenida Bonoan Ballesteros, † Pacita Yonzon
7:15 am	Jonathan Mano, † Souls in Purgatory, † Maria Maciel, † Lina Guerrero, Eduardo de Leon & Bien Saniano
9:00 am	† Jose Luis Rivera, † Reynato Sto. Tomas, † Yoshiko Arends, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
10:45 am	† Souls in Purgatory, † Maria Facundo Gacula & Family, † Gregoria & Lamberto Concepcion, † Christopher Joseph Discenna
12:30 pm	† Dub Ogi, Maria Mayoralgo, † Balz & Mary Senn, † Nordine Durante
5:00 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 | MONDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

7:00 am	† Leon Del Rosario, † Estela Mojica, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
8:15 am	Geoffrey Patrick Saturnio, Oscar & Josefina De Torres, † Licerio Valencia

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 | TUESDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

7:00 am	† Mary L. Rose & Family, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Ememorita Gonzales
8:15 am	John Zowin, † Maria Maciel, † Simeon and Carolina Lorena Gianan

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 | WEDNESDAY OF 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am	† Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Regina LePiane, † Eugene LePiane
8:15 am	Arnald & Carmencita Agcaoili, † Raymunda Yangkiling, † Melquiades and Concepcion Gianan Noya
6:30 pm	Cez & Bobby Reyes, † Esperanza Alcantar, † Manuel Alcantar

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 | THURSDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

7:00 am	Esli Mensah-Adeniyi, † Francisco Barnachea, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
8:15 am	Joan Kennedy, † Robert C. Young, Desiree Tabora

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 | FRIDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

7:00 am	De Jesus Family, Carol Pascual, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
8:15 am	† Marquez & Sanchez Family, † Virginia Noguera, † Eduardo and Vicenta Torres Gianan

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 | SATURDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

7:00 am	† Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Aquarius Linis, † Melquiades and Concepcion Gianan Noya
8:15 am	† Gladys Fawsett, † Yoshiko Arends, Marissa Savage



## FROM THE DESK OF FR. BINH...

Are you ready to be joyful for Christmas?

If a child needs a reason to state why he loves Christmas most, he will probably say it is because he receives presents from Santa Claus. Adults love Christmas, too, but for different reasons. Perhaps they enjoy colorful decorations or cold weather.

There are many other reasons for a person to like Christmas. For Christians, the favorite thing about Christmas should be because Jesus was born for the world. When Jesus is among us, and we have Him, we can rejoice anytime. He is a great joy. Because of Jesus, we can delight in all seasons and circumstances. Rejoice always through Him, with Him, and in Him.

Today is Rose Sunday. This year, Christmas Eve will occur on the same evening as the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas is around the corner, and you can now whisper the lyric, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

Remember your joy on Christmas! If anyone asks how you can be so joyful all the time, you can reply with one of the following quotes from today's readings:

*"I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;" (Isaiah)*

*"My spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant." (Luke)*

*"In all circumstances give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1  
Thessalonians)*

I invite you to rejoice and be optimistic, not because I encourage you to ignore your reality. You may have a beautiful life or be in a struggling exile. God knows you well, and the words of God this weekend remind us that we have Jesus in our lives. We need to remember his presence.

On November 15, 2013, during his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis stressed that Jesus is our joy, "Each of us, today take a little time and think: 'Jesus, You are within me: I want to meet You every day. You are a Person, not an idea; You are a companion, not a program. You are Love that solves so many problems. You are the beginning of evangelization. You, Jesus, are the source of joy.'

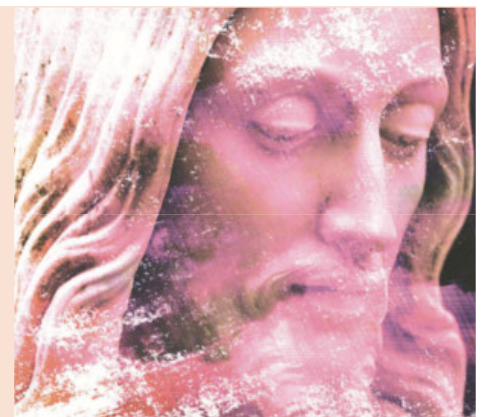
We must be joyful for others because Jesus is the source of joy, and we want to be like Him. Jesus brings the world joy, we are called to do the same. Whoever you are and whatever you face, "rejoice always," as Saint Paul suggests.

I hope you find Jesus, our great joy, during your Christmas and bring that joy to everyone you encounter.

Fr. Binh Ha

**“I** baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

(John 1:23)







# SERVE

## 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. 10** ... In Memory of Concepcion Devera Dequinia †
- **Dec. 15** ... Simbang Gabi

## 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.

## Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the 12:30 pm and 5:00 pm Masses on Sundays.

Please contact Dee Francisco at [Dee.francisco3@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@holyspiritfremont.org)

## 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 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

## St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Father Elipenda's Advent Message (excerpt):

Fr. Elipenda explains that the Advent period has two elements; we are reminded of when the Son of God "came to us the first time, and immediately prepares us to receive him when he comes to us again on the last day."

Fr. Elipenda goes on to say: "As he fulfilled the promise the first time, he will also fulfill it the second time, although to him a thousand years are like one day. Between the two advents, the Lord comes to us continuously in the sacraments (especially the Eucharist) and in daily life through events and people (especially the poor). So we should always be ready to receive him so that on the last day we will meet him, and he will welcome us to eternal life. We should also ask him to come to deliver us, he who is our hope.

May the God's blessing be upon you all. Amen."

To read Fr. Elipenda's message in its entirety, go to: <https://holyspiritfremont.org/sister-parish/>

Giving

Corner

Sunday, December 3

\$34,726

### Special Collection coming up:

St. Vincent de Paul | December 31

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.



*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 NO 5:00 pm Mass.

**\*\*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.



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

Yolanda Freshour, Junaid Safi, Lesli Griffiths, Isolde Krenzer

### Pray for Our Recently Departed

Josefa Vilahermosa, Trinidad Devera, Regalado Legaspi, Nathaniel Velasco, Rick Durand, Godofredo Manuel

### Birthday Blessings

Edna Ahern, Logan Batacan, Leanna Nicolas



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Tues. and Thurs. 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.

## New Year Mass Times

New Year's Eve  
Sunday, December 31, 2023

5:00 pm - Mass

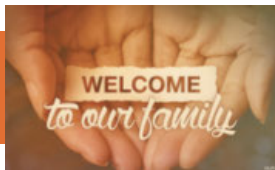
10:00 pm - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 pm - Mass

New Year's Day  
Monday, January 1, 2024  
(correction)

7:00 and 9:30 am

*Happy New Year*



# INVITE

## 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

We are also accepting food donations on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul. Bring your donations to any of the Simbang Gabi Masses. Thank you.

## Parish Blood Drive

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

In conjunction with Vitalant, our parish is hosting a blood drive in the Peace Center. Anyone 17 years old or older weighing at least 110 lbs. is able to donate with valid identification. (Blood donors may be 16 years old but must have parental consent.)

Blood donations are especially needed during the holidays. Every day of every year, someone needs blood every 2 seconds. Please help us to help our community by making an appointment today.

Appointments are available online at [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org)—use code: HolyHoly. You may also contact Kendee at [kendeeds@yahoo.com](mailto:kendeeds@yahoo.com). One donation can help save up to 3 lives! Thank You!

## 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.



## Holy Spirit School Open House

Sunday, January 28, 2024 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Save the date!

Join us for our Open House as we kick off Catholic Schools Week. Stop by and see our amazing parish school. Meet the faculty and staff, and receive information on kindergarten testing.

We look forward to seeing you at the Open House!

## Holy Spirit School Crab Feed—Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Our annual Holy Spirit School Crab Feed will take place in the Parish Center. It's all the crab you can eat and plenty of fun! More information to come.



Miles, Azariyah, Lauren, Mariah, Ramona, Coraline, Kyrie, Atalia

**Christmas Baby**

It is a tradition at Holy Spirit to have a child process in for the Christmas Eve Masses to represent the Christ Child. This is a wonderful tradition that lends great meaning to our Christmas Eve celebration. The Presider carries the child as the mother and father process in at the same time.

If you have a child between one (1) month and 13 months old by Christmas Day and would like your family to participate in one of our Christmas Eve Mass processions, please contact Dee Francisco at [dee@holyspiritfremont.org](mailto:dee@holyspiritfremont.org).



# AROUND THE PARISH



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

Dec. 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](mailto:carcosa@oakdiocese.org) or call 510.552.6596.

## The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Season 2)

Mondays beginning Jan. 22, 2024  
7:00 to 9:00 pm  
de Sousa House Theater

Join Dn. Steve and Annette Lewellyn in reflection and study on the life of Jesus as portrayed in the groundbreaking series. Purchase the study guide through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

## 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 <https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care> 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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Mario Castellanos  
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### Music

Paul Orella  
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In observance of Christmas, the following will be closed on December 22-26, 2023:

**Parish Office & Rectory  
De Sousa House  
Adoration Chapel**

On behalf of Fr. Ken, Fr. Eddie, Fr. Binh, Fr. Frank, all of our deacons and parish staff, we pray that you and your loved ones have a joyful and wonder-filled Christmas.

See you at Mass!



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