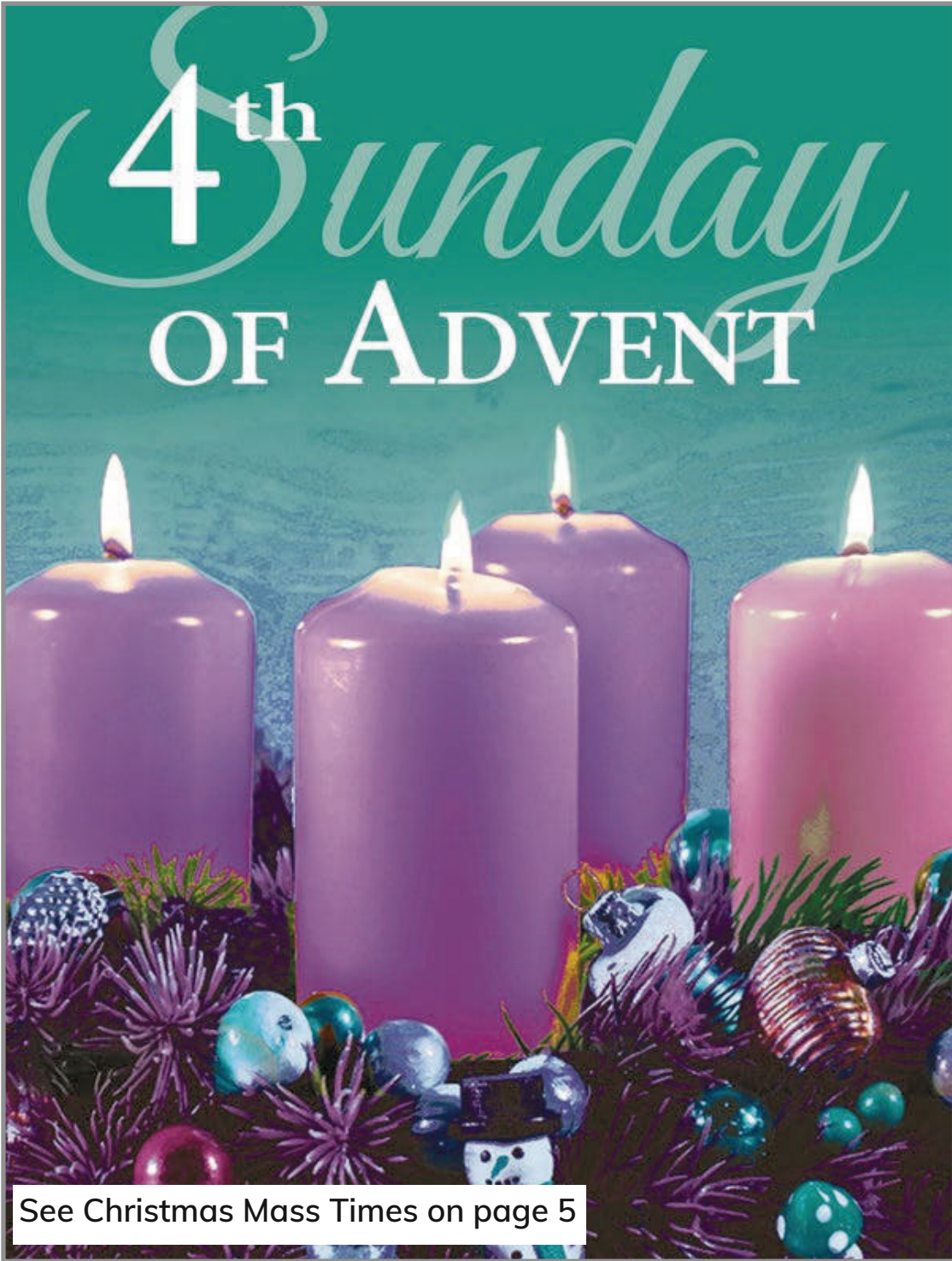




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



See Christmas Mass Times on page 5

### 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 24 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Mary Yip, Fred & Ofelia Eclipse, † Maria Sandoval, † Vincenza Aguila, † Filomena Amaral
7:15 am	James Dang, † Alex B. Lucas, † Pedro L. Valerio, † Jason L. Valerio
9:00 am	† Jesus Estavillo, † Eugenia T. Mano, † Jesus Emmanuel B. Cueto, † Diosdada P. Lucas
10:45 am	Asis & Albano Family, † Phyllis Dyer, † Alex S. Lucas, † Consuelo Valerio
12:30 pm	† Ernesto M. Villamor Sr., † Ernesto Kong Jr., † Pedro Y. Valerio, † Tersila Bilgera

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
8:30 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
12:00 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
7:15 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
9:00 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
10:45 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
12:30 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 | FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

7:00 am	Sophia Lizardo, † Joseph & Helen Kane, † Babette Manares
8:15 am	Jeff Estrellanes, May Capati, Nora Dand & Arleen Saniano, † Zosima Jaballas

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 | FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

7:00 am	Leena & Jaymon, Linda Bajet, † Merrill Greenwood
8:15 am	Sonia and Mathew, † Rosalina Camacho, † Elena Abarca, † Laurena Garcia
6:30 pm	World Peace, Fitzgerald, Lucel & East Reyes, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 | FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

7:00 am	† Mary C. Orduno, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Epifania Cleope Mariano Zaragoza
8:15 am	Guerrero Family, Carlito T. Corciga, † Milagros Capinpin

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 | THE FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

7:00 am	Rosalyn & Sunil, Joseph Anthony L. Buccat, Victims of War
8:15 am	Daniela Guevarra, Carlito T. Corciga, † Estella Chico

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 | THE SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

7:00 am	Kalaia Gomez, † Purita Abia Maraya, † Emilia & Amado Ymas
8:15 am	Aidan Orias, † Eduardo Sr. & Eduardo Jr. Miller, † David Gerrard



## FROM THE DESK OF SR. ANNETTE...

Say Yes

Looking at the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord" should be our theme song. King David wants to build a house, a temple for the Lord, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" And God responds, "Should you build me a house? I have been with you wherever you went." Then the Gospel tells the beautiful story of the Incarnation and how Mary said "yes" in response to the angel Gabriel.

The Blessed Virgin Mary has long been venerated as the Ark of God, the temple in which God dwells, the bearer of Christ, the mother of Jesus. Mary's "yes," her surrender to God's plan, allows the Incarnation to take place in her and she rejoices. Her beautiful song, (Luke 1:46) "my soul magnifies the Lord" is another expression of "forever singing the goodness of the Lord." We are being invited by today's readings to imitate Mary in our lives by saying "yes" to God daily in our prayer, surrendering to God's plan, being temples of the Holy Spirit, (1 Cor 3:16) and bearers of Christ in our world rejoicing in and "forever singing the goodness of God."

Through the whole of Advent, we have been invited to return to God, rouse ourselves to be watchful and alert while waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God and preparing the way of the Lord. In short, we are invited to grow daily in our awareness, our consciousness, our prayerfulness, and our patience in prayer while waiting on God's action in our lives. "As we come to a higher consciousness of God and thus wholeness in love, God becomes God in us. This 'becoming God in us' is incarnation." (Ilia Delio: The Not-Yet God, 140)

Let me encourage you to take time each day as you "say your prayers" to sit quietly in God's presence: resting in God's love, listening, waiting, watchful, growing in awareness, and becoming conscious. It may seem that nothing is happening so be patient. Being quiet is a challenge in the beginning for our heads may be filled with a variety of thoughts and things to do. Be patient, the "voices, the distractions" will fade in your faithfulness to this practice. Allow God to love you and surrender to God's love. Learn to say "yes" and be grateful even if it seems that nothing is happening. All is in God's time. Let God become God in you so that you can truly say "By the power of the Holy Spirit, may Christ be present to us as we make Christ to the world" and forever sing "the goodness of the Lord."

Wishing you and all your loved ones, the abundant blessings of Christmas. Say yes!



**M**ary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

(Luke 1:38)



# 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. 24** ... Gretchen Brennan, Kay Do, Peter and Flora Salas

## 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

## 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.

## Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul December 30-31, 2023

Next weekend's Second Collection benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Your contributions help our less fortunate neighbors with food, utilities, rent, and other emergency needs.

Our ministry thanks Holy Spirit families who support us through monetary contributions, pantry food, and prayers.

### Giving

Sunday, December 10

\$40,032

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### 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://holyspiritfremont.org/request-a-prayer/> or call the Parish Office at 510.797.1660

### Pray for Our Sick

Carlito T. Corciga, Junaid Safi, Maura Fernando, Glenda Ilagan, Monica May Villanueva, Raoul Batacan

### Pray for Our Recently Departed

David Gerrard, Lorraine Farrell

### Birthday Blessings

Luke Batacan

## 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*



### 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.



# INVITE

## Parish Blood Drive

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

Change a life. Donate blood! Please join us in the Peace Center.

Donors have helped change the life of countless people in our community including a 58-year old male with Anemia, a 33-year old female whose labor had to be induced, and a 44-year old male with a Coronary Artery Bypass Graft.

Help change a life by making an appointment to donate blood at [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org). Just click "Donate Blood" & enter Sponsor Code: HolyHoly. You can also register by contacting Kendee at [kendeehs@yahoo.com](mailto:kendeehs@yahoo.com).

Appointments are recommended as those with appointments will have priority. Thank you for changing the life of someone our community this holiday season!

## 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.

## The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study

Mondays | 7:00 to 9:00 pm

de Sousa House Theater

Beginning, Monday, January 22, 2024, 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 for Season 2 through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

## 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.

## CYO Track & Field Team 2024

Come join the Holy Spirit Track & Field Team! Run for FUN! Run for your health, mind and spirit!

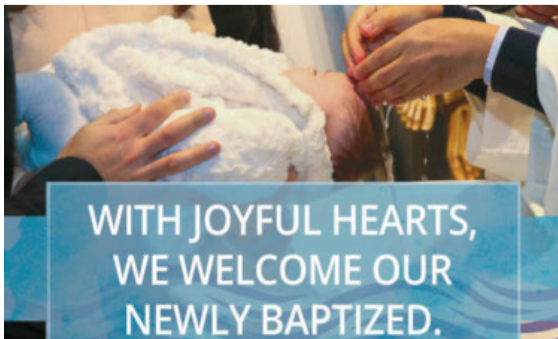
Open to children in Kinder through 8th grade. Kids can participate in sprints, distance runs, relays, jumping and throwing events (2 Field & 1 Running or 2 Running & 1 Field event combinations).

Our focus will be on having FUN, good sportsmanship and being a beacon of Christian fellowship. No experience required. Athletes will train at their level.

To register, go to:

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=482484>

For more information please contact Coach Chris at [cdcanotal@yahoo.com](mailto:cdcanotal@yahoo.com)



Aila, Leonardo



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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



In observance of Christmas and New Year, please note the following parish closures:

**December 22-26, 2023 & December 29, 2023-January 2, 2024**

**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 wonder-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year. See you at Mass!

## 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.

## Ignatian Companions

If you have a yearning to deepen your spiritual life while accompanying the poor and marginalized in your community, Ignatian Companions may be the answer! It is a program for adults who want to connect their spirituality with service to those in need while engaging with other Companions in dialogue, prayer, and reflection. For more information, contact Marco Matute at marco@saintagnessf.org or 415-297-7954 or go to ignatian-companions.org

## 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:

1st & 3rd Viernes (7:00 pm)

### National Nourish Calls:

Tuesday (8am) & 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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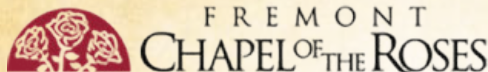
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