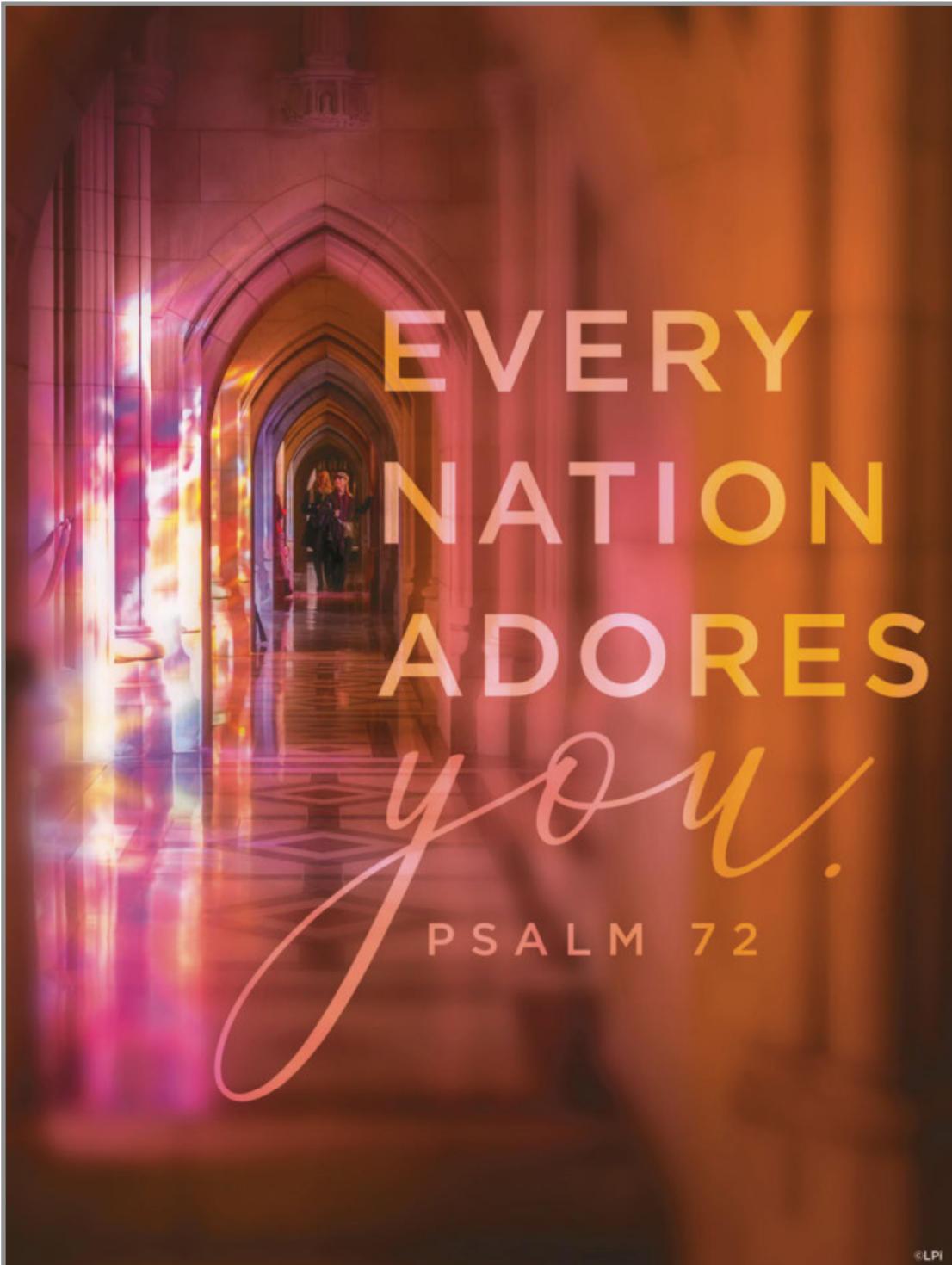




SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 | SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## 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: February 3, 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 no Mass on Good Friday.  
Next Mass: February 2, 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, JANUARY 7 | SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 7:15 am † Souls in Purgatory, Menchavez Family bday/anniversary celebrants, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
- 9:00 am Jose & Letty Ragundin Aguirre Family, Mary Grace Froula, † Carlos Goulart, Jr., Villanueva Family, Acuna Family
- 10:45 am Lurli Dobzyniak, Tulio Family, † Hilaria Miranda, Espiritu Family, Joseph Maria Quan Ha
- 12:30 pm † Robert & Joyce Goveas, † Durante Family, Almeida Family, † Francis Alaric Baker
- 5:00 pm Dylan Francisco & Peter Daco, Joshua Alimpia, Casenas Family, Estrada & Salindong Family

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8 | FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

- 7:00 am † Warren Velasquez, † Alicia Villagrana, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
- 8:15 am Chito Sanchez, Kate Speaks, † Bienvenida Ballesteros

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 | TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

- 7:00 am † Exaltation D'sa, † Jorge Kamlley, † Alejandro Marquez
- 8:15 am † Prudencia Raguindin, † Perfecto Castaneda, † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 | WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

- 7:00 am † Ramona Dote Esteves, Rosalyn Jose, Ramola & Jose
- 8:15 am † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Ester Dimalanta
- 6:30 pm Grace Laxamana, † Allan Cabangangan

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 | THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

- 7:00 am † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr.
- 8:15 am Aylmer Jordan Abrea, † Allan Cabangangan

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 | FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

- 7:00 am † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Jose Miranda
- 8:15 am † Leona Protusada, † Lorna Arachea, † Maria Cuellar

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 | SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

- 7:00 am † Ruperto Tankeh, Sr., † Anne Saunders Quinn
- 8:15 am † Bimbo Batacan, † Petronila Bautista, † Pedro Y. Valerio

*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 DN. STEVE...

Today we celebrate the Epiphany, the day Christ is made known to all people.

The Magi, or kings from the East, followed a star that led them to the Baby, Christ, so they could pay Him homage. How did they recognize this star?

We see stars at night, when there is very little or no light around us. When I go on my Shasta fishing trips, we are out in the middle of nowhere. No lights around us, pitch darkness. Yet when we look up at the sky, we see many, many stars. I am sure that in our lifetimes we have seen constellations or have connected the stars; we see a pattern that looks like the Milky Way, Big Dipper, Orion, etc.

Stars come out at night, our quiet time. Unlike our daytime, when we get busy, shopping, cleaning, catching up with friends, and working, so we are easily distracted.

I personally love writing my homilies late at night when everyone is in bed. This is the time when my mind relaxes, and all the day noise is gone. It is at this quiet time that I really hear God's call. It is at this quiet time the Holy Spirit gives me thought and direction.

Do we ever see signs that point us in a certain direction? Does our faith in God allow us to move in this direction? And when we move in this direction, are we easily distracted or rerouted?

Maybe this is why the Magi followed the star, which was at night, allowing God to guide them through all the noise, issues, hazards, or daily distractions. By their faith, they found their way to our Savior and presented Him with gifts.

I urge you to share a God-given gift with others. Do this as evidence of your faith in Christ, and let us start our New Year off in the right direction, the Christ direction.

Many blessings this New Year to you and your family.

Dn. Steve and Annette



**“W**here is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

(Mt 2:2)



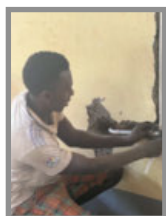
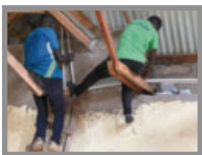




# SERVE

## St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Our Adult Vocational students who attended the Tanga Veta Electrical Installation Vocational School helped fix up our Sister Parish church.



Samwel Daud was helping with the electrical in the roof and William Julius was working on the wall.

## 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)

## Table of Plenty

Wanted!! Do you have fruit trees with an abundance of fruit? Please consider donating to Table of Plenty for distribution to our food insecure guests. If you need help harvesting fruit that is out of reach, please contact: [mary-marcellus57@gmail.com](mailto:mary-marcellus57@gmail.com)

Table of Plenty also has an ongoing need for grocery size bags and egg cartons, or any extra food in your pantry. Bring any donation to the Peace Center Saturdays between 7:30-9:30 am, or bring to the parish office 9:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday clearly labelled for Table of Plenty.

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:

- ⇒ Breakfast Cereal
- ⇒ Pork & Beans
- ⇒ 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

## 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: Diocesan Seminarians January 6-7, 2024

Every year, a second collection is taken up for our financial support of our seminarians in the Diocese of Oakland. We are grateful for your kindness, prayers, and generosity. To give online, go to <https://oakdiocese.org/diocesan-donation>.



## Giving

Sunday, December 17

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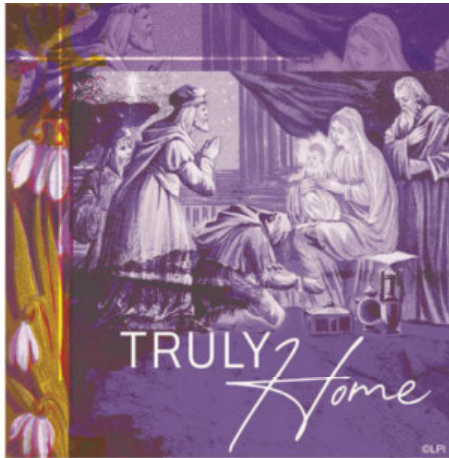
### Special Collection coming up:

Holy Spirit School | January 28

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.



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

## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir

## Saint of the week

St. Tarcisus was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

## Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

## Pray for Our Sick

- Ian Armijo
- Olga Menezes
- Junaid Safi
- Charlie Glover

## Pray for Our Recently Departed

- Jana Calo Avergonzado
- Teresa Garcia

## Birthday Blessings

- Rosalyn Jose
- Peter Scampavia
- Dee Francisco
- Emily Francisco
- Joshua Alimpia

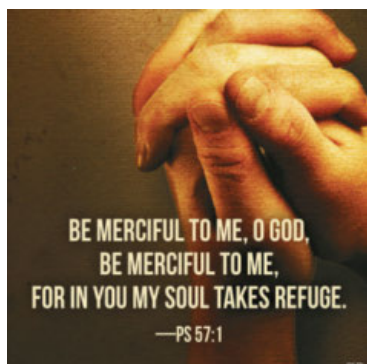
## Wedding Anniversary Blessings

- Dn. Chuck & Sherry Glover (57 yrs)
- Dylan Francisco & Peter Daco (1 yr)

## 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.



**T**hat those who suffer from the darkness of depression find healing light.

Let us pray to the Lord...



# INVITE

## Parish Blood Drive

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

We need your help to help those in our area who need blood. Each day, 43,000 pints of blood are used in the United States and Canada and less than 10% of the population in the U.S. donates annually.

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.) Please help us to help our community by donating blood today. One donation can help save up to 3 lives! Walk-ins are welcome. 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.

## Women Gather

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Once again, we invite you to join Women Gather. Come early for a cup of coffee, to meet and greet the others joining us for prayer and faith sharing.

Prayer at 10:00 am is followed by lunch and an afternoon of service.

Space at Casa Julie is limited, please RSVP to Sr. Annette at 408.390.7184 for details.

## 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!

## 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)

## 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.



Clark, Logan, Aiden, Kalenna, Justin, Derrick, Naidse, Roman, Luna

## The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study

Mondays | 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
de Sousa House Theater

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Purchase the study guide for Season 2 through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).





# AROUND THE PARISH



**2024 West Coast Walk for Life**  
**Re-claiming Life for Every Generation**  
Saturday, January 20, 2024  
Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

Join us as we mark the 20th Anniversary of the Walk for Life West Coast, 20 years of standing for the littlest and most vulnerable among us, and 20 years of fearlessly asserting that Abortion Hurts Women.

Our parish will be hiring a bus to transport parishioners to San Francisco for Mass and Walk for Life events. The chartered bus will leave Holy Spirit at 8:00 am and we will return around 4:30 pm. (Bring a brown bag lunch.) For bus/ticket information, contact Rosalyn Jose at [Rosalyn@holyspiritfremont.org](mailto:Rosalyn@holyspiritfremont.org).

#### Schedule of Events:

#### WALK FOR LIFE MASS

9:30 am – St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco

The official Walk for Life Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco – all are welcome.

#### SILENT NO MORE CAMPAIGN

10:45 am to 12:15 pm – Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

#### INFO FAIR

11:00 am to 12:30 pm – Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

#### WALK FOR LIFE MAIN EVENT

12:30 to 1:30 pm – Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

Rally: 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Walk: 1:30 pm

For more information and additional events, go to <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

## 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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