HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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.

CONTACT

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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 (except on Holy Saturday) Thursday before First Friday: 3:30 pm (except if it falls on Holy Thursday) Weekdays: call for an appointment

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: September 7, 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: September 6, 2024

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass, contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org or stop by the Parish Office.

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

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Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69							
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Alfredo & Lourdes Pisco, † Cirilo Canlas, † Justin Thomas M. Malvas, † Danilo Mendoza, † Michael Camillo Matias						
7:15 am	[†] Larry Rogers						
9:00 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish						
10:45 am	Ricardo Catapang, Angela Pham, Librodo Family, † Procopio Lucero, Jr., Armin Christopher Paras & Edith Gonzalez						
12:30 pm	Mathew Thekemuriyle, Susan Alonzo, † Felix D'Almeida, † Genaro Padua, † Francisco Carpio, Sr.						
5:00 pm	Mildred Teixeira, † Lilia L. Legaspi						
MONDAY, AUG	UST 26 MONDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME						
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11	-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22						
7:00 am	Benjie Tulio, Agnes Guinto, † Jack Teixeira						
8:15 am	Ludi Calo, Fitzgerald, Lucel & East Reyes, † Ceferino H. Evangelista						
TUESDAY, AUG	JESDAY, AUGUST 27 MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA						
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26							
7:00 am	Raven Gilberts, † Lourdes C. Nilmeier, † Felipe Villegas, Sr.						
8:15 am	Kayden Lingad, Marta Cuellar Rinetti, † Venancio Lavarias, Jr., Felix Lee Lerma						
WEDNESDAY, A	AUGUST 28 MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH						
2 Thes 3:6-10, 1	.6-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32						
7:00 am	Ariel C. Garalza, Noel & Marissa Reyes, † Daniel Derby						
8:15 am	Hannah Ogi-Robbins, Nadia Torres, † Alfredo Arante						
6:30 pm	Fernando Motas, Jr. & Gailaza Motas, † Maria Laksmana, † Ana Flores						
THURSDAY, AU	IGUST 29 MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST						
1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29							
7:00 am	† Terri Phan, † Mark Foletti						
8:15 am	† Renato Castaneda, † Caroline Morris, † Ana Flores						
FRIDAY, AUGUS	ST 30 FRIDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME						
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13							
7:00 am	† Danilo Mendoza, † Robert Morris Sr., † Mark Foletti						
8:15 am	Phillip & Michele Poma, † Timoteo M. Concepcion						
SATURDAY, AU	IGUST 31 SATURDAY OF THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME						

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

- 7:00 am [†] Joe D'sa, [†] Julio P. Torres
- 8:15 am Teresa Luk, † Reynaldo P. Oblena

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.

NOURISH





FROM THE DESK OF DN. BERNARD ...

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the freedom to make a choice. We all have a choice from the moment we wake up to the moment we go back to

bed. The outcome of our choices may not be sufficient for all but each of us has a choice.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are asked to make a choice – a choice between life and death – just as in the first reading where Joshua asked the Israelites to make a choice, "...decide today whom you will serve..."

Jesus offers us a choice: to follow or turn away from Him. Complete surrender is essential to follow Him with all our hearts, minds, and souls, even when we face challenges and difficulties. After all, Jesus said following Him won't be easy. In doing so, we may be deprived of lots of things, particularly the earthly pleasures in life. This may be hard to accept. Because of this, many Christians today turn their backs on the faith they received. The Christian faith has been in great decline especially in the western world, particularly in Europe. It has lost its place in the mainstreams of society and has become less and less attractive. We just witnessed that in the Olympics.

Often, we live our lives where we want God to stay behind rather than placing Him in front and following Him. Many choose to take the easy way out rather than take a chance and give it their all in following Jesus. Life is not meant to be easy. The wide gate taken by many that leads to destruction (Mt 7:13); rather than the narrow gate taken by few that leads to life (Mt 7:14).

Jesus continuously offers His very self in the Eucharist, His true Flesh & Blood. Are we to deny His very presence in our lives? Many of Jesus' disciples left him; for this reason, Jesus asked the Twelve a question that still stands for all of us to this day: "Do you also want to leave?" Jesus will never force us to follow Him. He gives us an invitation, and the free will that allows us to make our own choice. In choosing Christ, we can acclaim: "And it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me". (Gal 2:20)

Sometimes our life can be dictated by who or what we constantly see and hear. In my case, I can say it was my grandmother. As a single mother whose husband died during World War II, she raised her family in the best way she could. Her faith in God never diminished but strengthened and grew day by day. It was through her that I witnessed one's devotion to the Lord as her daily bread that sustained her and her family. She always placed her hope and trust in the Lord. She chose to trust and follow Christ in everything she did.

My grandmother was my guiding light who showed me a lot of good things/values/morals in life and was so influential in leading me to Christ. She never forced me; by simply living her life in reflecting Christ, she drew me closer to the Lord. She paved the path for me and all what was remaining for me was to choose and tread that path. Just like her and like St. Peter's remark: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

We are called to put our faith and trust even if we don't fully understand everything Jesus says. Trust Him; He and only He has the words of eternal life.

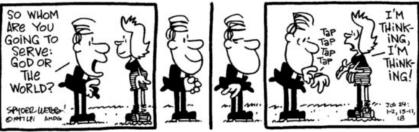
A lot of times we make the wrong choices in life. Thankfully, we have a loving and merciful God who patiently waits for our return despite of our sinfulness. Simply choose Jesus Christ, and we'll surely never regret it. A life in Christ is a life for all eternity.

God Bless us all.

Dn. Bernard & Jean



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SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

During their visit to our sister parish, Fr. Ken and Fr. Frank were concelebrants at the Confir-

mation Mass, presided by Bishop Rogath Kimaryo, CSSp, of the Diocese of Same.



Pictured on right and below, Bishop Kimaryo giving his Homily.





Fr. Ken and Fr. Frank were invited to pray over and lay hands on the Confirmandi.





Bishop Kimaryo anointing Confirmandi with Chrism oil.



We congratulate the Confirmandi of St. Joseph the Worker! We pray that the Holy Spirit guides, protects, and strengthens each one of you.

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 Breakfast Cereal
- \Rightarrow Canned Fruit
- \Rightarrow Pork & Beans

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: Holy Spirit School August 24-25, 2024

This weekend's Second Collection benefits Holy Spirit School. Funds collected will go towards tuition assistance and enrichment programs. Thank you for your generous support

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.

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Second Collection for Maintenance & Improvement Fund Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2024

Next weekend's Second Collection is for our Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund. Restricted funds collected will be used for the maintenance and improvements of our facilities and deferred maintenance.

Did you know that we replaced the air conditioning unit in the church A/V Room to keep the equipment cool? We also installed a new AC unit in the Parish Office.

For more information, please contact Eric Hom at eric@holyspiritfremont.org.



Our pledged weekly amount (excluding special collections): \$33,201

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



Feast of Our Lady of Velankanni

Novena | Aug. 30 to Sept. 7, 2024

You are invited to pray the Novena to our Blessed Mother Mary with us, immediately after the 7:00 am daily Masses and the 7:15 am Sunday Mass.

Mass | Sept. 8, 2024 | 5:00 pm

To mark the Feast of Our Lady of Velankanni and the Nativity of Mary, join us for Mass.

Refreshments will be served immediately after Mass, provided by the Holy Spirit Indian Society.

Confessions Before First Friday

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Confessions will be available immediately after the 8:15 am Mass—8:45 to 9:30 am— and at 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

<u>Please note</u>: There will be <u>NO</u> Confessions on Thursday, September 5th, as our clergy and parish staff will be away on retreat.

Blue Mass Sept. 11, 2024 | 7:00 & 8:15 am

As we mark Patriot Day, a day of remembrance, we invite police and fire personnel, and first responders to join us for Mass.

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

Novena | Sept. 19-27, 2024

Join us in praying the Novena and Rosary after the 7:00 am daily Masses and Sunday 7:15 am Mass.

Mass | Sept. 28, 2024

Join us for the 5:00 pm Mass, followed by a reception sponsored by the Holy Spirit Filipino Society.



Our Lady of Fatima Mass & International Rosary October 13, 2023 | 6:30 pm

Join us for Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. Bring your images of our Blessed Mother to be blessed.

Immediately after Mass, join us as we pray the International Rosary.

If you would like to participate in the Rosary and recite the Hail Mary in your native language, please contact: Marina at 510.207.6395 or Bella at 510.791.6121.

2025 Mass Intentions

We are accepting 2025 Mass Intention requests. Please go to our website and download the request form or pick up a form at the Parish Office. Due to our large prayerful community here at Holy Spirit, it is absolutely FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED! Requests are processed according to the date the application was received.



BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, For in you my soul takes refuge. —PS 57:1

For all of us: May each of us be grateful for the gift of the Eucharist, and experience with faith and love this encounter with our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. 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 <u>https://</u> <u>holyspiritfremont.org/request</u> <u>-a-prayer/</u> or call the Parish Office at 510.797.1660

Pray for Our Sick

- Lyn L. Castillo
- Leslie L. Ignacio
- John Douglas Prior, Jr.
- Lesli Griffiths
- Sebastian Belo
- Bienvenido Gonzales

Pray for Our Recently Departed

- Gordon Stefans
- Corazon Valentino
- Rodolfo Ballelos

Birthday Blessings

- Ricardo Catapang
- Cassidy Quilalang
- Myrna Batacan
- Ace Batacan
- Jennifer Alahwal
- Elizabeth Rosello
- Cindy Ja
- Sr. Asha Kooliyadan

Wedding Anniversary Blessings • Phillip & Michele Poma





INVITE

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you looking to join the Catholic Church? If are of a different faith tradition and have been joining us for Mass, we invite you to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.



Are you a baptized Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation?

To register, scan the QR code or visit our website for more information.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for the 2024-25 Faith Formation year for children and youth is now open. Classes are available for continuing formation and Sacramental preparation. To register or for more information, visit our website.

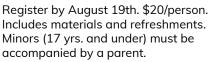
3rd Annual Paint & Wine

August 25, 2024 2:00-5:00 pm | de Sousa House

Join us for an afternoon of painting and fellowship. Proceeds go towards the educational expenses of our seminarians in the Oakland Diocese.



"The Angelus" by Jean-Francois Millet



Contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660.

Filipino Society Meal Deal August 25, 2024

The Filipino Society is hosting their \$10 meal deal after the morning and 12:30 Masses in the Peace Center. Join us for a great meal and fellowship. We thank you for your support. Proceeds benefit parish special projects.

Filipino Society Annual Camping Trip August 30-September 2, 2024

Join Fr. Ken and the Filipino Society during the Labor Day Weekend at Lake Don Pedro in La Grange. Come for the day or for the whole weekend! For more information, please contact Danny Zenarosa at 510.468.7980.

The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study Mondays beginning September 9, 2024 6:30 to 8:30 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. Stop by the Parish Office to register. Purchase the study guide for Season 3 through <u>Amazon</u>.

Request for Bibles

Holy Spirit Faith Formation Department is accepting donations of brand new **Catholic** bibles (with imprimatur notice) in different languages, Braille included (no children's bibles, please).

Drop off your donations at the de Sousa House or Parish Office through September 22nd during regular business hours. For more information, contact Rosalyn@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.456.4971.



WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED.

Miliana • James

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports the 70+ ministries that serve our diocese faithful as well as the greater communities where our parishes are located. This includes faith formation and evangelization, CYO sports, formation of priests to serve parishioners, care of the retired priests, parishes in



action programs, and meeting the unexpected needs of schools and parishes.

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://oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal

Parish Goal \$99,400 To Date: Total Receipts 64,017 | Percent of Goal Achieved 64.4%



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2023 PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Following is a summary of Holy Spirit's financials for the 2023 fiscal year. As we continue to manage through challenging years, our financials continue to be well managed under the direction of Fr. Ken and the staff. Our commitment is to continue to be transparent with the financials of our parish and we thank you for the ongoing and continued support of Holy Spirit. It is through your generosity we have such a vibrant parish. In the summary of our financials, we included a comparison of 2023 vs 2022 actuals. Holy Spirit has some increasing challenges with slight decreases in revenue and slight increases in expense however continues to be in good financial health. Some key highlights of the 2023 Financials:

Income

- Total Income was \$2.391M; a slight decrease from 2022
- o Plate collections remained consistent with a slight increase year over year
- Gifts and one-time donations were down compared to 2022
- Expenses:
 - Expenses were and continue to be well managed by the Parish staff as all deal with inflationary pressures with a total of \$2.997M
 - Total Expensed increased year over year by approx. \$269K.
- Net Operating Income /Loss
 - For the 2023 fiscal year, Holy Spirit shows a loss of \$606K of which \$483K is depreciation, a non cash expense
- Key Projects and Achievements
 - Technology refresh (Screens, projectors, PCs, server, etc.)
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Master Plan refresh
 - Stained Glass

· Other Income and Expense

- As we did last year, we included income and expense that are targeted for and managed by Holy Spirit ministries
- o The target of these ministries is to manage to a break even over time.

2023 Financial Summary*						
Income:						
	Act	ual 2023	Act	tual 2022	Dif	23-22
Plate Collections		\$1,892		\$1,849		\$43
Donations		\$151		\$225		(\$74)
Other Income & Parish Share	\$348		\$348		\$0	
Total Income		\$2,391.0		\$2,422.0		-\$31.0
Expense:	1					
	Act	tual 2023 Actual 2022		Dif 23-22		
Administration Expenses	\$	694	\$	609	\$	85
Administration Sal & Benefits	\$	1,184	\$	1,123	\$	61
Parish Property **	\$	483	\$	473	\$	10
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	254	\$	121	\$	133
Utilities	\$	130	\$	98	\$	32
Priest and Rectory Expense	\$	98	\$	120	\$	(22)
Gift Shop Expenses	\$	20	\$	18	\$	2
Liturgy and Music	\$	46	\$	45	\$	1
Faith Form/Youth Ministry	\$	88	\$	121	\$	(33)
Total Expenses	\$	2,997	\$	2,728	\$	269
Net Operating Income (Loss)***	\$	(606)	\$	(306)		

2023 Other Income and Expense		
Other Income:		
	Actual	
Restricted Donations #	\$23	
Other Pgms & Ministries ##	\$281	
Total Income	\$304.0	
Other Expenses:		
	Actual	
Other Pgms and Ministries	\$	260
Total Expenses	\$	260
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$	44

*Unaudited - All amounts in thousands rounded to nearest thousand (,000)

**Includes Depreciation

*** Note -Includes non-cash depreciation

#Examples: Prison Ministry, Share Christmas, etc. ## Examples: Filipino & Indian Society, Table of Plenty, Sister Parish, SimbanGabi, Scouts, etc.



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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