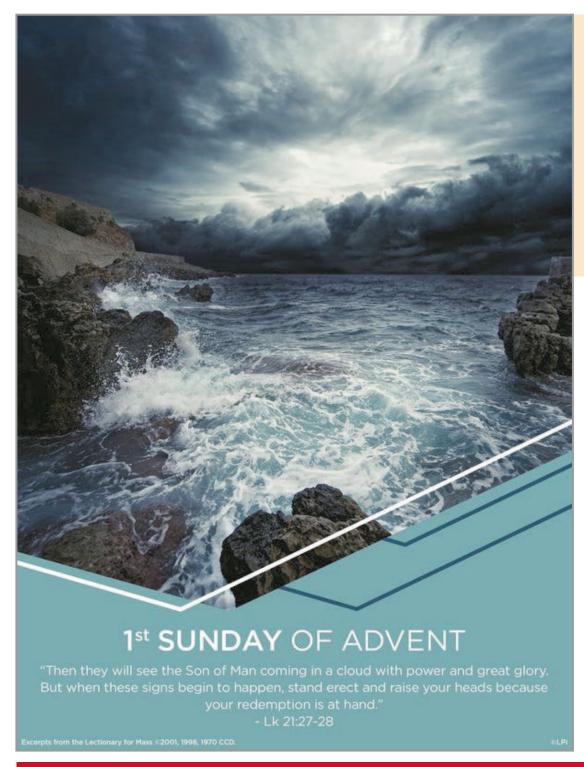


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.



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: December 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 **no** Mass on Good Friday.

Next Mass: December 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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Ybarra Family, † Purita & Nicolas Fernandez, † Gigi Cezar, † Nicole Marie Goulart (Vigil Mass)

† Jose Hizon, † Gertrudes Miranda, † Victor & Guillerma Taroy Gianan, 7:15 am

† Conrado Jaballas

Del Rosario Family, Justin & Ruby Jatiram, † Mary Annie & Sebastian Frederick, 9:00 am

† Del Rosario Deceased Family Members, † Shonya Lyn Fernando

Espiritu Family, Shaji Manamel, Tambaoan Family, Lucila Ubaldo, 10:45 am

† Joseph Jeysula Rayan

Karen Mina, Lawrence Acosta, † Rosauro & Fe Castro, † Lydia Agulto Soriano, 12:30 pm

† Estrellita Puntero

5:00 pm For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 | MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

7:00 am † Poncing Reyes, † Editha Azurin Gineta, † Simeon & Carolina Lorena Gianan

8:15 am Stephen Sugay, † Paulina Castaneda, † Jason L. Valerio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

7:00 am Ofelia Marquez, Kathleen Barrett, † Victoria Martinez, † Domingo Marquez

8:15 am Eden & Rico Esquerra, † Justino & Armando Pinto, † Christine Vu

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 | WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

7:00 am † Julio Bruno, † Elizabeth Zamora, † Roberto Azurin, † Eulalia Bohol

8:15 am † Petronila Domingo, † Christine Vu, † Pham & Vu Ancestors

Cristina T. Concepcion, † Petra Garza, † Ruperto & Lourdes Tankeh, 6:30 pm

† V.A. Thomas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 | THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

7:00 am Ambros & Louella Villo, † Margie Banchieri, † Gregorio & Eufrosina Gianan Borja

8:15 am Johnny Vu, † Rosario Ramada, † Junaid Safi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

7:00 am Papa Virji-Gaidhar, † Teofilo T. Bayaca, † Buenaflor Velasquez

8:15 am Tessie Sugay, Geraldine Dutra, † Concordia Mariano

6:30 pm † Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas, † Julian & Teresita Lorena Rementeria, † Barry Snyder

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

7:00 am † Pedro Najar, † Roberto Azurin, † Zosima Jaballas

Karen Janczarek, † Eliseo & Nelly Aguilar Gianan, † Mario Garcia 8:15 am

12:00 pm Jean Holt

NOURISH





FROM THE DESK OF DN CHUCK...

The season of Advent begins filled with **HOPE**. Jeremiah's words remind us: "The days are coming, says the LORD, when I

will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah." That promise is Jesus. Advent calls us to remember that even when life feels uncertain or difficult, God's promise is always there,

Advent isn't only about passively waiting; it's about preparing for God's presence. Luke's Gospel tells us that "people will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." But FAITH will sustain them until they see the Son of Man coming in glory. This season invites us to ask: Are we ready to say "yes" to Christ's coming in our lives? Are there areas of our hearts that need to be made ready to receive Him?

Advent is also about joyful expectation. As we light the Advent candles each week, the

growing brightness reminds us that Christmas is approaching. But the **JOY** of Advent goes deeper than just counting down to Christmas Day. It's a joy rooted in the promise of God's faithful love and the assurance that God is with us. The real joy of Advent is that God has come near, and He will never leave us.

Finally, Advent invites us to live out God's **LOVE** in practical ways. As we prepare for Christmas, let's remember that this season is not just about celebrating, but also about reaching out. Christ came in humility and love, and as His followers, we are called to embody that same love to others, especially to those in need.

As we begin Advent today, let us embrace this season as a time of hope, faith, joy, and love. Let's open our hearts to the miracle of God's coming and draw others closer to Him by spreading his love. May this Advent season be a time of renewal and deepened faith for each of us, as we await the celebration of Christ's birth and look forward to His coming again

Dn. Chuck and Sherry

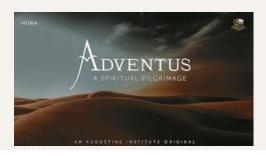
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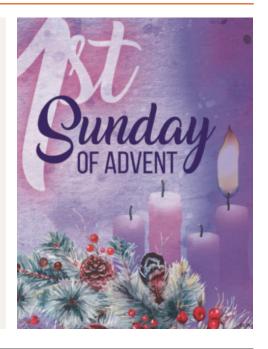
Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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FORMED°

In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth.







SERVE

Diaconate Formation Information Meetings

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

A new Deacon Formation class is starting in the Diocese of Oakland.

For more information, interested men and their wives are invited to attend one of the information meetings.

Date: Sunday, January 5, 2025 OR Sunday, January 26, 2025 Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Location: Transfiguration Church

Parish Hall, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley

For more information, Cielo Barroso-Branco in the Diocesan Office of Clergy Services: 510.267.8356 or CBranco@oakdiocese.org



Share Christmas

Our Share Christmas program is underway!

If you would like to give a gift to someone who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas, please take the appropriate tag or tags from one of the Christmas trees in the church.

The tags are self-adhesive. Place your BRAND NEW gift in a gift bag and attach the tag to the bag, then put it under one of the trees in the church on any Sunday. Gifts may also be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week.

All gifts must be BRAND NEW. Please bring all gifts BEFORE SUNDAY, DE-CEMBER 15TH in order for us to deliver them to the recipients.

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 Canned Green Beans
- ⇒ Spaghetti Noodles—regular (no whole wheat or other)
- \Rightarrow Tunc

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</u>, NO <u>EXPIRED FOOD</u>. Thank you for your support! For information or assistance: 510.797.3672

Second Collection for Maintenance & Improvement Fund

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2024

This 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, and repairs such as plumbing issues, roof leaks, campus lighting and improved security, just to name a few.

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

Flower Fund

We are accepting donations towards floral arrangements for our church sanctuary. You may drop off your donation at the Parish Office or send by mail.

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.

Join the Altar Society

We are in need of volunteers to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the sanctuary and care for altar linens. If interested, contact our Art & Environment Ministry via text at 510.378.1933.

Giving

Sunday, November 10

\$33,857

Second Collection coming up:

St. Vincent de Paul | December 29

Our weekly collection goal (excluding special collections): \$34,210

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





Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9, 2024

On this holy day of obligation, Mass times are as follows:

- 7:00, 8:15 and 11:00 am
- 6:30 pm

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2024

Join us as we celebrate and honor our Queen and Patroness of the Americas.

- 5:00 am: Las Mananitas
- 5:30 am: Mass**
- 6:30 pm: Mass & Consecration to Jesus Through Mary
- **Hot meal and refreshments provided in de Sousa House immediately after the morning Mass, sponsored by the Society of Guadalupanos.



Women Gather December 14, 2024 10:00 am



You are invited to join our next in-person gathering. Our prayer beginning at 10:00 am is followed by lunch and an afternoon of service. Our service project this month is wrapping gifts for children of food-insecure families.

Space at Casa Julie is limited. Please RSVP to Sr. Annette at 408.390.7184 or for more details.



Simbang Gabi 2024 December 15-23, 2024 | 6:30 pm

Join us in preparation for the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

To support our Simbang Gabi Novena, please contact the following:

Mass Sponsor: Patrick Bajet, pbajet@yahoo.com

Souvenir Booklet: Albert Leano,

310.867.3266

General Fund: Pat Saturnio, 510.468.7321 **Lector/Eucharistic Minister**: Femy Fonacier, 408.307.0359. A sign up sheet can also be

found in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church.

To make a donation, scan the QR Code.



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

- Kenny Cimino
- Cathy Rose
- Barby Pickett
- Barbara Prieto
- Carol Robinson

Pray for Our Recently Departed

- Trinidad Casarez
- Shonya Lyn Fernando
- Baltazar Navel

Birthday Blessings

- Fr. Frank Kuwornu
- Angie Cimino Joseph
- Jason Kawazoe





For the Church, that the season of Advent will bring about in her members renewed hope as we seek to live more fully for God. We pray to the Lord ...



INVITE

Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture

Advent Individual Reflection

This Advent season, our parish presents "Rejoice!" by Fr. Mark Toups. We invite you to journey into Advent through individual prayer, meditation, and reflection.

Drawing inspiration from Mary and Joseph's unwavering faith, you'll learn to recognize God's presence even in challenging times.

Join Fr. Mark Toups on a transformative journey to Bethlehem based on the Sunday Mass readings. Each day, Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer.

This Advent pilgrimage will nurture your ability to trust in God's plan. Bring your fears, doubts, challenges, and hopes on your journey to the Nativity. When you meet Baby Jesus in the manger, you will be blessed with greater joy and peace—and a restful heart!

Goodwill donation appreciated for each book (parish cost \$3/copy). Books are available in the Parish Office and de Sousa House.

Advent Penance Service

December 3, 2024

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 3:00 pm for those who need assistance and the elderly, and then again at 6:30 pm for all.



LET EVERY HEART

"Love, Joy and Peace" Benefit Concert December 7, 2024 | 7:30 pm | Church

Join us for a concert benefiting our sister parish, St. Joseph the Worker in Ndungu, Tanzania. Enjoy the glorious sounds of the Philippine Saringhimig Singers, directed by Maestro George Hernandez. Tickets are \$25. Contact Irene Jenkins, 510.703.8248 or Nena Ladrillono, 510.304.8598 for tickets or for more information.

Nativity Scene Contest: "Unto Us a Child is Born"

Build a nativity scene that's inspired by the Gospels. Be creative and original!



All entries must be submitted by December 15, 2024. Judging and awarding will be on December 23rd.

For contest rules and details, go to our website or stop by the Parish Office.

5th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 8, 2024 | 6:30 pm

Join us for our annual tree lighting event!

Just as in previous years, we will have Christmas trees for you to help decorate with prayer ornaments. Prayer cards, ornaments, and decorative materials will be provided.

Christmas Tableau

December 14, 2024 | 6:00 pm (new date)

Immediately after the 5:00 pm Mass, stay for a live Christmas play, performed by our Faith Formation children.



Dante • Anne Noah • Adeline Ximena

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 \$86,676 | Percent of Goal Achieved 87.20%



MANY MINISTRIES ONE CHURCH

AROUND THE PARISH



Holy Spirit Indian Society Food Sale

December 1, 2024

The Indian Society is hosting their food sale after the morning and 12:30 pm Masses.

On the menu: Samosas, Chicken Tandoori, Roast Beef (non-spicy), Pork Vindaloo, and Mango Lassi. \$5 and \$10 meal options available.

All proceeds will help fund church projects.

2024 Simbang Gabi **Opening Mass**

December 14, 2024 | 11:00 am St. Raymond Church, Dublin

In celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope which officially starts this Advent, the Filipino priests and deacons of the Diocese of Oakland invite all to the Opening Mass presided by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. The Opening Mass will be followed by a reception.

All are invited! Wear your Filipiniana and barong, bring your parish banner and parol (lantern), and be ready to be serenaded with Christmas songs by your Filipino clergy and friends!

Holy Spirit School News

Join us in congratulating our Amazing Students of the Month for October!

Preschool .. Paityn Antolin Kindergarten .. Sydney Eusebio

Grade 1 .. Nico Toledo

Grade 2 .. Niko Villegas

Grade 3 .. Augustine Tran

Grade 4 .. Nila Vinoth

Grade 5 .. Samar Mendoza

Grade 6 .. Merissah Romero

Grade 7 .. Angeli Ong

Grade 8 .. Jordan Bermudez

Math Tutor For Grades 6-8

A parishioner is volunteering his time to help middle schoolers with Math. If interested in signing up your child, please contact faithformation@holyspiritfremont.org.

Knights of Columbus—COR

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men



2nd Saturdays of the Month Beginning December 14, 2024 10:00 am

The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 2692 are excited to share the implementation of Cor. a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of Holy Spirit Parish.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Come join your brothers for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity (location TBD). For more information, contact Justin Jatiram at justinjatiram@yahoo.com.

Shepherds Field Olive Wood Handcrafts Sale

Dec. 14-15, 2024 Peace Center



Handcrafted religious articles from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be sold after all Masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem.

In the past, Catholic families used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land, but they are now facing economic hardship, as there are not many pilgrims are visiting the Holy Land due to political issues, and especially now because of the current war between the Israelis and Hamas.

Many Catholic families have left the Holy Land. At one time, Christians made up 20% of the Holy Land's population, but is now down to less than 1%. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land.

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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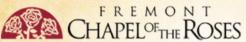


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