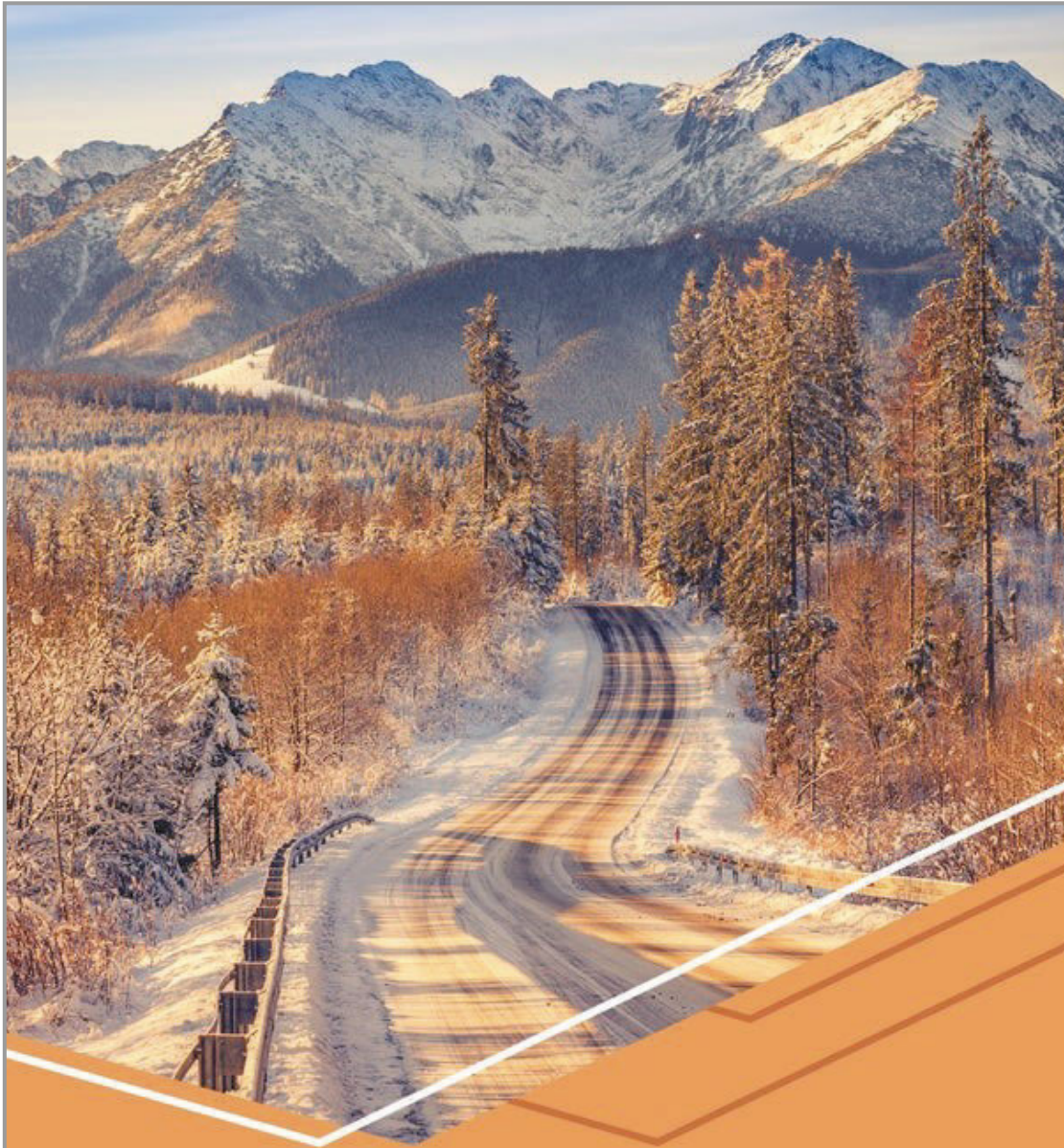




HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

- Lk 3:5-6

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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 (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: January 5, 2025

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: January 4, 2025

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-our-community

Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
7:15 am	Brinly Richards, Michael Totagrande, † Renato C. Francisco, † Teresita Tabbada
9:00 am	Concepcion Motas, Asia Madikg Family, † Gary John Stutt Jr., † Jose Abadiano
10:45 am	Jerry & Marissa Cacacho, Pinky Padlan & John Tumampas, Espiritu Family, † Marion Pat & Isabel Mina
12:30 pm	† Cimino Family, † Lydia Agulto Soriano, † Leopoldo Lorica, † Zenaida Dela Cruz
5:00 pm	† Melquiades & Concepcion Gianan Noya, † Heidi Balagot, † Epifracia Casimero

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 | SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am	Skyler Soriano, Ken Eidelberg, † I.Y. Kunju
8:15 am	Pinky Padlan & John Tumampas, † Rizalina Estavillo, † Salvador Ambayec
6:30 pm	Pinky Padlan & John Tumampas, † Cesar Villacorta, † Marlene Herrero

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 | TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

7:00 am	† Garcia / Nodado Family, † Vincent Cuong Luong, † Teresa Higaes
8:15 am	Lito Ramos, Eulalia Villamor, † Magdalena Gianan & Florencio Bonaobra

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 | WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

7:00 am	† Anselma Taroy Gianan (Baby), † Alexia Arevalo, † Joseph Virzi
8:15 am	Barbara Prieto, † Marina & Lucio Vargas, † Illuminada Zamora
6:30 pm	† Ruperto & Lourdes Tankeh, † V.A. Thomas, † Joseph Mavelil, † Rev Sr. Therese

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 | FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

7:00 am	† Lorna Arachea, † Nelly Taroy Gianan Sarmiento, † Rosie Lizama
8:15 am	† Cynthia Mina, † Herminigilda Manuel, † Ed & Len Silva
6:30 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

7:00 am	† Claro Taroy & Rose Andag Gianan, † Shonya Lyn Swedberg, † Deceased Members of Legion of Mary
8:15 am	Fr. Samweli Mvati, † Danilo Malonzo Apostol, † Joyce Jesuitas, † Concordia Mariano

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

7:00 am	† Dominic Gomes, † Maria Qui Phan, † Maria Chich Ngo
8:15 am	Winston & Aaron Mina, † Cecilio Ojales, † Guadalupe Corona

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 SR KAREN...

Happy Second Week of Advent!

During this season we think about our need for a savior and about the Father's plan to make that happen. We are reminded in the First Reading about God's promise to bring the exiles home after years in captivity, this time in Babylon, due to the people's abandonment of God and the covenant. They were very aware of their need for a savior and God sent the prophets to give them a sense of hope for the day to come.

God has given humanity the freedom of choice and often that choice leads us away from God. Knowing this, God had the plan to send His Son to help us learn how to live. This week, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, God's preparation for His Son's mother.

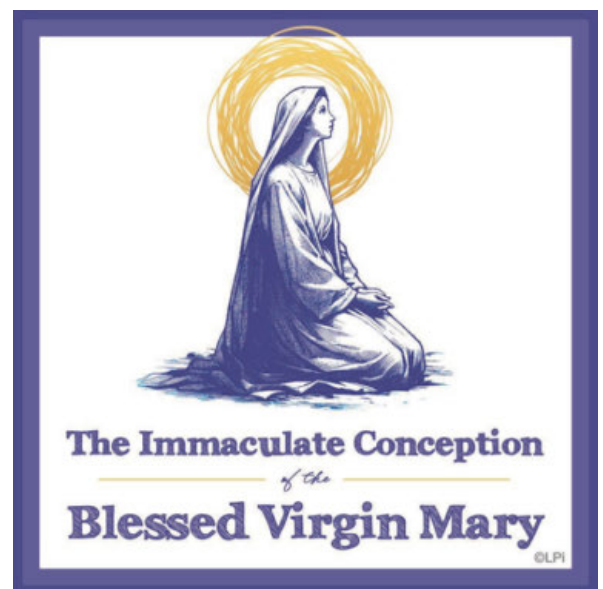
Do we need a savior today? Look around and see the state of our families, communities,

states, nations, and world. God's gift of choice has brought about much good but also many problems. We see people in need of housing, healthcare, food, safety, and justice. We see nations at war and the earth crying for help. These needs cry out to God from all our hearts. Come, Lord Jesus!

John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord's coming. Today, God invites each of us to prepare the way for Jesus' coming. And Jesus' message and mission was to teach us how to live in love, to have compassion, to be reconciled and be at peace with each other.

God desires to come into a deeper relationship with us all. The Spirit is waiting to pour out all the gifts we need to help in the process of continuing Jesus' mission. We do not need to wait for Christmas; we can begin this ministry right now. Give the gifts of our care and support of one another. Let God work through us.

Sister Karen Pozniak, SNDdeN





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, DECEMBER 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:

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

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

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.

Vocations Crucifix Program

Parishioners are encouraged to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week and pray for men and women discerning the vocation of priesthood or religious life.

The Vocations Crucifix is presented during Mass to families, individuals, or even groups of friends. Yes! Gather your friends and family together in person or on Zoom to pray for an increase in vocations.



To participate in this important prayer ministry, please contact the parish office at 510.797.1660.

Giving

Corner

Sunday, November 17

\$29,202

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

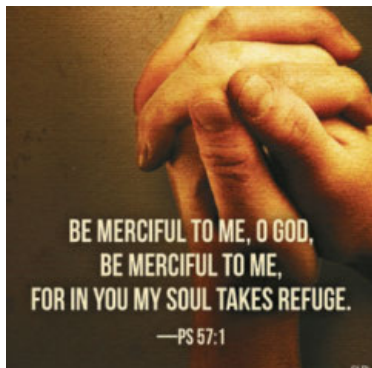
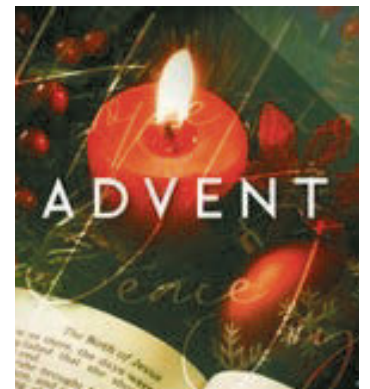
- Carol Robinson

Pray for Our Recently Departed

- Trinidad Sayoc
- Erlinda De Guzman

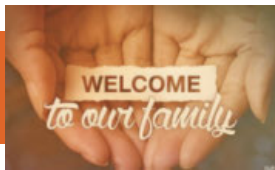
Birthday Blessings

- Edna Ahern
- Margaret Ammon
- Cristiano Francisco
- Marcellus Francisco
- Logan Francisco
- Luke Francisco



That all of us may find new opportunities to serve those in need during Advent, Christmas and beyond, so that all may come to know the perfect gift of Jesus Christ.

We pray to the Lord ...



INVITE

Filipino Society Food Sale

December 8, 2024 | Peace Center

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



Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture Advent Individual Reflection

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 our Midnight Mass, please contact Dee Francisco at dee@holyspiritremont.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Daily | 6 am-6 pm | Adoration Chapel
Tues & Thur | 8:45-9:30 am | Church



Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:30 pm

12:00 midnight

Carols begin at 11:30 pm.

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day

7:15 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, and 12:30 pm

There is NO 5:00 pm Mass.

AROUND THE PARISH



Knights of Columbus—COR Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

2nd Saturdays of the Month
Beginning December 14, 2024

11:00 am (new time)

de Sousa House | St. Mark Room

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.

For more information, contact Justin Jatiram at justinjatiram@yahoo.com.

All Souls Day Prayer Service

Our CYO athletes and coaches participated in a prayer service at the Holy Spirit Cemetery in memory of our faithful departed.



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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Feast of the MOTHER OF GOD

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God and New Year Mass Times

Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve

Tuesday | December 31, 2024
5:00 pm - Mass

10:00 pm - Exposition and Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
11:00 pm - Mass

New Year's Day

Wednesday | January 1, 2025
7:00 and 9:30 am

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

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

Dec. 24, 2024 to Jan. 5, 2025

De Sousa House Closed

**Dec. 24-29, 2024 &
Dec. 31, 2024-Jan.1, 2025**

Parish Office & Rectory Closed

Dec. 30, 2024 & Jan. 2-5, 2025

**Parish Office & Rectory Modi-
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