



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 | THIRD 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.

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John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

- Lk 3:16

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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

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Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) Concepcion Family, † Jose B. Aguinaldo, † Jose Elmer F. Belarmino, † Salvador & Nora Dimaandal Gianan
- 7:15 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 9:00 am † Dorothy Gutierrez, † Rey Santo Tomas, † Zeny Flores, † Felix Terrazas, † Rosita Domdom
- 10:45 am Espiritu Family, Maryann Carlin, Patricia Barry, † Dorothy Gutierrez, † Raymond Gougler
- 12:30 pm † Lydia Agulto Soriano, † Simeon Taroy Gianan, † Felicitas Suarez, † Teodoro M. Datu & Antolin Naguiat
- 5:00 pm Fitzgerald, Lucel & East Reyes, † Candida Casimero, † Delia Almazan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 | MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

- 7:00 am Philip M. Bayaca, † Jesus Gonzales, † Rosita Taroy Gianan Lim
- 8:15 am Alex Zowin Family, Rachelle Ignacio, Faith Rovetta

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 | TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

- 7:00 am † Eduardo & Vicenta Gianan, † Rosario & Pas De Vera, † Concordia Mariano
- 8:15 am † Balz & Mary Senn, † Rosita Zamora, † Virginia Armas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 | WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

- 7:00 am Jeremiah Jatiram, Fely & Angelo Guerrero & Family, † Estela Mojica
- 8:15 am Licerio C. Valencia, Oscar & Josefina De Torres, Secky Chiu, Morris Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 | THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

- 7:00 am Diana Bertha Angeles, Dorijan Ilijic, † Mary L. Rose
- 8:15 am † Antonio Quisen, Jr., † Ruben Vasquez Aguilar, † Rosendo Zamora

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 | FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

- 7:00 am † Emomorita Gonzales, † Victor & Guillerma Gianan
- 8:15 am Guevarra Family, Julian & Chin-Chin Montessa, Vener & Teresita Siasoco

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 | SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

- 7:00 am For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 8:15 am Joan Kennedy, Desiree Tabora, Cezarina & Bobby Reyes

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 FR KEN...

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Cycle C)

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. In Latin, the word "gaudete" (gow-DAY-tay) means "rejoice." Today's antiphon, from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians in our Second Reading, tells us why we should rejoice: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near." The words "I say, rejoice! The Lord is near!" should encourage us to make our lives right with the Lord as we prepare for the holy day that remembers the first Advent of our Savior, and, at the same time, looks forward to His return.

The Theme of today's Readings: What Then Should We Do to Experience Christ's Joy and Peace?

The Gospel Reading gives us the theme for this Sunday's readings. St. John the Baptist was going throughout the Jordan River valley proclaiming a baptism of repentance to forgive sins in preparation for the coming of the promised Davidic Messiah and God's Day of Judgment. Three times we hear the same phrase: from ordinary people in the crowd, from tax-collectors ranked among the sinners, and from soldiers, asking John, "What then should we do" to prepare for this event?

In the First Reading, the Old Testament prophet Zephaniah announces the joy the people will experience when God comes to dwell among His covenant people. And in the Responsorial Psalm, we repeat the prophet Isaiah's hymn of joy in the promise of God, "the Holy One of Israel," coming to bring His people and the nations His gift of salvation.

These are the prophecies St. John the Baptist was born to proclaim. Before his birth, the angel Gabriel told John's

father: "for he will be great in the sight of the Lord ... to prepare a people fit for the Lord." And John's father, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaimed at John's circumcision and naming that God "has raised up a horn (a strength) for our salvation within the house of David, his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old" (see Lk 1:17b, 69-70).

In the Second Reading, St. Paul admonished the Christians of Philippi (and us) to cast aside all fears and anxieties and to rejoice because the Lord is near. Whatever our struggles in life, we can turn to the Lord, who gives us the true peace and happiness that only comes from the graces He bestows on those who belong to Him in a covenant relationship and honor that relationship by being obedient to His commands.

In the Gospel Reading, John the Baptist was calling the people to prepare themselves for the coming of the promised Davidic Messiah. In response to his preaching, the people cried out, "What then should we do?" The message of this Sunday's readings is that during the season of Advent, we should be asking ourselves that same question. What must we do to prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior as we approach the celebration of the anniversary of His First Advent? How should we make our lives right with God so we are ready for His return in the Second Advent? The answer is the same answer St. John the Baptist gave the people of his day. We must repent. We must turn away from sin and turn back to God, so we can proclaim Christ our Lord and Savior in acts of love and mercy and enter into the joy of His peace "that surpasses all understanding" (Phil 4:7).

"And the Word was made flesh.....and dwelt among us."

Happy Advent!

Fr. Ken

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Opening the Word: 3rd Sunday of Advent

[Watch formed.org](http://Watchformed.org)



The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete, or Rejoice, Sunday—and all of the readings for this week invite us to do just that. This first reading from the prophet Zephaniah opens with a threefold call to joy, "Shout for joy... sing joyfully.... Be glad and exult with all your heart" (Zephaniah 3:14). Israel rejoiced in the presence of her saving God, but this joy can only be made complete in the coming of the Messiah.

Give to Holy Spirit Parish

A wonderful way for you to support Holy Spirit Parish is to leave a bequest in your will. Your gift to our parish can make a meaningful impact on our mission. If you have included or are considering including a gift to the parish as part of your estate plan or in the form of another gift, please let us know. We would like to recognize you for your support.



SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Jesca John (1) and Emiliana Kizito (2), along with two friends, celebrate after a performance at Archbishop Lebulu Primary School.

Jesca will be moving onto Chanjale Seminary School and Emiliana will be attending Kandoto Girls Science and Secondary School.



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

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:

- ⇒ 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.

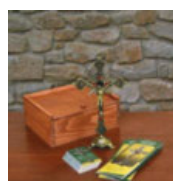
We thank you our donor(s):

- Dec. 10** ... In Memory of Betty Ann Kamei
- Dec. 12** ... Guadalupanos Ministry
- Dec. 15** ... Mercy Maganito
- Dec. 15** ... Filipino Society Ministry

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 24

\$34,597

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.



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.



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
- Andrew C. Javier, III
- Mary Catapang

Pray for Our Recently Departed

- Augusto Mendioro, Jr.
- Rodelyn Lipata
- Jesse Dominic Carpio
- Theresa Dhalia Jeevamathi

Birthday Blessings

- Mercy Maganito
- Arlene Abrea
- Domitila Luna
- Sarah M. Avila



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

Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve | Tuesday | December 31, 2024

5:00 pm - Mass

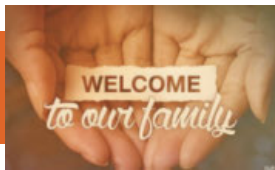
10:00 pm - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 pm - Mass

New Year's Day | Wednesday | January 1, 2025

7:00 and 9:30 am





INVITE

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.

Knights of Columbus—COR

2nd Saturdays of the Month | 11:00 am
de Sousa House | St. Mark Room

The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 2692 are excited to introduce 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.



Simbang Gabi

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.

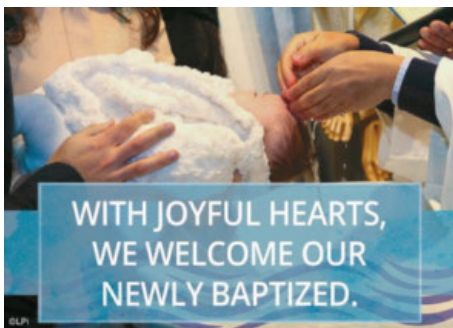
End-of-Year Giving

While we reflect on the year behind us, Holy Spirit Parish clergy, staff, and advisory councils are already focused on the new year.

With your help, we have been able to accomplish so much in 2024. Thank you.

There is much work ahead of us. Your financial support will continue to allow us to serve the faithful here at Holy Spirit and beyond.

No gift is too big or too small. Scan the QR Code for ways to give.



Robert

Prayer for the Third Week of Advent

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.

Amen.



AROUND THE PARISH



Stop by our Parish Gift Shop to do your Christmas shopping! The Gift Shop is open on Sundays, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.



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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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 to Jan.1, 2025
Parish Office & Rectory Closed

Dec. 30, 2024 & Jan. 2-5, 2025
Parish Office & Rectory Modified Hours
9:00 am—1:00 pm

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