



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024 | FOURTH 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.

## CONTACT

37588 Fremont Blvd.  
Fremont, CA 94536  
Parish: 510.797.1660  
School: 510.793.3553  
Preschool: 510.793.2013  
info@holyspiritfremont.org  
holyspiritfremont.org

## 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Lk 1:41-42

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

©LPI

**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: 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 22 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Fred & Victoria Eclipse, † Alfonso Padilla
7:15 am	De Jesus Family, † Jerry & Virginia Espiritu
9:00 am	The People of Holy Spirit Parish, † Celmira F. Alva-Castro
10:45 am	Carol Pascual, † Marquez & Sanchez Family, † Dorothy Gutierrez, † Maribel Morandarte
12:30 pm	Kok Min Yee, † Gerugthy Family, † Justin Thomas M. Malvas, † Lydia Agulto Soriano
5:00 pm	† Basilio Casimero, † Fr. Proceso Polinar, † Damisa Gomez

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 | MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

7:00 am	Alodia Bautista & Family, † Damisa Gomez
8:15 am	Jean Holt & Marie Fe Ricohermoso, † Anastacia T. Seli, † Andrew Ballantyne

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

7:00 am	Ligaya Bantad & Family, † Vincenza Aguila, † Damisa Gomez
8:15 am	† Jesus Estavillo, † Justin Thomas M. Malvas, † Danilo & Noel Viray

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
8:30 pm (Vigil Mass)	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
12:00 mid	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
7:15 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
9:00 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
10:45 am	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
12:30 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 | FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

7:00 am	Marjorie Bantad & Family, † Joseph and Helen Kane, † Babette Manares
8:15 am	† Teresa Villamor, † Ernesto Villamor, † Joyce Jesuitas

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 | FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

7:00 am	Linda Badjet, † Anton Tuan Vu, † Maximina B. White
8:15 am	Sonia & Mathew, † Mary L. Rose & Family, † Amelia Penalosa

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 | FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

7:00 am	Flor Miranda & Family, Leena & Jayamon, † Damisa Gomez
8:15 am	Emmanuel Medina, † Lee Roger Watson, † Ramkrishnani



## FROM THE DESK OF FR BINH...

How do you prepare for Christmas? Hopefully, everything is almost ready.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and Christmas will come in two days. We are very close to the joy of Christmas. Have you seen that yet?

The joy of Christmas should be external and internal. All decorations and presents should be considered external joy. Baby Jesus' presence in our hearts is the internal joy. We need to have a Christmas with Christ.

Jesus will come to you if you have prepared well. Hopefully, the Advent pilgrimage into the heart of Scripture in Fr. Mark Toups' book will help you to rejoice in Christmas properly.

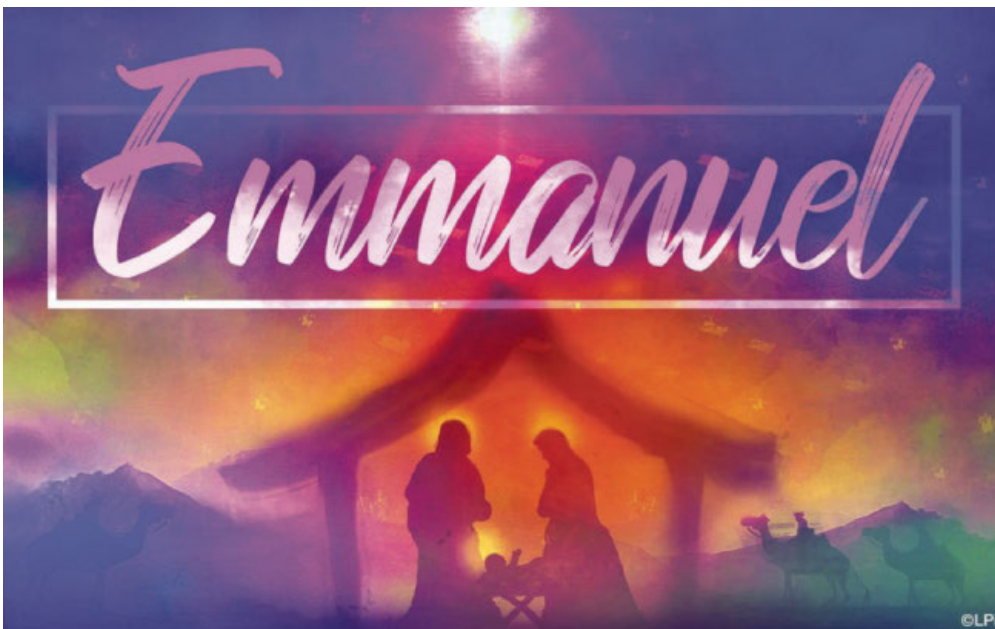
Think of the message "the Kingdom of God is at hand" as a declaration that Jesus is right around the corner. He is very close to us. We need to make space for Jesus at Christmas and welcome Him. This is a transformation of spiritual life.

If we want to improve ourselves, let Him reconcile us and forgive our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let Him feed us with His Body and Blood. Let Him make us His disciples by His Spirit and words. Let Him stay with us and show Himself to us. Let Him be visible in our lives. That is a divine joy: Jesus born in us.

Christmas is meant to be a holiday spent with Christ. If we celebrate with Christ in our hearts, then that is an excellent reason to rejoice. Mary shared her joy with her cousin Elizabeth and Elizabeth's son John, and she became the first disciple to proclaim the Good News to others. The Good News is Jesus in Mary's womb.

Mary recognized she had the Shepherd of Israel, whom the prophets prophesied. She also knew that she was blessed to be the Mother of God. Jesus was born in her, and this joy should be shared, so she did.

In today's Gospel, Mary, a pregnant woman, traveled a long way to bring the greatness of God to her cousin Elizabeth and their family. We should imitate Mary and bring Jesus "to the ends of the earth." In that way, the joy of Christmas will be multiplied.



## 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

## 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

## 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.



## In Gratitude

The Ladies In Stitches Ministry would like to thank each and everyone of you for contributing to our annual sale. This was our best year ever and we owe it all to you, the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish.

Congratulations to our Afghan winners: Dn. Steve Lewellyn, Mr. Reynolds, and Maria.

Again, thank you! Hope to see you all next year!

## 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. 21 ... Johnny & Solita Rockymore**

**Dec. 24 ... Gretchen Brennan**

**Dec. 24 ... The Choy Family**

## 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, December 1

\$36,388

### 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

- Flora Salas
- Grace Robbins

## Pray for Our Recently Departed

- Marjorie Marie Pine
- Alicia Cuenca
- Louvena Chiasson
- Enzo Muniz
- Delfin Mateo

## Birthday Blessings

- Jasper Andrew Lim



## 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

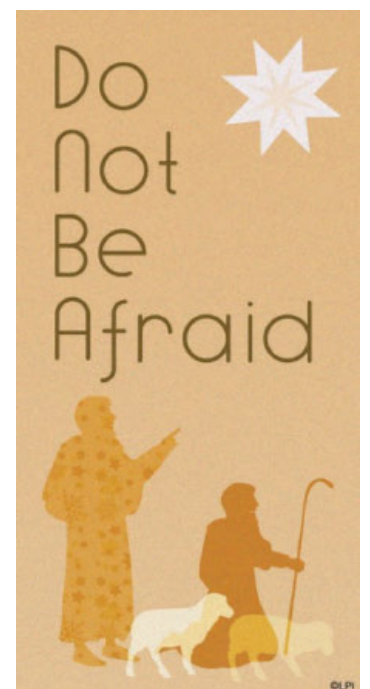
**5:00 pm** - Mass

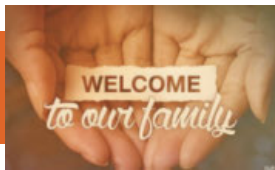
**10:00 pm** - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**11:00 pm** - Mass

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

**7:00 and 9:30 am**





# INVITE



## Simbang Gabi

Dec. 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

**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.

## Maintenance Technician Lead Needed



Holy Spirit Parish & School is seeking a qualified individual as our part-time, 23 hours per week, Maintenance Technician Lead.

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing preventative and predictive routine maintenance work, semi-skilled carpentry and plumbing work along with other minor buildings and grounds repair work throughout the campus.

Visit the Announcements page our parish website for responsibilities and job classifications—<https://holyspiritfremont.org/announcements/>

Interested candidates should send their cover letter and resume to Eric Hom, Business Manager at [eric@holyspiritfremont.org](mailto:eric@holyspiritfremont.org).

## Priesthood Evening of Discernment

Saturday, December 28, 2024 | 3:00-7:00 pm

St. Michael's Parish, Livermore

Join Fr. Carl Arcosa and Fr. Matthew Murray for an evening of Prayer and Reflection for vocations to the Priesthood. Schedule includes; coffee and fellowship, testimony and prayer, Mass, and dinner.

For more information about priesthood discernment, go to <https://oakdiocese.org/vocations>

## 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](mailto:faithformation@holyspiritfremont.org).



Mackenzie • Mailia  
Kailia • Kyrie

## Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

Dear Lord,

Visit our homes! Visit our families! Bring your goodness and light to every broken heart we've met on this journey of life. Your presence brings healing and rebirth. Come, Lord Jesus!

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

## Clergy

Fr. Kenneth L. Sales, Pastor  
510.456.4964  
Fr. Edilberto Castañas,  
Parochial Vicar  
510.456.4965  
Fr. Hoa Binh Ha  
Parochial Vicar  
510.797.1660  
Fr. Frank Kuwornu  
In Residence  
Dn. Chuck Glover,  
Pastoral Care  
510.789.8652  
Dn. Steve Lewellyn, RCIA  
510.797.1660  
Dn. Bernard Liwanag,  
Sick & Homebound  
510.797.1660  
Dn. Tim Roberto, RCIA  
510.598.7408

## Departments

**Business Operations**  
Eric Hom  
510.456.4970  
**Faith Formation & Evangelization**  
Rosalyn Jose  
510.456.4971  
**Safe Environment**  
Peter Scampavia  
510.456.4995  
**Facilities Scheduling**  
Peter Scampavia  
510.456.4995  
**Youth & Young Adult Ministry**  
Mario Castellanos  
510.456.4975  
**Music**  
Paul Orella  
510.673.3873

## 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

See you at Mass!



**DENISE KASHYAP**  
REALTOR®

**510-371-1383**

DeniseKashyap@gmail.com

DRE #206539469

**ONE REALTYONEGROUP**  
AMERICAN



**99 Tea House**

3623 Thornton Ave  
510-509-2315  
99teahouse.com

Parishioner 10% OFF

**ALLIANCE**  
BAY REALTY

37600 Central Ct. Ste. 264

Newark, CA 94560

510-928-7121 Cell

510-742-6600 Office

aidad@comcast.net

www.aidacares.com

**Aida Cares**

**Aida C. Dizon**  
REALTOR®

DRE#01435690

SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
OFFERED

PARISHIONER  
for 25 Years



**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME**  
Jose Altamirano

jaltamirano@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2118

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE**

**MDMedAlert!**™ As Low As

**\$19<sup>95</sup>**  
/mo.

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire  
✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

**CALL NOW! 800.808.9294**

md-medalert.com



**catholicmatch®**

California



CatholicMatch.com/CA

**SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!**

**MIRACLES  
ON VIDEO:**  
davecoop.net/m  
**SURRENDER  
NOVENA:**  
davecoop.net/s



ACV ROOFING INC., D.B.A.

**THE SULLIVAN GROUP**

Roof replacements | Preventive maintenance  
Emergency repairs and service calls  
New Construction | Residential & Commercial  
Locally Owned & Operated

Official Roofer of Holy Spirit

**510-774-0073**

www.sullivangrouproofing.com

Experts in Serving Our Shared Faith



BERGE • PAPPAS • SMITH

**CHAPEL**  
of the **ANGELS**  
Funerals & Cremations

- Family Owned & Operated Since 1913
- Conveniently Located in Central Fremont
- Over 100-Years of Trusted Experience

40842 Fremont Boulevard • Fremont, CA 94538

**510-656-1226 • BergePappasSmith.com**

FD 668

**Center For Implant Dentistry**



**\$14,990**  
per jaw

EXTREME *Smile* MAKE OVER

Free Consultation with CT Scan  
**Fixed Permanent Teeth**  
in 2-4 Days



Before



After

Serving California

Phone (510) 574-0496 www.bayareaimplantdentistry.com

**Vintage**  
CATERING

**FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES**

(510) 657-1149 • WWW.VINTAGECATERING.COM

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME**  
Jose Altamirano

jaltamirano@4LPi.com

(800) 950-9952 x2118



COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR



37159 Moraine St • Fremont  
**(510) 552-1366**

**Catholic Parishioners**  
Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

- General maintenance **\$10 Off Any Service**
- Smog Check
- Hybrid Vehicles service
- Tires and Alignments
- Automotive Locksmith
- A/C service
- Check Engine Light Troubleshooting
- Smog Training School
- Brake and Lamp inspection



FREMONT  
**CHAPEL OF THE ROSES**

**510 797-1900**

Lic. #FD1007

1940 Peralta Blvd • Fremont, CA 94536

Graciously Serving Families Since 1958

www.fremontchapeloftheroses.com • www.fremontmemorialchapel.com



**FREMONT**  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

**510 793-8900**

Lic. #FD1115

3723 Peralta Blvd • Fremont, CA 94536

CREMATION • BURIAL • PRE-PLANNING

**real**

**KRISTINA CALLAHAN**

Local Realtor & Parishioner

**510.209.4442**

Buy. sell. invest.

DRE#02035091



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lp.com

Holy Spirit, Fremont, CA

A 4C 05-1165