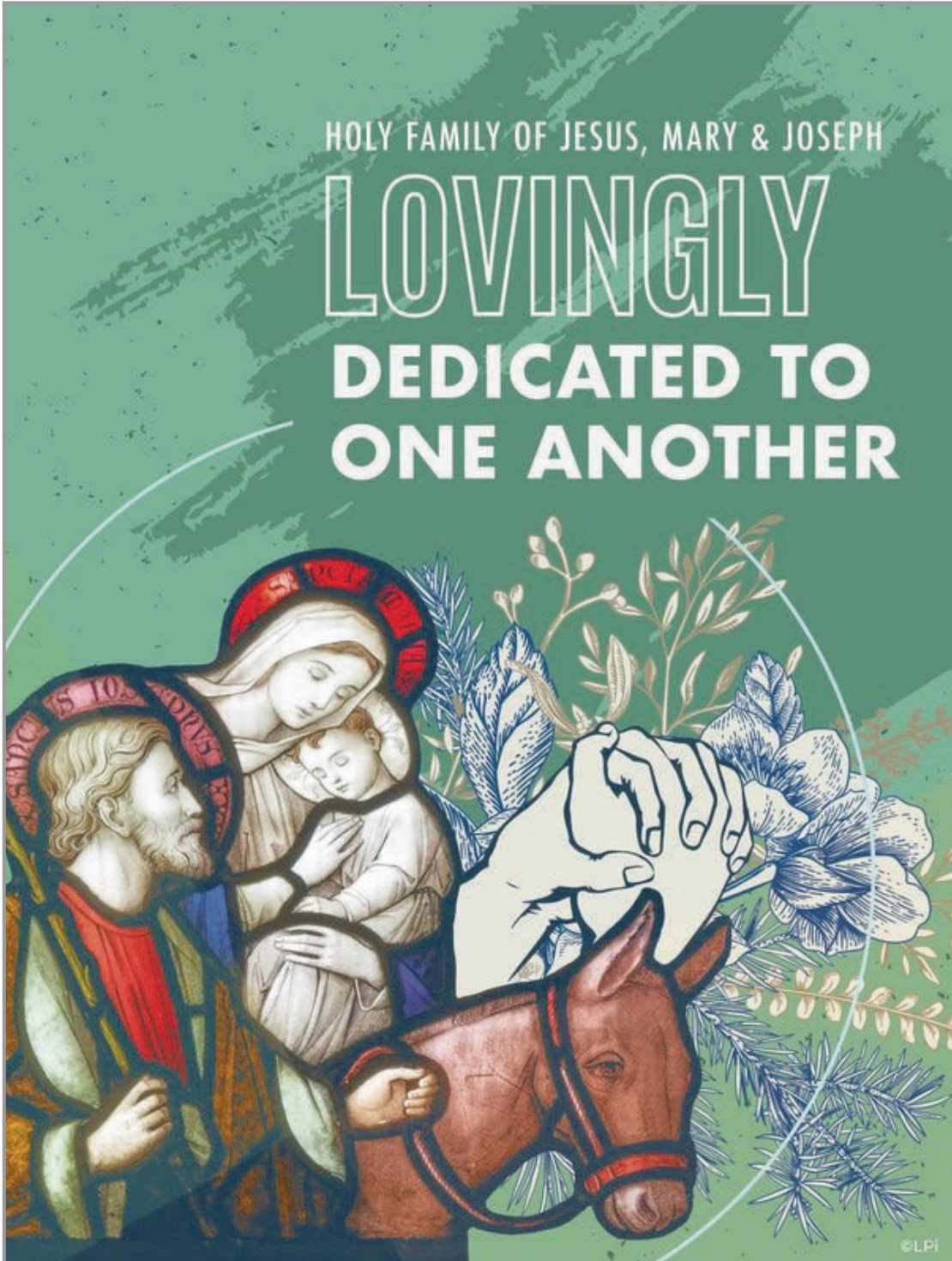




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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.

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 29 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) † Arturo & Thelma Eclipse, † Ernesto de Guzman, † Manuel de Guzman, † Erlinda de Guzman

7:15 am Rosalyn & Sunil, Joseph Anthony L. Buccat, † Damisa Gomez, † Luis Ko

9:00 am Ansy Mary Thanksgiving to Holy Family, Kendee's Special Intentions, † Amado Pangan, † Erlinda De Guzman

10:45 am Daniela Guevarra, Monterola Family, Maryann Carlin, Francis & Janet Choy, The People of Holy Spirit Parish

12:30 pm † Joyce Jesuitas, † Lydia Agulto Soriano, † Mendez Garcia deceased family members, † Martinez Marquez deceased family members

5:00 pm Rayben Anthony Mina, Yazmin Mayoralgo, † Estella Chico, † Carole Watson

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 | THE SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

7:00 am Kalaia Gomez, † Maria Ngot Dinh, † Emilia & Amado Ymas

8:15 am Emmanuel Oblena, † Estella Chico, † Liza Liz Quisisem

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 | THE SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

7:00 am † Myra Jose, † Feliza Reyes, † Elovly D'sa

8:15 am Ansy Mary Thanksgiving to Holy Trinity, Emmanuel Oblena, Watson Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 | SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass) For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

11:00 pm (Vigil Mass) For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

7:00 am Mary Lanaika Malvas, † Ferdinand Bisnar, † Narciso & Maxine Marzan, † Prospero Ong

9:30 am Ansy Mary Antony, Agnes Velasquez, Francis & Janet Choy, Pui Nin Ho, † Pilar Torres

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 | MEMORIAL OF SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

7:00 am † Maria Angela Ching, † Thuy Cao, † Rowena Venturina

8:15 am Anne Asis, † Damisa Gomez, † Cary Yuen

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 | CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

7:00 am Ofelia Marquez, Marika De Jesus, † Godofredo Aquino, † Domingo Marquez

8:15 am † Damisa Gomez, † Regina Pau Tai

6:30 pm † Raguindin-Motas deceased Family members

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

7:00 am † Edgardo Asuncion, † Benita Ramirez, † Joseph Anthony Zamaora

8:15 am † Justin Acoba

12:00 pm † Francis & Mila Mesia



FROM THE DESK OF SR ANNETTE...

A Learning Experience

In our responsorial Psalm today, we pray, “Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.” “Fear of the Lord” is a phrase that is often misunderstood. We are not asked to be afraid or scared of the Lord, but rather to have a deep reverence, wonder, or awe. A sense of awe so great that in our love we fear offending God.

The reading from Sirach, describing the various relationships in a family, spells out how this “fear of the Lord” is expressed in family life. Paul in his letter to the Colossians lists the virtues of family life highlighting the most important virtue, “And over all these put on love.” Everything comes together in the Holy Family. When we look at Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we see the relationships in good order and the virtues in action. A true model for us.

We are told that the Holy Family went to Jerusalem for the Passover feast each year. This is about a 75-mile journey and would take several days of walking. It was customary at that time for families, clans, or villages to travel together for protection: men in one group, women in another. Young boys could travel with either parent. It was at the end of a long day of walking that the family came together for the evening meal and rest. We are told that Jesus was not to be found among their relatives.

One can easily imagine how Mary and Joseph panicked and anxiously hurried back looking for Jesus. I like to think that Jesus being twelve was preparing for His bar mitzvah, “a Jewish religious ritual and family celebration commemorating the religious adulthood of a boy on his 13th birthday.” So, in His study and preparations, it would not be surprising to find Him “in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” Mary and Joseph “were astonished” and “did not understand what [Jesus] said to them.” I also think Jesus was equally astonished that His parents did not understand His mission or calling and His desire to learn from the teachers. This was a learning experience for all.

Looking more closely, we see that there was misunderstanding in the Holy Family, a human family; not as perfect as we like to think. Here is an example of Paul’s greatest family virtue – “above all ... put on love.” I am sure that Jesus learned a lesson and always kept His parents informed of His whereabouts. For “[Jesus] returned home with them, was obedient to them; and Mary kept all these things in her heart.”

“Oh God, [you] were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life ... in the bonds of charity.” (opening prayer for today’s Mass)

May we grow in our fear of the Lord!
May we learn to put on love in all circumstances!
Like Mary, may we learn to keep all these things in our hearts!



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

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your support of our Sister Parish, St. Joseph the Worker, in Ngundu, Tanzania!

The children are studying very hard and making great progress. A total of \$35,599.50 was wired to the Diocese of Same for 2025. Here are the details:

\$30,306.50 for 74 children
\$2,450 for 7 Vocational students
\$2,843 for 2 students supported by private donors

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers for the 8:15 am Daily and Sunday 5:00 pm Masses. Contact Dee Francisco at dee@holyspiritfremont.org if interested in joining this ministry.

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. 25 ... In Memory of Joseph & Veronica Nicholas

Dec. 29 ... The Choy Family (*correction*)



Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society

December 28-29, 2024

This weekend's second collection benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society. Proceeds will go towards assisting our neighbors in need. Thank you for your generosity.

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, December 8

\$30,255

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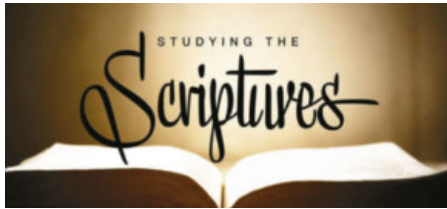
Second Collection coming up:

Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund | January 5

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.



Scripture Study - "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled"

January 8, 2025 | Wednesdays
7:30-8:45 pm | de Sousa House

The Gospel readings on Sundays during this new liturgical year will come primarily from the Gospel according to Luke. Join us on Wednesdays for a short eight-week program on the study of the Gospel of Luke consisting of a 15-minute daily preparation at home and a weekly small group session.

This New Year, we invite you to deepen your understanding of the Gospel through dedicated study, actively engaging with scripture and seeking to apply its teachings more fully in your daily life.

In this eight-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow show us the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.

Materials will be provided. To register, please contact Rosalyn@holyspiritfremont.org



Walk for Life West Coast January 25, 2025

Join us as we walk for the littlest among us at the 21st Annual Walk for Life West Coast. We continue to bear witness to life from conception to natural death as we peacefully walk and pray to change hearts and minds and for healing.

Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

1111 Gough Street, San Francisco
9:30 am: Walk for Life Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone

Rally and Walk

Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco
12:30 pm: Walk for Life Rally
1:30 pm: Walk begins

We will hire a bus to transport parishioners to San Francisco for the Mass and the Rally, with the support of our Knight of Columbus Council.

Scan the QR code to reserve your spot. Please share the QR code and invite your family and friends to join us.



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

- Viola Cleo Bradshaw
- Barby Pickett
- Emily Francisco
- Alfredo Pisco
- Lourdes Pisco

Pray for Our Recently Departed

- Alex Cabal, Jr.
- Marilyn Ochoa
- Louwilyn Binay
- Eugene F. Alejo, Jr.
- Eric C. Silva
- Cary Yuen
- Regina Pau Tai
- Cecilia "Lily" Gonzalez

Birthday Blessings

- Michael Collopy
- Richard Brunelli (96 yrs old)



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

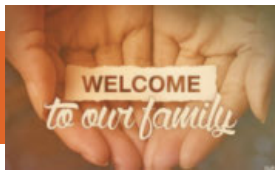
- **5:00 pm** - Mass
- **10:00 pm** - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- **11:00 pm** - Mass

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

- **7:00 am** - Mass
- **9:30 am** - Mass

Please note: There is NO 6:30 pm Mass.





INVITE

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.

CYO Track & Field

CYO Track & Field registration is now open for all athletes, regardless of experience. Kinder to 8th Graders welcome. Registration is \$100 for the Spring 2025 season.

Go to HolySpiritCYO.com to register. Contact Tom Fezler at Crosscountryathleticdirector@holyspiritcyo.com for more information.

Filipino Society Food Sale January 5, 2025 | Peace Center

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

For large orders, please email us by Thursday, January 2, 2025 at hsfs.communications@gmail.com.

Math Tutor For Grades 6-8

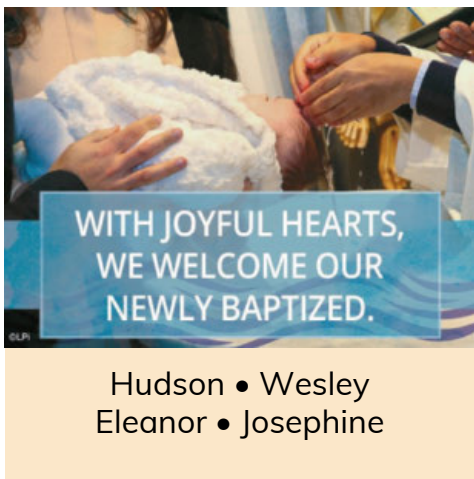
A parishioner is volunteering his time to help middle schoolers with Math. If interested in signing up your child, please contact faithformation@holyspiritfremont.org.

Indian Society Food Sale January 12, 2025 | Peace Center

Join us for food and fellowship after the morning and 12:30 pm Masses.

Menu items include: chicken tandoori combo, pork combo, samosas, and mango lassi. Prices \$5 and \$10.

All proceeds from the sale go towards church projects.



In Gratitude: Shepherds Field Olivewood Handcrafts

On our behalf and on behalf of the Catholic families in Bethlehem who operate the olivewood workshops, we send our deepest gratitude to all parishioners at your parish for their generosity and support. This giving support will positively impact our people in the Holy Land and will help them remain strong in the land of Christ.

By visiting your parish, we were able to spread our message to the community about the plight of the Christian community in the Holy Land. Moreover, we are also able to bring attention to the hardships that our people are now enduring in the land of our Savior.

AROUND THE PARISH



Holy Spirit School Update

Please join us in congratulating our November Students of the Month!

Preschool: Mateo Villanueva (SLE)
 Kindergarten: Adrian Cabamungan (SLE)
 1st Grade: Mikayla Verducci
 2nd Grade: Bellamy Rodriguez (Virtue)
 3rd Grade: Dempsey Realina
 4th Grade: Abrahm Ortiz
 5th Grade: Jacob Rosales (Virtue)
 6th Grade: Josefina Virzi (Virtue)
 7th Grade: Katelyn Saturnio
 8th Grade: Houa Holameitonga (Virtue)

Community Night Out

January 29, 2025 | 12:00-8:00 pm
 Billy Roy's Burger Co.

All are welcome! Please join us for the Holy Spirit Church & School Community Dining Out Fundraiser. Bring your family and friends to Billy Roy's!

10% of your dining goes back to support our Holy Spirit School students. Please present the flyer below at time of purchase.

5th Annual Holy Spirit Parish Tree Lighting

This year's tree lighting was a success once again!

Thank you for being part of our annual event.



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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