



HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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
Thursday before First Friday:
3:30 pm
Weekdays: call for an appt.

Eucharistic Adoration

Visit the Adoration Chapel in the Governo House.
Mon-Fri, 6:00 am-12:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday (except January and May) at 12:00 pm. All seniors and those seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend.

Next Mass: January 8, 2022

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
Next Mass: January 7, 2022

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass, contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660

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

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

- 7:15 am † Joseph & Helen Kane, Holy Family, † Nolan Gatchalian, Sonia & Matthew
- 9:00 am † Espiritu Gonzales, † Ememorita Gonzales, † Zosima Singh Paul, † Margaret Oto
- 10:45 am † Luis Amaral, Maximina B. White, Dennis B. Dadula, † Blsd. Miguel Pro Alvarez
- 12:30 pm † Jesus Aquino, † Louis Tuan Vu, † Ernesto Villamor Sr., † Raul N. Choa
- 5:00 pm De Los Reyes Family, Omega Family, Hermosura Family, † Renato Naguiat

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 | FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

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

- 7:00 am † Gerald Maloney, † Antonio Licad, Linda Bajet
- 8:15 am Avelino Family, † Carmelita Llorera, Brenton & Alveena Figueira

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

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

- 7:00 am † Carmelita Llorera, † Manuel Ledesma Jr, † Marcos Padilla & deceased Family members
- 8:15 am † Luis Singson, † Celestina Lauigan, † Maliton Lauigan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 | THE FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

- 7:00 am Joseph Anthony L. Buccat, † Simeon Taroy Gianan, † Marcos Padilla & deceased Family members
- 8:15 am Kalaia Gomez, † Benjamin Caro, † Fernandes & Figueira deceased family members
- 6:30 pm † Andy Chan, † Alaric & Doris Fernandes, Gentibano Family

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

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

- 7:00 am † Joela Abreu, † Josefa Ocampo, † Emilia & Sergio Ymas
- 8:15 am Tan & Fisher Families, Aidan Orias, Rosemarie B. Valerio

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

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

- 7:00 am † Gliceria Cruz, † Manuel Ledesma Jr, † Marcos Padilla & deceased Family members
- 8:15 am Emmanuel Oblena, Holy Trinity, Fernandes & Figueira family members
- 5:00 pm † Myra Jose, † Juanita Silvestre Ramo, † Rosita Cabantac-Espanol

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 | SOLEMNITY OF 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

- 7:00 am † Ines & Aurelio Flores, † Juliana Domingo
- 8:15 am † Pilar Torres, Juanita Caspillo



FROM THE DESK OF FR. EDDIE...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! At last, we celebrate the glorious birth of our Lord and Savior as we joyfully proclaim, "Joy to the World, the Emmanuel, God is With Us!" There is so much joy and light which the birth of Jesus brings into our families and into the world! Amid the pandemic, the message is clear, "Be not afraid, a Savior has been born to us!" This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family which should be the model for all families here and throughout the world.

When we gaze at the images of the Divine Infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the crib this Christmas, let us be grateful with the mystery of the Incarnation: "God so loved the world that He sent his only Son." During this Christmas season, we celebrate the most precious gift - God becoming one like us except sin and thus He fills our lives with love, joy and peace. Let us remember that the story of Jesus did not conclude in Bethlehem. Rather, it continued in the Holy Family of Nazareth. God has chosen to be a part of the human family. Unlike Superman who dropped from the sky to the Kent family, Jesus was born in the family of Joseph and Mary. Christmas is also a feast of every family where God desires to be a part of every home and in every network of relationships among peoples.

As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to go forth with our families to a spiritual journey: "He became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with Him." The Emmanuel is born to sanctify us and call us to live a holy life. In our grateful response, we must remove those things that separate us from God's love and dispel those that cancel us to be a family deeply rooted in God.

This year has been so difficult for many families. Being away from loved ones has been painful and many have lost loved ones in death, with little chance to grieve them fully. To those who have passed away, we pray that they may rest peacefully in God's dwelling place. We ask for God's blessing on our families and homes, that they may become havens where the love and joy of the Emmanuel would be felt by all. The reading from St Paul to the Colossians tells us how to make our homes like the home of Nazareth by manifesting these to one another: compassion, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness. St. Paul added, "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."

During this time of partying as the Christmas season continues, I fervently hope that you will find some time to pray together as a family, whether in church or in your own homes. Please pray for me, my brother priests, and all our staff and team here at Holy Spirit Church. Please pray, in this joyful season, that we may be more loving and forgiving towards each other. Pray, too, for the complete end of this pandemic. Our strength, our renewal, our healing comes only from God.

I would like to send my personal gratitude to each of you and your families, to our pastor and my brother priests, and all the parish staff for being a part of our Spirit-filled and dynamic community here at Holy Spirit Church and for welcoming me as well. May the peace and joy of this Christmas season embrace you all with the wonder of the birth of Jesus, our Emmanuel! May the beautiful Feast of the Holy Family bless each and every family of Holy Spirit Catholic Church!

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayers and priestly blessings for a holy and joyful Christmas. I hope to meet each of you in the church.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Eddie Castañas, Parochial Vicar



SERVE



January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Samweli Erasto graduated from Science Studies (Physics, Chemistry, Biology).



Congratulations, Samweli!

May God continue to guide and protect you.

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 Spaghetti Sauce
- ⇒ Spaghetti Noodles - not wheat
- ⇒ Vienna Sausage

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

Parish Office Ministry

Do you enjoy working with people? Are you looking for some meaningful work for a few hours a week? Then join our Holy Spirit Parish Office Ministry as a volunteer receptionist.

Contact Sahaya Josephine at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660.

Parish A/V Team

Our parish A/V Team is hiring! We need help for any/all of our weekend Masses.

If interested, please contact Jeff Van der Sluis at jeff@holyspiritfremont.org

You must be at least 18 years old to apply. Join our team!

Giving

Sunday, December 12

\$27,141

Corner

Special Collections coming up:

Diocesan Vocations Program | January 9

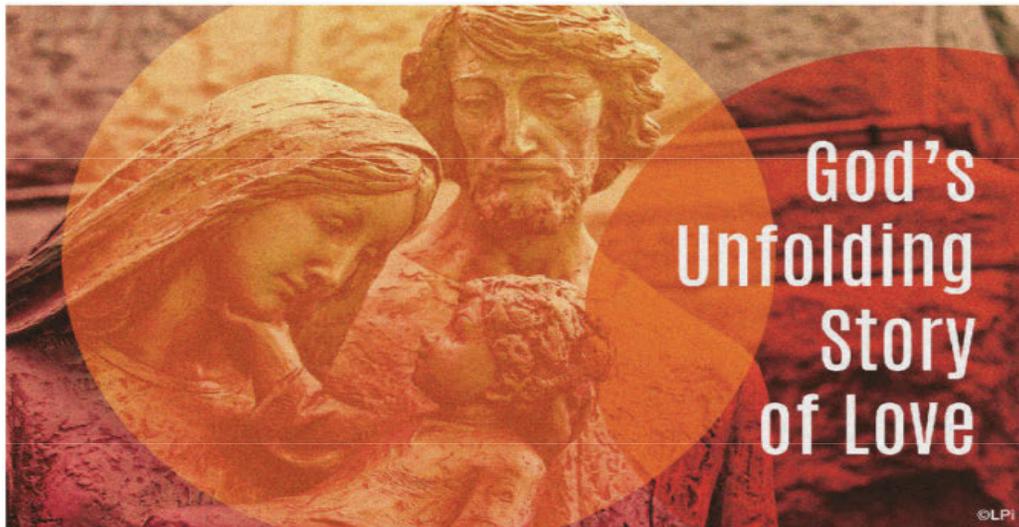
Our pledged weekly amount (excluding special collections):
\$31,963

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.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



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

Neil Lankford, Bernie Hoercher, Adrienne Hadley

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Ismael "Miles" Tiotuico, Serafin Santos, Eduardo Gigante, Perla Ballesteros, Danilo Apostol, Jose Barbosa De Silva

Birthday Blessings

Dr. Juan Fernandez-Miranda, Leanna Nicolas





INVITE

Adorers Needed

Adorers are needed for weekends. Please consider signing up for an hour (weekly commitment) on Saturdays or Sundays.

We will open our Adoration Chapel on Saturdays, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and on Sundays, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, beginning the weekend of January 15-16, 2022.

We are especially in need of adorers to spend an hour with Jesus for the following hours:

- Saturdays: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Sundays: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Sundays: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Substitute adorers are also needed for weekly adorers who can't meet their scheduled commitment due to travel, unforeseen emergencies, etc.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Agnes: 303.638.6301 or lillescolorado@msn.com

Natural Family Planning Consultations

Ellen Holloway, NFP ambassador for Holy Spirit, Fertility awareness coach, and NFP instructor is offering free 15-minute consultations for anyone interested in learning more about NFP.

Have questions on how to get started, where to find an instructor, or how NFP works? Chat with Ellen about it! Consultations are free to Holy Spirit parishioners.

Contact Ellen at ellenholloway100@gmail.com or go to calendly.com/eiholloway

Parish Library

We are happy to announce that our Parish Library is now open. Discover some reading treasures and peruse our selection of family-oriented DVDs.

Library hours: Sundays, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Stop by and visit us! The Parish Library is in the Governo House near the Adoration Chapel.



Cassandra, Kazumi, Natalia,
Celine, Abram



AROUND THE PARISH



Parish Office Closed

In observance of Christmas and New Year, the Parish Office will be closed:

- **Friday, December 24, to Monday, December 27, 2021**
- **Friday, December 31, 2021 to Monday, January 3, 2022**

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 the following donors:

- **Dec 11/12 - Mercy Maganito, Wayne & Judy Young**
- **Dec 15-23 - Simbang Gabi**

Plants for Our Parish

Help beautify our campus! We are asking for donations of plants and greenery for our parish grounds. For more info, contact frpeter@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660 ext. 206

CYO Mass

This is a reminder to all CYO families that participating in CYO is not just about sports - it's about our ability to practice and share our faith in the same way that we practice for sports.

Sunday sporting events and/or practices do not start until 12:00 noon. The purpose is so families have adequate time on Sunday mornings to attend Mass!

This year, we would like to make our weekly 9:00 am Mass the "CYO Mass." We encourage ALL CYO families to attend this Mass. Athletes are invited to wear their uniform as well.

If you can not attend the 9:00 am Mass, please attend one of the other masses on Sunday or the Saturday Vigil Mass. Go to <https://holyspiritfremont.org/mass-times/> for Mass times.

If we can come to practice regular basis, then we should be able to do the same for Mass. Play hard, pray harder! Got questions? Contact your coach or a CYO board member.

Parish Office

Mondays to Fridays
9:00 am to 4:00 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

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