

PARISH INFORMATION & SCHEDULES

Office Phone 510-792-1962 - Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:00am to 12noon

Sundays: 9:30am to 11:30am.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday Mass: 8:30am

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:00am,
12:00noon

Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

Registration in the Parish

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community.

Please complete a registration form available online.

(Parish Info)

St. Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you know is in need, please consider calling 510-796-5494.

Knights of Columbus

For information, please contact: Juan "Jappy" Francisco (415) 269-5973.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is home-bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

Marriages and Baptisms

Please leave a message at the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for Baptisms.

Baptisms

Please call to make an appointment with Fr. Antony. For details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Jappy/Jan Francisco (415) 269-5973.

Baptism Preparation/Training class: Last Friday day of the month from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

Baptism Celebration: Last Saturday of the month 11:30am in the church

Faith Formation

For questions or help with registration, please contact Sheila Remolar Reduta at (650) 743-5728 or sjtafaithformation@gmail.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Please contact FrancesAnn McKenney at 510-648-4876 or contact the parish office at 510-792-1962.

Funerals

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Bill Russell at (510) 901-2191.

Mother Teresa Center Reservations.

Call the office 510-792-1962 or email MTC@sjapostle.net. (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



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Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor

PARISH CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings

Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting

First Monday 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

3rd Monday 7:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Monday 7:00 pm

Bishop Begin Assembly 3546

Business Meeting, 4th Thursday 7:30pm

Pastoral Council

4th Tuesday 7:00pm

Monthly Devotions:

First Friday begins at 8:30am Mass, adoration during the day, 6:30pm Rosary, 7:30pm Mass

KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn 4th Sunday after 10am Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

United Conference of
Catholic Bishops Website

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

PALM SUNDAY (Luke 22:23-58)

TRIUMPHANT ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM

With the Apostles, He shared His last supper,
He had planned for this before He would suffer.
Judas, the betrayer, was at the table,
His choice to walk in the night was terrible.

Jesus knew He came to suffer and to die,
The night He was arrested Jesus knew why.
Everything happened according to God's will,
His Father's plan Jesus, the Son, would fulfill.

Going to Jerusalem would mean sure death,
Jesus knew the cross would reveal His true strength.
The sufferings Jesus would never alter,
The cross would be His sacrificial altar.

He mounted on a colt and made His journey,
Thousands would witness Jesus' solemn entry.
Crowds came with olive branches from far and near,
Wild acclamations of Jesus filled the air.

Pharisees trembled in fear when they saw the crowd,
They heard frenzied people crying for Him loud.
Pharisees feared all their plans had come to a void,
They were afraid of a revolt they couldn't avoid.

Most of these men and women would soon disappear,
In front of human rulers, He would appear.
Two arch enemies became friends once again,
But Pilate and Herod would suffer great pain.

QUESTIONS:

The four types of prayer are Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

1. Do you adore the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? How does that impact your sense of identity in God's Kingdom?
2. Do you experience true and deep contrition for your sins, especially knowing what eternal sacrifice Jesus made in recompense? Are you advancing in spiritual maturity?
3. How do you express thanksgiving for your adoption as a son or daughter of God?
4. For what and for whom do you pray, and do you think your prayers please almighty God?

REFLECTIONS:

The Last Supper marked the end of Jesus' life with the Apostles. He had spent three years with them during which they faithfully spent all their time with Him. They were witnesses to all the miracles that Jesus performed and listened to His numerous teachings. They had experienced the phenomenal growth of their Master's love and popularity among the people. Jesus had healed sick people from every walk of life. Now Jesus' focus was on Jerusalem, where He would be arrested and crucified. This was His ultimate mission and purpose for which He had come, uniting God and humanity in His awesome incarnation. But before He did that, He instituted the Eucharist, in which mankind would forever be invited to partake of His body, blood, soul, and divinity: "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will no longer by any means eat of it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God" (Luke 22:15, 16). The Synoptic Gospels agree that this was a Passover observance. The Passover celebrated the deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt and their beginnings

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**MESSAGE
FROM
FR. ANTONY**

as the people of God. This Passover with Jesus' disciples begins their deliverance from sin and the beginnings of His church as the new people of God.

Jesus made it a point to explain to the apostles what they could expect once He was in Jerusalem. He told them that He would be arrested and ultimately crucified. We would have expected such painful news would have broken their hearts and that they would walk with Him in distress after that. Apparently, they understood nothing of what Jesus told them. Or, it may be better to think that they were so engrossed in worldly positions and power that they did not understand the seriousness of what Jesus had told them. Earlier, after Jesus told the disciples of His coming death, the disciples responded by arguing about which of them was greatest. Jesus set a child in their midst and said, "Whoever is least among you all, this one will be great." The disciples seem not to have learned much from that earlier encounter. Both Judas and Peter would betray Jesus. This argument among the disciples was another betrayal. Jesus had called them to a life of selfless servanthood, but they had continued in a life of personal ambition. We must also consider the possibility that, disturbed by Jesus' talk of death, they were simply shifting the conversation to a less disturbing subject. Peter had pledged his life in defense of His Master, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!" But Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will by no means crow today until you deny that you know me three times." Jesus had taught them that power and dominance are Gentile games. There is no room for such games in the kingdom of God. Wealthy people become known as "benefactors" by giving large charitable donations, but their goal might be to enhance their reputations instead of helping others. If so, that is just another way to play the power and dominance game. The disciples, living under the Roman occupation, had experienced the oppression of a dominated people and understood the dark side of power and dominance. "But not so with you. But one who is the greater among you, let him become as the younger, and one who is governing, as one who serves." Jesus had revealed the kingdom of God, an upside-down world in which the first are last and the last are first. He had only recently pointed out a widow who gave two small coins at the temple treasury, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow put in more than all of them."

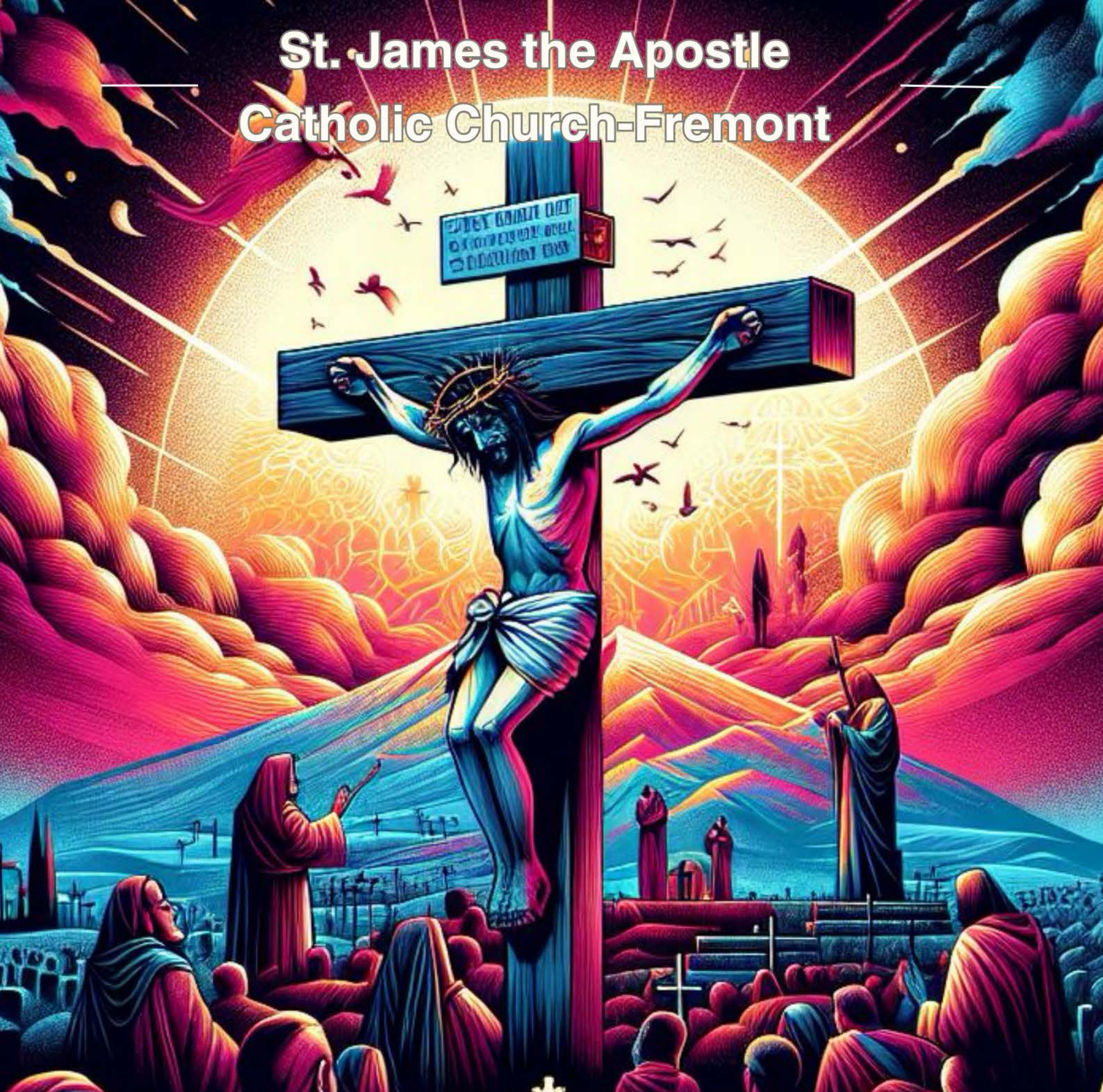
Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem a week before His arrest and crucifixion and brought to closure the symbolism captured prophetically in the book of Zechariah. "The coming of Zion's King - see, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). The symbolism of the donkey may refer to the Eastern tradition that it is an animal of peace, unlike the horse, which is the animal of war. A king would have ridden a horse when he was bent on war and on a donkey to symbolize his arrival in peace. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, therefore, would have thus symbolized His entry as the Prince of Peace, not as a war-waging king. What a humble animal our Lord chose to ride upon! Perhaps we, in our conceit, would have chosen a spirited stallion. But Jesus does not let Himself be guided by purely human reasoning, but by divine criteria. This happened, St. Matthew notes, so that the words of the prophet might be fulfilled: "Tell the daughter of Zion, behold your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." Jesus, who is God, is happy with a young donkey for a throne. We, who are nothing, are so often vain and proud, seek to stand out, to attract attention. We want others to admire and praise us.

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed on His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of the Holy Week, the final week of Lent. In the Greco-Roman culture of the Roman Empire, the palm branch was a symbol of triumph and victory. In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings.

Commenting on this gospel scene, Pope John Paul II recalls, "Jesus didn't see His earthly existence as a search for power, as a means to worldly success and a career, seeking to dominate others. On the contrary, He gave up the privileges of His equality with God, and took the form of a servant, becoming like us men. And He was obedient to the father's plan, even unto death on the cross" (Homily, April 8, 2001). The enthusiasm of the crowd didn't last. A few days later, those who had received Him with acclaim were crying out for His death. Do we let ourselves be carried along by a momentary enthusiasm? If during these days, we sense God's grace passing close to us, let us make room for it in our souls. Rather than palms or olive branches, let us spread our hearts on the ground. Let us be humble, mortified, and understanding towards others. This is the homage that Jesus expects from us. Holy Week offers us an occasion to relive the most important moments of our redemption. The most effective way that we can spend the Holy Week is to enter, hand in hand with Mary, into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May our Lady obtain the grace we need so that these days will leave a deep imprint on our souls. Let this week be, for each of us, an opportunity to grow in God's love, so we may make that love known to many others. We can tell our Lady that we too want to be close to her Son. We want to praise and thank Him, to ask forgiveness for our sins and those of all mankind, to sacrifice ourselves for others and not be afraid of the Cross, and to show those we live alongside the joy that He puts in our hearts.

In closing, the people of Jerusalem saw Jesus as an earthly king who would defeat the oppressive Roman Empire. Their vision of Him was limited by their own finite and worldly needs. They failed to understand that Jesus had come to triumph over a much greater enemy than Rome—an enemy whose defeat would have an impact far beyond the boundaries of this life. Jesus came to overthrow the enemy of our souls—Satan. He came to defeat the power of sin and death. Jesus came not as a political conqueror, but as the Messiah-King, Savior of souls, and giver of eternal life. What about you? Do you find in Him the Savior of your life?

**St. James the Apostle
Catholic Church-Fremont**



Sunday April 13th 5:00 PM

By OLV Novena Ministry

PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Live Performance

34700 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94555

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of St. James Catholic Church invites you to join us during
Divine Mercy Novena, April 18 - April 27, 2025

April 18 – Good Friday	After the Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00PM, the Divine Mercy Novena begins
April 19– Holy Saturday	After the 8:30AM prayers
April 20 – Easter Sunday	After the 12:00PM Mass
April 21 – Monday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 22 – Tuesday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 23– Wednesday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 24 – Thursday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 25 – Friday	After the 8:30AM Mass
April 26 – Saturday	After the 8:30AM Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Reconciliation
April 27 – Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day at the 12:00noon Mass. Please Join Us!

Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy...Faustina



Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska **The Humble Instrument**

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.



Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf. At the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, we include the following in our 3 o'clock prayers:

Saint Faustina,

you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to whom you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. **Amen**



Holy Spirit Church and School

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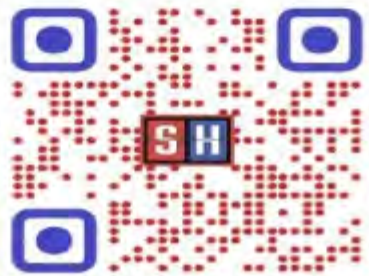
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SATURDAY, MAY 3RD AT 11 AM

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL, PARISH CENTER
37588 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT

FEEES:	PRIZES FOR ADULTS:
Adults \$60/team	1st : \$300
Kids (14 & under) \$40/team	2nd : \$150
	3rd : \$75

Food and Drinks available for purchase
For questions contact TFEZLER@AMPF.COM



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Our Lady of Fatima
statue
in your home
for two weeks.**

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If you have any questions, please
call Judi Domingo at **510-767-9548**.

**THE DIVINE MERCY
APOSTOLATE
OF ST. JAMES PARISH**

invites you to welcome **The Divine Mercy and Mother of Mercy** into your home. We bring the images to your home, for your special prayers, intentions, for sick family members and prayer of heartfelt Thanksgiving.

The following are the dates available for the Year

Jan 26

Feb 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 6

May 4 & 18

June 1, 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

Aug 10 & 24

Sept 7 & 21

Oct 5 & 19

Nov 2, 16 & 30

Dec 14 & 28

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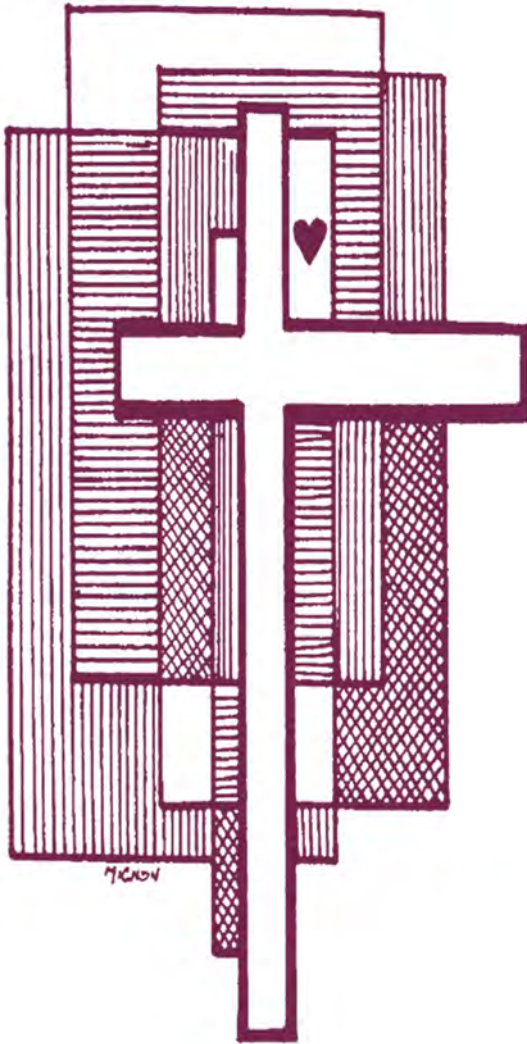
Holy Week Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

April 14, 15, 16

Morning Mass - 8:30am

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Easter Tridium

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:30am - 10:00am Retreat/Recollection (No Mass)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18

8:30am - 10:00am Retreat/Recollection (No Mass)



Afternoon Services

12:00 - 1:00pm Personal Way of the Cross

1:00 - 3:00pm Good Friday

Liturgy with Communion

Black Nazorene Procession



3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena Day #1



Evening Services

7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy with Communion

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:30am - 10:00am Retreat/Recollection

(No Mass)

After the 8:30 Prayers

Divine Mercy Novena Day #2

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses: 8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00 noon

Divine Mercy Novena Day #3