

# *Our Lady Queen of the World Church*

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 18, 2016**

Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung, Administrator  
Deacon Loc Nguyen

### **Office Hours**

Monday 10:00AM to 12PM  
Tues. – Fri.: 8:00AM to 12PM

### **Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM (English)  
7:00PM (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12 noon  
4PM (Vietnamese)  
Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8AM  
First Friday: after 7:30PM Benediction

### **Devotions**

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays from 5PM-  
7:30PM  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena-  
Wednesdays after morning mass  
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy- Mondays & Fridays  
after morning mass

### **Confessions**

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment

### **RCIA**

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist,  
or membership in the Catholic Church, contact  
Rene Asuncion at 925-458-4574.

### **Baptisms**

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents  
held every second Tuesday of the month.  
Contact the parish office. Spanish Classes,  
contact Hilda Avelar at 925-458-3656.  
Vietnamese baptisms, contact Fr. Peter Dung at  
the parish office for an appointment

### **Marriage**

Contact the parish office at least six months in  
advance.

### **Religious Education**

Contact Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.  
Tel: (925) 458-4574 \*Website: [olqvre.olqw.org](http://olqvre.olqw.org)  
Email: [director@olqvre.olqw.org](mailto:director@olqvre.olqw.org)

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Food pantry opens Mondays 9:30 AM -11 AM in  
the Parish hall

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, December 19**

7:30 am Maria & Vicenta Purive

### **Tuesday, December 20**

7:30 am Madeline Arias Int

### **Wednesday, December 21**

7:30 am Thanksgiving

### **Thursday, December 22**

7:30 am Margarita Docena

### **Friday, December 23**

7:30 am Maria Consuleo Tupas's Int.

### **Saturday, December 24**

8:00 am Arturo Talorda

5:00 pm Mario Adela

6:30 pm (SP) Adolfo Miguel

8:30pm (VIET)

12:00am All Parishioners

### **Sunday, December 25**

8:00 am Ebias Family

10:00 am Kevin Joe Dalmacio

12:00 pm Louis Sami

4:00 pm (VIET) All Souls

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mt 1:18-24**



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

### **Filipino Association**

*cheska.simon@yahoo.com*

### **Hispanic Association**

*Gladys Giron, Hispanic Liaison  
(925) 334-9873*

### **Columbiettes**

*Columbiettes08@gmail.com*

### **Knights of Columbus**

*gk7164@yahoo.com*

### **Regina Mundi Guild**

*PatsyWelty, President  
925-458-6787*

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

### **Legion of Mary**

### **Vietnamese Association**

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Fr. Culver, Mario Dolor, Carol Hampton, all those in the Parish who are sick, and all those listed in the Book of Intention. If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory.

## **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE**

**December 11, 2016: \$6,688 (2015: \$4,398)**

**Retirement Fund: \$900**

**Immaculate Conception: \$2, 145**

**2015 Assessment \$34,937**

**2016 Assessment \$39,749 owe \$26,436**

**2016 Insurance Package \$9,870**

Please make all checks payable to either "OLQW" or "Our Lady Queen of the World." This applies to all second collections also, unless otherwise noted. Capital Campaign checks are written to: **Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together.**

## REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL



Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].”

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

Loyola Press Sunday Connection: <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

## HOW IS THE LECTIONARY ARRANGED?

A Lectionary is composed of the readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, vocations, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary.

The Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2008 was Year A. 2009 was Year B, 2010 is Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community. These letters are read semi-continuously. Each Sunday, we pick up close to where we left off the Sunday before, though some passages are never read.

The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2009, 2011, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2010, 2012, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (i.e., some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started.

The year of the cycle does not change on January 1, but on the First Sunday of Advent (usually late November) which is the beginning of the liturgical year.

In addition to the Sunday and weekday cycles, the Lectionary provides readings for feasts of the saints, for common celebrations such as Marian feasts, for ritual Masses (weddings, funerals, etc.), for votive Masses, and for various needs. These readings have been selected to reflect the themes of these celebrations.

<http://uscgb.org/bible/liturgy/index.cfm>

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



### FOOD DRIVE

We will maintain a donation barrel for non-perishable foods in the church foyer; please be generous.

Our groups of volunteers are here every Monday, and they always need groceries to help the needy in our community. The demand has been much greater!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CHRISTMAS CLASS SCHEDULE

There will be no Religious Education classes from Saturday, December 24 thru Monday, January 2. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 7 with a Family Mass at 9:30am.

### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Life West Coast will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2016 in San Francisco. Sign- Up sheets are available in the CCD office. T-shirts for the day will also be available at \$15.00.

## COLUMBIETTES



### DISNEYLAND VACATION RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets \$10 each

**Grand Prize:** Four 2-day hopper passes at Disneyland Resort and California Adventure

\*\*\*PLUS\*\*\*

2 nights at the Embassy Suites Anaheim  
Valued at \$1,300

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** \$500 Amazon Gift Card

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Pier 39 Family Pack for Four valued at \$306 (expires 12/31/2017)

Drawing will be held on January 28, 2017 at Our Lady Queen of the World. Winner need not be present to win. Please see any Columbiette for tickets.

## PARISH EVENTS

### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY



We have one last final weekend, February 25-26, 2017 to have photos taken before the book is published. Please make your appointments online

at: <http://tinyurl.com/p59qk7d>. If you need assistance, please call email Katt Embody at [kattembody@gmail.com](mailto:kattembody@gmail.com). PLEASE be patient and come early for your appointment. If you cannot make it PLEASE give us as much notice as possible so that someone else can use your time slot. If you have a question about past photos please call Lifetouch at 1-800-521-4611.

### MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION



Marriage convalidation means to have your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Our parish invites all who were not married in the Church or would like a convalidation for their marriage to contact Fr. Peter at the parish office.

### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.” As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on July 14-16 or September 29- October 1st. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org)



**SPRING COURSES FOR PASTORAL  
MINISTRY**

**Wednesday, January 4**  
**Sandra Martinez 510-267-8371**  
**SMartinez@oakdiocese.org Oakdiocese.org/spm**

Parish ministry leaders, catechists, school teachers and all adults are invited to participate in our Diocesan School for Pastoral Ministry. The mission of the School is to inspire and equip you to be credible, passionate, and effective in communicating the relevance of the Catholic faith for today. Classes meet one Saturday a month. The full program is three years and leads to diocesan certification. Yet you can take single courses of special interest to you. Spring 2017 courses are: Old Testament, Prayer and Spirituality, Sacraments, the Creed, Catholic Moral Thought, and the Mission of the Laity. Each course provides 12.5 hours of adult faith formation. For more information, visit Oakdiocese.org/spm or contact Sandra Martinez, see above. Deadline to register is January 4. Check out our Facebook page and view our video with Bishop Barber's endorsement and student testimonials!

**ST. PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE**

**June 5 – June 12, 2017**  
**Sara O'Malley Sznes 773-527-0123**  
**PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com**  
**Camille Tompkins CTompkins@oakdiocese.org**

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and The Catholic Voice for the St. Peter Claver Pilgrimage in Caragena Colombia and Panama City, Panama next summer.. Limited seating is available for this pilgrimage with spiritual Guides Fr. Jay Matthews and Fr. Olman Solis and special guest Bishop Michael Barber. For more information, please contact Sara O'Malley Sznes, of Diplomat Travel Agency. For brochures, please contact Camille Tompkins.

**YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017**

**Thursday, January 19**  
**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**1111 Gough St., San Francisco**  
**Alicia Weinman 415-614-5666**  
**weinmana@sfarch.org**

Join other high school students for the annual Youth Conference on Thursday, January 19 at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. The conference will begin at 8:00 am until lunch. For registration or more information, contact Alicia Weinman.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**



<b>Mon. 12/19</b>	2:30-5pm	H: Gift Giving Pick-Up
	7-8:30pm	Religious Education Classes
<b>Thurs. 12/22</b>	5pm	P#2: Legion of Mary
<b>Fri. 12/23</b>	7-9pm	P#1: Hispanic Choir
	8pm	H: Filipino Dinner
<b>Sat. 12/24</b>	11am	CH: Choir Practice

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**ALL ARE INVITED! COME TO THE  
NINE DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA!**

December 15	7:30 p.m
December 16	7:30 p.m
December 17	8:00p.m
December 18	6:00p.m
December 19	7:30 p.m
December 20	7:30 p.m
December 21	7:30 p.m
December 22	7:30 p.m
December 23	7:30 p.m

**A light reception provided by generous sponsors  
will immediately follow.**

# *Christmas Mass Schedule*



## **Christmas Eve December 24, 2016**

5:00pm Mass  
6:30pm Spanish Mass  
8:30pm Vietnamese Mass  
11:30pm Christmas Carols  
12:00 Midnight Parish Mass

## **Christmas Day December 25, 2016**

8:00am Mass  
10:00am Mass  
12:00 Noon Mass  
4:00pm Vietnamese Mass

