

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 10, 2017

Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Loc Nguyen

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

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: 7:30PM

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.

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: olqwre.olqw.org

Email: director@olqwre.olqw.org

St. Vincent de Paul

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 11

7:30 am Our ancestors

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 am Mario F. Adela

Wednesday, December 13

7:30am Carmalita Gatmaitan

Thursday, December 14

7:00am Maria Huong Nguyen

Friday, December 15

7:30am Aida Gaviola

Saturday, December 16

8:00 am Carmen Leonas

5:00pm Patrick Lessley

7:00pm (SP) Juanita Monteon

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am Ngan Vu

10:00 am Tranquilino Nilo

12:00 pm Esperanza Manalo

4:00 pm (VIET)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mk 13:33-37

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside

and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair,

with a leather belt around his waist.

He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association

Lourdes Servigon 925-334-9111

Hispanic Association

Rosie Estrada, Coordinator 925-639-7946

Gladys Giron, Secretary 925-334-9873

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gk7164@yahoo.com

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Patsy Welty, President 925-458-6787

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Esther Tilton, President

SVDPOLQW@gmail.com

Lina Ramon, Treasurer

Katt Embody, Secretary

Legion of Mary

Rick Belza 925-261-0283

Vietnamese Association

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fr. Culver, Carol Hampton, Ed Plaza, German Duarte, Mai Dinh, Doug Parker, Kathy Nebel, Michelle McLaughlin, Liliana Baltar, Jovita Domingo, 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 3: \$5,353

Building Fund – Parking Lot: \$2,815

2017 Assessment: \$42,009

Paid: \$37,009

Owe: \$5,000

2017 Package Insurance: Paid off \$24,670

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.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL



Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

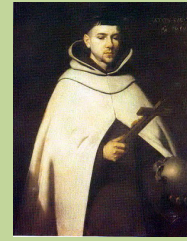
Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

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DECEMBER 14 – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



John of the Cross was locked in a cell six feet wide and ten feet long for nine months, with no light except that which filtered through a slit high up in the wall. He later forgave the men who had imprisoned him. How could he do that? He explained, "Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love."

John's father had been disowned by his wealthy Spanish family when he married a poor weaver rather than a woman of equal economic status. Living in poverty proved to be too much for him, and he died shortly after John was born. John spent much of his youth in an orphanage, where he was clothed, fed, and given an elementary education. At the age of 17, he found a job in a hospital and was accepted into a Jesuit college. In 1563 he entered the Carmelite Order. Eventually he enrolled in another university, where he did so well that he was asked to teach a class and to help settle disputes.

When he met Teresa of Ávila and learned from her about the reform of the Carmelite Order, John decided to help with it. As part of this decision, he wore sandals instead of shoes and lived very simply in prayer and solitude. In 1577 the attitude toward the reform shifted.

John was caught up in a misunderstanding and imprisoned at Toledo, Spain. During those months of darkness in that little cell, John could have become bitter, revengeful, or filled with despair. But instead, he kept himself open to God's action, for no prison could separate him from God's all-embracing love. During this time he had many beautiful experiences and encounters with God in prayer. Later he would describe these experiences in poetry. In 1578 John escaped to southern Spain to join the reformed Carmelites. There he held leadership positions and wrote reflections on his experiences, which showed his deep spirit of prayer. When he became ill, he chose to go to the city of Ubeda, where no one knew him. It was there that he died.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-john-of-the-cross-c-1542-1591>

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!



Feeding the Community

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

11TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING PROGRAM



The Knights of Columbus would like to remind you that the gifts should be returned by Sunday December 10th or on December 15th at 4:00PM in the Hall. Make sure to have your tag and your unwrapped gift in a bag.

If you are interested in being Santa's helper then show up on Friday December 15 at the hall at 4:00 PM with your own scissors for some good soup, Christmas music and fun.

Any questions contact Silvio: gk7164@yahoo.com

HISPANIC COMMUNITY



Feeling full of joy after our Advent retreat. Deacon Gustavo was amazing and we are so grateful for his time, energy, and for helping us get ready for this special season. We truly wish all of our OLQW parish family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to come.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BIBLE CLASS

Father Peter will be offering a Bible class for all adults interested in refreshing your knowledge of Scripture. Classes will be on Saturday mornings from 9:15am to 10:30am. For more information or to sign up, contact Rene Asuncion at 925-458-4574 or director@olqwre.olqw.org.



YOUTH CONCERT



Please reserve the date for a fun night on January 14, 2018.

The OLQW Parish Youth Group will present a concert in the Palis Hall.

Tickets are only \$10.00 and includes snack provided by the Filipino Association of OLQW. Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Mon. 12/11	7:00pm	H: Religious Ed.
Tues. 12/12	7:00pm	H: Pre-Baptism
Wed. 12/13	9:15am 7:30pm 7:00pm	CH: Legion of Mary CH: Choir Practice H: Filipino Meeting
Thurs. 12/14	7:00pm 7:00pm	CH: Divine Mercy Prayer H: RCIA
Fri. 12/15	5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Gift Wrapping P#1: Hispanic Choir CH: Simbang Gabi
Sat. 12/16	9:00am 8:00pm	H: Religious Ed. CH: Simbang Gabi

STREET WORK AND TRAFFIC CONCERNS

As part of the Canal Bridge project which is taking place right now we have been in dialog with county personnel about some concerns regarding the intersection of Alves Lane and Winterbrook drive. At the request of Deacon Loc I submitted a request of the traffic engineers to perform an evaluation of traffic flows at this intersection. They last did a traffic flow study about 3 years ago, 2014 or 2015. The study did not reflect a need for a stop sign or other traffic control measures. I expanded our concerns to include sight lines and they agreed to evaluate with that as a consideration. The result is that there will be a new speed limit sign posted near the new bridge to remind drivers of the reduction from 35mph to 25 mph as they transition from Canal Lane to Alves lane. Additionally they are going to extend the red curb on the east side of the street to limit parking and increase the sight line looking south as we try to make our way onto Alves lane.

During our dialog it came to be apparent that the traffic flow studies have always been conducted on weekdays. Per our request they are going to do a new study on consecutive weekends during April or May of 2018, after the new bridge is open, to see if traffic flows will justify additional controls such as a stop sign.

2018 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Help religious communities. “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

RELIGION QUIZ

The prophet _____ foretold that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

Last week's answer: The prophet Isaiah foretold that Jesus would be born of a virgin.

Warm A Soul

Saint Vincent De Paul



Our Lady Queen of the World

Coat drive



Have an extra coat

in your CLOSET?



Help us help others .

The days are getting colder

Check your closets for an extra sweater, sweatshirt, coat or jacket

Drop off in the bin at church .

Collecting thru till January 28th



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

December 15	7:30 p.m
December 16	8:00 p.m
December 17	6:00p.m
December 18	7:30p.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	8:00 p.m

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

2017 PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

