

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 17, 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: [olqwr.olqw.org](http://olqwr.olqw.org)  
Email: [director@olqwr.olqw.org](mailto:director@olqwr.olqw.org)

### St. Vincent de Paul

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, December 18**

7:30 am Maria & Vicenta Purino

### **Tuesday, December 19**

7:30 am Raymundo C. Millare

### **Wednesday, December 20**

7:30am Madeline Arias

### **Thursday, December 21**

7:00am Maria Huong Nguyen

### **Friday, December 22**

7:30am All Souls

### **Saturday, December 23**

8:00 am Rey Lamberto Alibo

5:00pm Remedios V. Penn

7:00pm (SP) German Duarte

### **Sunday, December 24**

8:00 am Thanksgiving

10:00 am Pioquinto Zablan

12:00 pm Alolfo & Virginia Miguel

2:00 pm (VIET)

6:00pm (SP) Linda Ng

8:30pm (VIET)

12:00am For the Parish

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Jn 1:6-8, 19-28**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*

*'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

### **Filipino Association**

Lourdes Servigon 925-334-9111

### **Hispanic Association**

Rosie Estrada, Coordinator 925-639-7946

Gladys Giron, Secretary 925-334-9873

### **Columbiettes**

Columbiettes08@gmail.com

### **Knights of Columbus**

gk7164@yahoo.com

### **Regina Mundi Guild**

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**

**Immaculate Conception – December 8: \$2,365**

**December 10: \$5,456**

**Religious Retirement: \$900**

**2017 Assessment: Paid off \$42,009**

**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 we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-of-advent-cycle-b-sunday-connection>

## WHAT ARE THE O ANTIPHONS?



Christmas carols, Advent wreaths, Christmas trees, Midnight Mass, and ginger cookies— Whether they are family or Church customs, the many traditions associated with the Advent and Christmas seasons make these special times of the year for us. One of these ancient traditions is the O Antiphons: seven responses, or antiphons, that are sung or recited to introduce the canticle of Mary (the Magnificat) at evening prayer from December 17 to December 23, the octave before Christmas. These antiphons are based on Isaiah's prophecies and refer to the different ancient titles given to the Messiah:

### **O Sapientia (O Wisdom)**

See Isaiah 11:2–3; 28:29.

### **O Adonai (O Lord)**

See Isaiah 11:4–5; 33:22.

### **O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)**

See Isaiah 1:1; 11:10.

### **O Clavis David (O Key of David)**

See Isaiah 9:6; 22:22.

### **O Oriens (O Rising Sun)**

See Isaiah 9:1.

### **O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)**

See Isaiah 9:5; 2:4.

### **O Emmanuel (God with us)**

See Isaiah 7:14.

We can bring these responses into our own prayers, as simple reminders throughout the day of the one whose coming we are joyfully expecting, as introductions to our own prayers of praise of Jesus, or as words of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness throughout the ages and our lives. Regardless of how you incorporate these ancient words into your Advent prayer life, let them speak to you, and maybe they will become part of your family traditions.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent/what-are-the-o-antiphons>

## 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**

## 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](mailto: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, January 9, 2018 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.



### RELIGION QUIZ

Bethlehem means \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Last week's answer:* The prophet Micah foretold that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Mon. 12/18</b>	2:00pm	H: Gift Giving Pick Up
	7:00pm	H: Religious Ed.
	7:30pm	CH: Simbang Gabi
<b>Tues. 12/19</b>	7:30pm	CH: Simbang Gabi
<b>Wed. 12/20</b>	9:15am	CH: Legion of Mary
	7:30pm	CH: Simbang Gabi
<b>Thurs. 12/21</b>	7:00pm	CH: Divine Mercy Prayer
	7:30pm	CH: Simbang Gabi
<b>Fri. 12/22</b>	7:00pm	P#1: Hispanic Choir
	7:30pm	CH: Simbang Gabi
<b>Sat. 12/23</b>	8:00pm	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.



# Warm A Soul

Saint Vincent De Paul



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## 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

## “COMFORTING THOSE WHO MOURN” ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN EFFECTIVE GRIEF MINISTRY

**Who:** Established parish grief support teams, parish teams wanting to start a ministry, and individuals interested in learning more about this ministry.

**What:** This is a 4-session training that will cover everything you need to know to lead an effective grief ministry program. You can attend all 4 sessions to be fully trained, or attend any one or more of the workshops that you feel would be a good refresher for your team.

**When:** This 4-session series will run for the 4 Thursday's of January (January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) the same workshop will be offered both in the daytime and the evening, to accommodate schedules. You can choose to attend from 10:00am-12:00pm (lunch will be offered for \$15.00) or from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Courses will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, California.

### **The Topics will include:**

**Thursday January 4th:** Introduction to Grief Ministry, the Psychology of Grief: This workshop will cover how to start a grief ministry at your parish, and what the main schools of thought around grief are.

**Thursday January 11th:** Creating a safe space: This workshop will cover best practices of creating an atmosphere, maintaining a safe environment, facilitating a small group, listening exercises and how to refer complicated grief.

**Thursday January 18th:** Best Practices: In this workshop, we will be sharing the best practices for the workshop such as prayers and rituals and best practices for getting the word out about your group and boosting attendance.

**Thursday January 25th:** Sharing your story: How to give witness to your own grief journey.

**All trainings are Free and led by Kate Neal, Catholic Funeral and Cemeteries Director of Grief Ministry.**



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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.**

# *Christmas Mass Schedule*



## **Christmas Eve**

**December 24, 2017**

6:00pm Spanish Mass

8:30pm Vietnamese Mass

11:30pm Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Parish Mass

## **Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2017**

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

12:00 Noon Mass

