

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 24, 2017**

**CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 25, 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 25**

8:00 am Vicente Ebias Family  
10:00am Kevin Joe Delmacio  
12:00pm Catalina De Vera

### **Tuesday, December 26**

7:30 am Lamberto Bautista Jr.

### **Wednesday, December 27**

7:30am Maria Consuelo Tupas

### **Thursday, December 28**

7:30am Antonio Millare

### **Friday, December 29**

7:30am Gelermo Gonzales

### **Saturday, December 30**

8:00 am John Michael Bautista  
5:00pm Patrick Lessley  
7:00pm (SP) Zoila Reyes

### **Sunday, December 31**

8:00 am Arturo Talorda  
10:00 am Patrick Lessley  
12:00 pm Arturo & Aurora Mediana  
4:00pm (VIET)

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Lk 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

## **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**

The collections for December 17 will be posted in the December 31 bulletin.

**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



This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - CHRISTMAS



The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this Gospel is not an Infancy Narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel begins at the beginning, as it were, and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words, "In the beginning . . .," echo the opening verse of the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. However, John's Gospel highlights that this was the divine intention from the very beginning, from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out is John's use of the expression, "Word of God." This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. In Jewish thought, this phrase describes God taking action—for example, in the Creation story and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek, or Hellenistic, thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the trinitarian faith of Christians, the word Logos came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel are introduced. These themes are presented as dualities: light/darkness, truth/falsehood, life/death, and belief/unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel—the motif of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify about Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will themselves testify to his identity with God as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms seems particularly appropriate as we celebrate the feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

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## *A Message from Fr. Peter*

Beloved in Christ,

Christmas is coming and the year 2017 is approaching its end. I would like to take this special moment to thank our Lord for his unceasing blessings and graces upon our community, Our Lady Queen of the World. I thank each and every one of you for your love and support to me personally and our parish in everything we have been doing together.

Christmas is a gracious time. It tends to bring back for us our memories of family gatherings and traditions that have been passed down through generations. Christmas means something different to everyone, but everyone appreciates a simple card or a message. Many families take a family picture to send with a card, but even if we don't do that, text messages or even emails wishing families a Merry Christmas will make them feel special.

Let us not forget, however; that Jesus is the center and the reason we celebrate Christmas. Jesus came not only to bring us: Peace, Happiness, Joy... and salvation but to be with us as the Emmanuel.

May the New-Born King Jesus bring you, your families and friends: Peace, Joy, Happiness and prosperity during this Christmas and throughout the New Year 2018!

A Blessed Christmas and Grace-Filled New Year to all!

Regards,  
Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung

## 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**

### 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.



### 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.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Wed. 12/27 9:15am CH: Legion of Mary  
Thurs. 12/28 7:00pm CH: Divine Mercy Prayer  
Fri. 12/29 5:00pm CH: Adoration  
7:00pm P#1: Hispanic Choir  
Sat. 12/30 8:00pm H: Spanish Community

### RELIGION QUIZ

In Matthew's Gospel, \_\_\_\_\_ generations are recorded between Abraham and the Messiah.

*Last week's answer:* Bethlehem means House of Bread.

# 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

# *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

## **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

**January 1, 2018**

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

2:00pm Spanish Mass

5:00pm Mass

7:30pm Mass





# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

