

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 3, 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](http://olqwre.olqw.org)  
Email: [director@olqwre.olqw.org](mailto:director@olqwre.olqw.org)

### St. Vincent de Paul

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, December 4**

7:30 am Efren & Nancy Anniversary

### **Tuesday, December 5**

7:30 am Joseph Dean Nguyen

### **Wednesday, December 6**

7:30am Roberto Nunag

### **Thursday, December 7**

7:30am Donna Weston

### **Friday, December 8**

8:00am Felix Ulep Sr.

10:00am Catalina de Vera

5:00pm Kim Mui Trac, Nguon Tran,  
The Hung Tran

7:30pm John Lazaneo

### **Saturday, December 9**

8:00 am Lorenzo Canon

5:00pm Patrick Lessley

7:00pm (SP) Angela Saltos Botello

### **Sunday, December 10**

8:00 am Louis Swami

10:00 am Felisa Garcia

12:00 pm Rolando & Jhovee Santos  
Wedding Anniversary

4:00 pm (VIET)

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mk 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,  
each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

## **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.

## **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**

## **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE**

**November 19: \$5,287**

**Human Development: \$871**

**Thanksgiving: \$4210**

**November 26: \$5281**

**Parish Assessment: \$2012**

**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 we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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

## DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



On December 8, the Church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast celebrates God's choice of Mary to be the mother of Jesus. God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception. Thus, Mary was the first to receive the benefit of the redemption that her Son would merit for all.

To reflect upon this mystery, the Gospel reading for this day presents to us the story of the Annunciation. It is through her exchange with the angel Gabriel that Luke, the Evangelist, introduces the person of Mary. The Annunciation begins in the context of Luke's account of the birth of John the Baptist. "In the sixth month," referring to Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel appears to a virgin of Nazareth—Mary. Indeed, there are many parallels in Luke's accounts of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.

In this passage, Luke tells us much about Mary and the child she is to bear. We learn that Mary is a virgin from Nazareth who is betrothed to a man named Joseph, who was of the house of David. The angel greets Mary in the most glowing of terms, acknowledging the favor she has found with God. The son Mary is to conceive is described in messianic terms. He will be called "Son of the Most High" and the "Son of God."

Mary is bold in her exchange with the angel. She is troubled by his greeting and questions the message, asking "How am I to bear a son if I have no relations with a man?" Mary is told that she will conceive through the power of the Holy Spirit and is offered a sign in the miraculous pregnancy of her elder cousin Elizabeth.

Mary's affirmative response to this seemingly impossible message gives evidence to the grace we know that she possesses from God. Only one who is "full of grace" can be so receptive to and cooperative with the will of God. Because of this, Mary is the model of discipleship for all Christians.

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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. **Masses will be at 8am, 10am, 5pm, and 7:30pm.**

**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, December 12 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.



**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**



Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be on Monday, December 4 at 7pm in the church. Come and receive God's healing and forgiveness in preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all, for the generous donations for the October Tootsie Roll Drive. Families in the Lynn Center in Pittsburg will benefit from this cause.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who supported the Thanksgiving Food Drive in any way. It helped so many families in our parish and community who were in need of a dinner that day. We are so fortunate to have such a caring and giving parish community.



**CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING DRIVE**



This week will begin the 11th Annual Christmas Gift Giving drive. You can Sponsor a Family or a child by collecting a card from the Christmas tree from the front entrance. For Questions contact the Rectory to reach Silvio.

**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).





# RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

## 2018 RCIA LIST

**BAPTISM (CATECHUMENS):** Sinay Castanon-Padilla (Prep), Ryan Herceg, Ivan Gonzalez (Prep), Jonathan Miller, David Tejada, Gassia Zetunian, Ro Dinh Hau

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Lorenzo De Lao (C3), Ryan Herceg, Stephanie Guzman-Tellez (C2), Jonathan Miller, David Tejada, Gassia Zetunian, Ro Dinh Hau

**CONFIRMATION:** Kelly Campos, Lilian Campos, Fernando Espinoza, Carlos Garibay-Lopez, Ryan Herceg, Emmanuel Hernandez, Martha Hernandez, Armando Mendoza, Jonathan Miller, Ilse Orozco, Rafael Silva, David Tejada, Gassia Zetunian, Ro Dinh Hau

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

### SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

**Fr. Alexander Castillo**  
510-267-8357

[ACastillo@oakdiocese.org](mailto:ACastillo@oakdiocese.org)

The School for Pastoral Ministry is now accepting applications for Spring 2018. Application deadline is December 8, and classes begin January 13. For more information, visit [oakdiocese.org/spm](http://oakdiocese.org/spm). The mission of the school is to form adults to be “missionary disciples,” inspired and equipped to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to their families, parishes and the wider world.

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Mon. 12/4</b>	7:00pm 7:00pm	H: Religious Ed. CH: Communal Penance Service
<b>Tues. 12/5</b>	6:45pm 7:00pm	H: KofC Rosary and Meeting H: Hispanic Meeting
<b>Wed. 12/6</b>	9:15am 2:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	CH: Legion of Mary RMG Pittsburg Care Center CH: Choir Practice H: Crab Feed Mtg.
<b>Thurs. 12/7</b>	12:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	H: RMG Christmas Luncheon CH: Divine Mercy Group H: RCIA
<b>Fri. 12/8</b>	7:00pm	P#1: Hispanic Choir
<b>Sat. 12/9</b>	9:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	H: Religious Ed. H: Legion of Mary H: Vietnamese Choir

## RELIGION QUIZ

The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ foretold that Jesus would be born of a virgin.

*Last week's answer:* The Lord brought ten plagues upon the Egyptians so that they would let the Israelites depart.

☉ Come, ☉ Come Emmanuel



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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	6:30p.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.**

**2018 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**



“Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

**WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED**  
in the  
**HOLY LAND**

Nazareth + Galilee + Cana + Capernaum + Sea of Galilee  
Jordan River + Jericho + Dead Sea + Judean Desert  
Jerusalem + Mt of Olives + Bethany + Bethlehem  
Plus a 1 day side trip to Petra, Jordan

10 Day Pilgrimage under the direction of  
**Fr. Bart Hutcherson, OP**  
Departs San Francisco Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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Breakfast and Lunch daily, local guides, admission to all sites

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