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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: DECEMBER 31, 2017

Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung, Parochial Administrator
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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
Email: director@olqwr.olqw.org

St. Vincent de Paul

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

8:00 am Helen Louise Smith
10:00am Ernesto Agustin
2:00pm (SP)
5:00pm
8:00pm

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 am Our Ancestors

Wednesday, January 3

7:30am Mr. Miguel

Thursday, January 4

7:30am Michael Saverio

Friday, January 5

7:30am Elizabeth De Guzman

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am Apolonio & Dorotea Zapata
5:00pm Ebias Vicente Family
7:00pm (SP) Prudencia Avelar

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Dori David – Thanksgiving
10:00 am Rita Gott
12:00 pm Legion of Mary Members
4:00pm (VIET)

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Lk 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted - and you yourself a sword will pierce - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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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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 17: \$5,187

Building Fund: \$1,928

The collections for December 24 will be posted in the January 7 bulletin.

Tax statements will be available after January 31. On your contribution envelopes, please indicate that you need a statement or call the rectory.

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 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON – JANUARY 4



Who was the first person born in the United States to be declared a saint? Who opened the first American Catholic parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage? Who founded the first native American religious community of women? The answers to all these questions are the same: Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton.

Elizabeth's Episcopalian parents handed on to her their own faith. Her mother and stepmother taught her to pray and read Scripture. Her father, a doctor, taught her to love and serve the poor. As a young girl, Elizabeth took food to the poor near her home. After she was married, she and her sister-in-law Rebecca visited the poor and sick in slums. Elizabeth was prepared for New York high society. At the age of nineteen she married William Seton, the son and business partner of the owner of a wealthy shipping firm. No one could have guessed the plans God had for her. Will and Elizabeth were devoted to each other. They loved their five children—three girls and two boys. Everything went well until 1803, when Will Seton's business went bankrupt and his health failed. The Filicchi family in Italy invited Will, Elizabeth, and their oldest daughter Anne to visit so that Will could recuperate in the warm Italian climate. The journey was rough. Because there had been an epidemic in New York before the Setons left, when they landed in Italy the police quarantined them in an old fort. If after six weeks they did not come down with the disease, they would be able to enter Italy. Will, already ill, had to lie in the cold, damp room. Elizabeth cared for him as well as she could, but a few weeks after they were freed, Will died.

The Filicchis, who were Catholic, helped Elizabeth. Finally, she realized that God was calling her to become a Catholic. She went to a priest to learn about the truths of the faith. Later, she and her children became Catholics. Because of their decision, her family and many friends turned against her, and she found herself on her own. To support herself and her children, she opened a Catholic boarding school for girls in Maryland. Women came to help Elizabeth, and the school grew. Soon it seemed obvious that God was asking Elizabeth to dedicate her life completely to him. She and the other women began a community of religious women known as the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's. Elizabeth Seton received the title of "Mother," head of the community. They followed an adapted version of the Rule used by the Daughters of Charity founded in 1633 in France. After Mother Seton's death, her community grew into several independent new congregations of Sisters of Charity in the U.S. and Canada. In 1850, the remaining Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's joined the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul of Paris, France.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-elizabeth-ann-seton>

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



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It is a holy day of obligation. **Masses will be 8am, 10am, 2pm in Spanish, 5pm, and 8pm.**

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.



Our next Bingo night is Saturday, January 6 at 6pm. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COULUMBUS ROSARY



All are invited to participate in a rosary on Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00pm in the hall to pray for the sainthood for Father Michael McGivney to be recognized.

RELIGION QUIZ

Jesus was _____ days old when he was circumcised and given his name.

Last week's answer: In Matthew's Gospel, 42 generations are recorded between Abraham and the Messiah.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Tues. 01/02	7:00pm	H: K of C Rosary & Meeting
Wed. 01/03	9:15am 1:00pm	CH: Legion of Mary H: RMG Meeting
Thurs. 01/04	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	H: Columbiette Mtg. P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer H: RCIA
Fri. 01/05	5:00pm 7:00pm	CH: Adoration P#1: Hispanic Choir
Sat. 01/06	9:00am 6:00pm	H: Religious Ed. H: Bingo

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 Gift Wrapping



CCD Christmas Pageant and Party

