

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

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

(Matthew 11:10)

Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo, Pastor
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, 12:00 Noon
4:00PM (Vietnamese)
Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM
First Friday: 7:30PM

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00PM- 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

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 925-642-3058.

* **Vietnamese** baptisms, contact Fr. Peter Dung D. Ngo at the parish office.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.

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• Religious Education

RCIA Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church.

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



GOSPEL READING MT 11:2-11



Monday, December 16

7:30 am Carmencita Leonas
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 am David Charles Allen
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 am Raymundo Millare
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Thursday, December 19

7:30 am Maria Huong Nguyen
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 20

7:30 am Madeline Arias
8:00 pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 21

8:00 am Anna Tran Hang
5:00 pm David Charles Allen
6:00 pm Simbang Gabi
7:00 pm (SP) Daniel Margarito Gonzalez

Sunday, December 22

8:00 am Louis Swami
10:00 am Michelle Batiller Aquino
12:00 pm Francis Hill
4:00 pm (VN)
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Lourdes Servigon,
Coordinator (925-334-9111)

Hispanic Association Rosie Estrada,
Coordinator (925-639-7946)
Contacto en Español: Gladys Giron
(925-334-9873)

Columbiettes Cara Wahl, Vice President

Knights of Columbus Andrew Trias
(Andrew.trias@gmail.com)

Regina Mundi Guild Leah Abejuela,
President(labejuela@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Esther Tilton,
President SYDPOLQW@gmail.com

Legion of Mary: Rick Belza (925-261-0283)

Vietnamese Association:

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Beverly Cawley, Kathy Nebel, Sylvia Ho, Conception Huezo, Ray & Alice Conner, Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Amy Kueck, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin and 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 458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

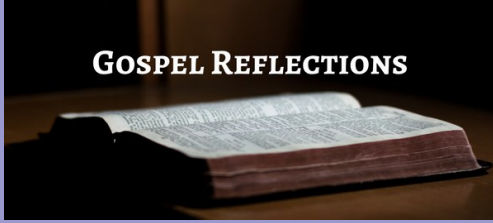
Sunday Plate December 8: \$ 4,503.00

Retired Religious Fund: \$ 1,006.00

Thank you for your contribution support to sustain the ministries & ongoing needs of our parish.

Please make all checks payable to either "OLQW" or Our Lady Queen of the World for both first and second collections. Also please put your envelope number on the Memo line.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



STUDENTS' PROFILES

Kevin Nuno Nunez

My name is Kevin Nuno Nunez. I was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. My family and I moved to California 2 years ago. I live with my parents and an older sister. My other sister lives in Mexico with her husband. I am a Senior at Mt. Diablo High School. I am planning to go to college after high school to study psychology. I am in the RCIA program to get my sacraments done. I want to get confirmed because I want to get closer to God and do my best to be a better member of my community. I want to get to know more about my religion and all the beautiful things God does. The community can expect from me that I am going to try to do more good things and to try to be a better person everyday.



PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM CLASS



Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

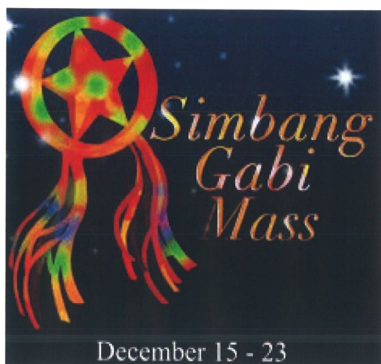
BIBLE CLASS



Father Peter will be offering a Bible class for all adults interested in refreshing your knowledge of Scripture. Classes will be on Third Tuesday night from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The next Class will be on January 21, 2020. For more information, contact Rene Asuncion or the Parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

December 21-December 30: Christmas Holiday: NO CCD CLASSES



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3155 WINTERBROOK DR. BAY POINT, CA 94565

A NINE DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Schedule

December 15, 2019 -	6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2019 -	7:30 p.m.
December 17, 2019 -	7:30 p.m.
December 18, 2019 -	7:30 p.m.
December 19, 2019 -	7:30 p.m.
December 20, 2019 -	8:00 p.m.
December 21, 2019 -	6:00 p.m.
December 22, 2019 -	7:30 p.m.
December 23, 2019 -	7:30 p.m.

A light reception provided by generous sponsors will immediately follow.

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!



Are you Downsizing?

Are you Cleaning Your Closets in Prep for the Holidays?
St. Vincent de Paul Would be Grateful for Your Items!

Repurpose, Reuse and Recycle with St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County!
The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores in Pleasant Hill, Pittsburg and Brentwood support all our safety-net programs including the Free Dining Room, Free Food Pantries, Free Medical Clinic, Free Dental Program, Daytime Homeless Shelter, Auto Assistance Program and MORE!

Drop Your Donations to:

Pittsburg Thrift Store
2210 Gladstone Dr.
Pittsburg, CA 94565
Mon. - Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

Pleasant Hill Thrift Store
2815 Contra Costa Blvd.
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
7 days a week: 9 AM - 5 PM

Brentwood Help & Hope Thrift Center
8890 Brentwood Blvd.
Brentwood, CA 94513
7 days a week: 10 AM - 6 PM



FURNITURE WILL BE PICKED UP!
Call 925-439-5060 to arrange for a pickup!
Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING DRIVE

The 13th Annual Christmas Gift Giving Drive has begun, you can sponsor a Family or a child by collecting a card from the Christmas Tree from the front entrance. For any questions, please contact the Rectory .

COLUMBIETTES

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BLOOD DRIVE

November 24, 2019

The preliminary results shows that the drive had 23 appointments scheduled to donate. We registered 20 donors and 17 could donate. Out of the 17 donors we collected 19 units of lifesaving blood. The total both of your 2019 blood drives this year was 42 units. Each unit of blood can potentially save 3 lives, your drives helped to possibly save the lives of 126 people.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 16

7:00 pm Religious Education
8:00 pm Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 pm Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Wednesday, December 18

9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary
7:30 pm K of C Meeting
8:00 pm Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Thursday, December 19

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy
8:00 pm Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Friday, December 20

5:00 pm K of C Gift wrapping
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am Gift Giving Tree Pick-up
3:30 pm Confession
8:30 pm Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Sunday, December 22

1:00 pm Hall: VN School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
8:30 pm Simbang Gabi Fellowship

SOLAR SYSTEM

The Maintenance Fund 2nd collection will be for the Solar System. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



2019 MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Marriage Preparation is an intense time for engaged couples. Our programs include periods of deep couple conversations, reflection and prayer. Presenters share their faith and marriages, addressing important real-life topics from a Catholic perspective. Register online for Marriage Preparation Programs at www.EastBayCatholic.com. or call Laura Windham at 510-267-8395.

TAIZE ADVENT EVENING PRAYER "TAKE TIME FOR TAIZE AT SAN DAMIANO RETREAT IN DANVILLE"

Join us Wednesday Evenings in December for repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes interspersed with readings, prayers and periods of silence. Taize will relax your frazzled nerves.

Everyone is welcome Wednesday Evenings: December 4, 2019; December 11, 2019; December 18, 2019 Prayer Service in the Chapel from 7:00 PM To 7:45 PM REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING! No Charge and no need to register, just come. For more information call at 925-837-9141

DECEMBER 3, 7PM
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513

DECEMBER 5, 7PM
ST. PETER MARTYR OF VERONA
740 Black Diamond Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565

DECEMBER 9, 7PM
OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD
3155 Winterbrook Drive, Baypoint, CA 94565

DECEMBER 13, 7PM
MOST HOLY ROSARY
1313 A Street, Antioch, CA 94509

DECEMBER 16, 7PM
CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD
3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565

DECEMBER 19, 7PM
ST. ANTHONY
971 O'Hara Avenue, Oakley, CA 94561



2019 Christmas Party





Spring Festival Queen

(Our Lady Queen of the World Solar Project)

Four ladies will seek your support to be chosen as the "Queen" of the "Spring Festival 2020." Purchase raffle tickets from any of the candidates and get a chance to win cash prizes.

1st Prize \$1,000.00; 2nd Prize \$600.00; 3rd Prize \$400.00. Winners will be announced on May 16, 2020. There will also be three (3) "Early Bird" drawings. Need not be present to win. 5 Tickets for a donation of \$15.00. All proceeds from the "Spring Queen Festival" will go towards the Solar Project.

Spring Queen Festival Candidates



Kim Tran



Becky Trombley



Remedios Cadena



Sylvia Hernandez