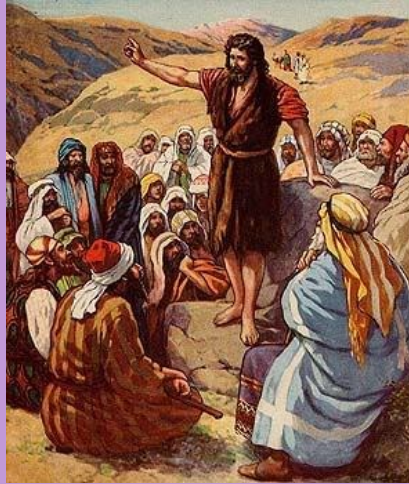


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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

(Matthew 3:2)

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 3:1-12



Monday, December 9

8:00 am Ricky Belza

Tuesday, December 10

7:30 am Lucy Jayin

Wednesday, December 11

7:30 am Estela Reynozo

Thursday, December 12

7:30 am Maria & Vicenta Purino

Friday, December 13

7:30 am Maria Ngu Nguyen

Saturday, December 14

8:00 am Anna Manh Nho

5:00 pm Lucio Rivera

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am Jacqueline Tran & Dexter Ma

10:00 am Teresa Maria Nguyen Tam

12:00 pm Felisa Garcia

4:00 pm (VN)

6:00 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 Patsy Welty, President
(925-458-6787)

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St. Vincent de Paul Society: Esther Tilton,
President (SYDPOLOQW@gmail.com)

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

Vietnamese Association

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

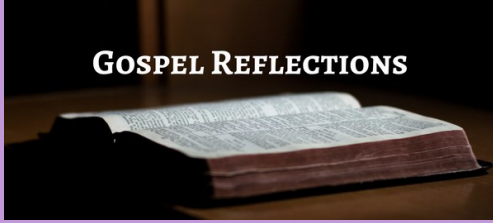
Sunday Plate December 1: \$ 5,624.00

Building Fund: \$ 1,730.00

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



In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day: December 8



A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM CLASS



Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Monday, December 9th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a mass at 8:00 am.



ADVENT EVENTS



December 9: Communal Penance @ 7:00 pm

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 9: Communal Penance @7pm

December 14: Christmas Pageant & Potluck

December 15: Rite of Acceptance (RCIA) @ 10:00 am
Mass

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



All CCD students and parents are invited to attend The Religious Education Annual Christmas Pageant and Potluck on December 14th at 9:00 am. Please bring food to share.

FILIPINO ASSOCIATION

The Filipino Association will be accepting nominations for the 2020-2022 officers through December 15th. The completed nomination form need to be deposited into the nomination box located on the table at the Church entrance. The Election of Officers will be held on December 21 and 22, 2019.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of you who contributed in some way to this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to give meals to 70 families this year.

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

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD 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 9

7:00 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 pm Pre – Baptism Class
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 11

9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary
5:00 pm Hispanic Prep for Feast of OL of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12

2:00 pm Rosary/Vigil—Natividad Garcia
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy
6:30 pm Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 13

10:00 am Funeral Mass-Natividad Garcia
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am Religious Education
3:30 pm Confession
5:30 pm Hispanic Community Posada

Sunday, December 15

9:00 am K of C Pancake Breakfast
1:00 pm Hall: VN School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
8:00 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





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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.



Spring Festival Queen

(Our Lady Queen of the World Solar Fundraiser)

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