

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

*“ We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage. “*

**(Matthew 2:2)**

**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 2: 1-12



### Monday, January 6

7:30 am Apolonio & Dorotea Zapata

### Tuesday, January 7

7:30 am Maximo Sebastian

### Wednesday, January 8

7:30 am Beryl Graham

### Thursday, January 9

7:30 am Fe Maxwell

### Friday, January 10

7:30 am Ben Sousa

### Saturday, January 11

8:00 am Teresa & Joseph Nguyen Trung

5:00 pm Thelma Orinion

7:00 pm (SP) Manuel & Gregorio Mendoza &  
Refugio Molina

### Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Rego Piva

10:00 am Edward Diokno

12:00 pm Robert Tan

4:00 pm (VN) Maria Linh Dinh



### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
Coordinator (925-698-0180)

**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](mailto:Andrew.trias@gmail.com))

**Regina Mundi Guild** Leah Abejuela,  
President ([labejuela@gmail.com](mailto:labejuela@gmail.com))

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Esther Tilton,  
President ([SYDPOLOW@gmail.com](mailto:SYDPOLOW@gmail.com))

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

**Vietnamese Association:**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the thrist was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

### 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

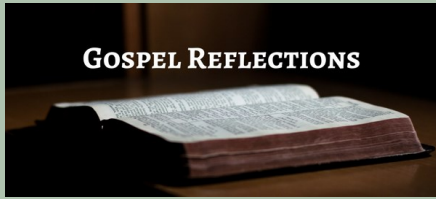
**Sunday Plate December 22: \$ 6,469.00**

**Parish Assessment: \$ 1,970.00**

*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 visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

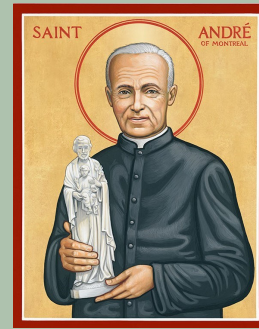
We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

## ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

January 6



Brother André was born Alfred Bessette to a poor Quebec family in 1845, a biography from St. Joseph's Oratory says. His father died in a work accident when he was nine, and his mother died three years later. His large family was split up and the future Brother André, barely literate and physically weak from birth, moved from job to job for years.

In 1870 he presented himself as a candidate for the novitiate of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal. They did not wish to accept him due to his sickness, but assigned him a very humble job when the bishop implored them to. He was made porter at Notre-Dame College, where his daily tasks consisted of washing floors and windows, cleaning lamps, carrying firewood and working as a messenger.

Bro. André used to say, "It is with the smallest brushes that the artists paint the most beautiful pictures."

He welcomed the sick and heartbroken, inviting them to pray to St. Joseph. His reputation grew as people reported that their prayers had been answered. He received visitors regularly for twenty-five years. Out of devotion to St. Joseph, he built a chapel with help from friends and money he earned from giving haircuts to students.

Larger versions of the chapel were constructed as more and more pilgrims came.

Brother André died in 1937. Over a million people attended his wake and burial.

Bishop Pierre Morissette of Saint-Jérôme, on Feb. 19, 2010, said "Brother André lived his life with great humility."

"Guided by a deep faith and devotion to Saint Joseph, he dedicated his life to praying, serving the poor, welcoming strangers, healing the sick and comforting the suffering," the bishop commented. "To this day, his memory remains an important witness to all Canadians of faith and love."

St. André Bessette was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010 in Saint Peter's Square.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-andre-bessette-732>



## 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.



**Saturday, January 25, 11:00 am**  
**Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco**

**415-658-1793 [Info@WalkforLifeWC.com](mailto:Info@WalkforLifeWC.com) [WalkForLifeWC.com](http://WalkForLifeWC.com)**

Join us for the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco! Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/ Ferry Building. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking. Please contact Rene Asuncion at 925-458-4574, if you are interested in being a chaperone.

**Tax statements will be available after February 03.**

**On your contribution envelopes, please indicate that you need a statement or call the rectory.**

## 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!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
of Contra Costa County

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!

## LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary Book Barrow representing Our Lady Queen of the World held at Safeway on Bailey Rd., Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. Bulletins, rosaries and other religious material are handed out.



### SOLAR SYSTEM

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

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, January 6

8:30 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena  
7:00 pm Religious Education

### Tuesday, January 7

8:30 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena  
7:00 pm K of C Rosary  
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

### Wednesday, January 8

8:30 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena  
1:00 pm RMG Meeting  
9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary  
7:00 am SM: Filipino Assoc. Meeting  
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

### Thursday, January 9

8:00 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena  
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy

### Friday, January 10

8:00 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena  
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

### Saturday, January 11

3:30 pm Confession  
6:00 pm CH: Sto. Nino Novena—  
followed by a potluck reception in  
Palis Hall

### Sunday, January 12

1:00 pm P#3: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers  
1:00 pm Hall: VN School  
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



## 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](http://www.EastBayCatholic.com). or call Laura Windham at 510-267-8395.

## SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

### TRAUMA RECOVERY RETREAT “CHARTING A NEW COURSE WITH MEANING AND PURPOSE”

Presented by Tom Gorham, M.A., CADCII, Sabrina Bolus, MATS from Options Recovery January 10-12, 2020

Sometimes suddenly and sometimes over a course of years our lives can become wracked with devastation. Alcohol or drugs, prison, broken families, and sudden unasked for traumatic events happen in our lives and can leave us confused, helpless and hopeless. This retreat will look at ways to reinvent purpose and meaning in our lives. We will look at ways to strengthen a trusting relationship with our Higher Power. We will learn to recover and set our new course by participating in small and large groups over the weekend. Registration online is available at [ww.sandamiano.org](http://ww.sandamiano.org) or call us at (925) 837-9141 to make your reservation by phone.

## DOMINICAN SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

Communicating Truth - Evangelization by the Laity

2020 Convocation of the College of Fellows

How can we bring beauty & truth to a culture so resistant yet so in need? Join the conversation, Saturday, February 1, 2020, 9:30 am, at DSPT, 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley, CA 94708

How can Catholics evangelize in a culture that calls moral convictions “hate speech” and “intolerance?” Please join us for this important day of thoughtful presentations, dialogue and reflection.

Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP will begin by looking at evangelization as lay initiative. We will hear from DSPT students about how they were evangelized and what brought them to engage the faith whole-heartedly. Fr. Justin Gable, OP will talk about the importance of mercy and our Fellows will share what evangelization looks like in areas such as business, education and the media. Registration online is available at [www.dspt.edu/events/detail/communicating-truth-evangelization-by-the-laity](http://www.dspt.edu/events/detail/communicating-truth-evangelization-by-the-laity).

# *SANTO NINO CELEBRATION*

**Our Lady Queen of the World invites you to attend the Nine Day Novena to the Santo Nino beginning January 2 to January 10, 2020, after the morning mass. Join us and celebrate the Santo Niño Festival on January 11, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Mass to be followed by a potluck reception at Palis Hall**



*Father in heaven, may we recognize your Son as God even in the lowliness of His human nature and adore Him as our mighty Lord even in the frailty of His childhood. May we follow Him with sincere hearts. Help us to welcome His kingdom among us with the eagerness of a child and to received the reward promised to the humble.*





# 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