

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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Merry Christmas

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM (English Indoor)

Sunday 9:00 am (English Outdoor) and
12:00 Noon (English Indoor)

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



Monday, December 21

7:30 am Ronnie Belza & Family

Tuesday, December 22

7:30 am Julie Asuncion

Wednesday, December 23

7:30 am Julie Asuncion

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

7:30 am

8:00 pm All Our Parishioners

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Ebias-Vicente Family Thanksgiving
World Peace
Esperanza Manalo

12 noon (VN)

2:00 pm (SP)

Saturday, December 26

8:00 am Lamberto Bautista Jr.

Sunday, December 27

9:00 am Dioquinto Yalung Zablan
Victoria Osono & Family Thanksgiving
Eleanor Catalya Tecson
Maria Consuelo Tupas



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
President (nriray@comcast.net)

Hispanic Association Antonio Renteria,
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(gk7164@yahoo.com)

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925-300-7081 (labejuela@gmail.com)

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President (SVDPOLOW@gmail.com)

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

Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President
(Davidvu207@gmail.com)



Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the staff at Our Lady Queen of the World Parish, I would like to thank all of you for all the help and support that you have given to our parish and wish you and your families hope, happiness and love this Christmas and throughout the New Year!!

Your are always in my daily prayers.

Devotedly in Christ,

Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin, Miguel Ortiz, Michael Regello, Adele Discipulo, Virgilio Constantino, Jeremy Gallegos Walker, Francisco Arias, Pacita Grabek, Rosalina Masangcay, victims of the Coronavirus, 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

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 READING

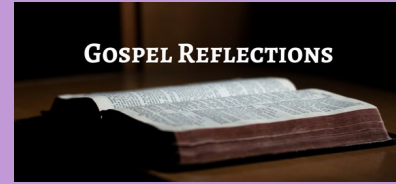
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25 2020

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was
coming into the world.
He was in the world,
and the world came to be through him,
but the world did not know him.
He came to what was his own,
but his own people did not accept him.
But to those who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to those who believe in his name,
who were born not by natural generation
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision
but of God.
And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Christmas Day: December 25 2020

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.



The history of the Nativity scene

St. Francis of Assisi established the first Nativity scene in 1223 in Greccio, a small town in Italy. As he was preparing for Christmas Eve Mass, St. Francis was trying to think of a way to remind people that Jesus came not as a wealthy king but as a poor child born among animals. So he wrote to Pope Honorius III and obtained permission to create a living Nativity scene.

In a cave near town, Francis set up an altar. He brought in a manger filled with hay as well as a live ox and a donkey. He invited the townspeople to come, and he preached about the humble beginnings of the Christ Child.

The idea of re-creating Jesus' birth was very popular. Churches in Italy created displays made out of terra cotta. In the middle of the 1500s, families began to put up Nativity scenes in their homes. And living Nativity scenes like the one that St. Francis started centuries ago remain popular to this day.

Who was there?

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke describe Jesus' birth. Mary, Jesus' mother, and Joseph came to Bethlehem together with their donkey right before Jesus was born. When there was no room at any of the inns for them to stay, they ended up in a stable where animals were kept. So the Nativity scene includes Mary, Joseph, Jesus and the animals in a stable, as well as a manger, or trough, where Baby Jesus slept.

In Luke, we learn about the angel who brought the shepherds "good news of great joy" (Lk 2:10) when Jesus was born, so we include the shepherds and the angel in our Nativity scene.

And in Matthew, Chapter 2, we read about the Wise Men, or Magi, who came to visit Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. So we add the Wise Men to our Nativity scene as well.

Celebrating the Nativity around the world

In Latin countries such as Mexico and Guatemala, families remember the Nativity story with a celebration called Las Posadas. It takes place over the nine nights before Christmas, representing the nine months when Mary was expecting Baby Jesus. The festivities include prayer, Christmas carols and re-enactments of Mary and Joseph's search for a *posada* — a hotel or inn.

Before the 1600s in England, families baked a mince pie in the shape of a manger, and Baby Jesus was placed on the pie until dinnertime. This is why mincemeat pies are often a part of Christmas celebrations today.

After the French Revolution ended in 1799, the creators of Nativity sets in France began to add ordinary people to the scenes, including bakers, farmers and carpenters. They wanted to help everyone picture themselves receiving the Christ Child.

PARISH EVENTS

CONFESSIONS:

**Father Peter will be offering
Outdoor Confessions on
Saturdays from 4:00 pm at the
Divine Mercy Shrine.**

**All indoor masses have been
cancelled until further notice.**

**We will still have our outdoor
parking lot mass on Sundays @ 9:00
am .The outdoor mass will
also be Livestream on our
Facebook page.
The list of readings and songs for the
Mass may be seen on our
Facebook Page.**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

December 24th: Christmas Eve
7:30 pm Christmas Carols
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
This will be Livestream on our Facebook Page.

December 25th: Christmas Day
10:00 am English
(This will also be Livestream on our Facebook Page.)
12:00 pm Vietnamese
2:00 pm Spanish



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**Please drop your Sunday Envelopes in the wooden
box in front entrance of the Church or the rectory
mail box or mail it to the Church. You can also go
online at <https://oakdiocese.org/parish-support> .**

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE

Simbang Gabi will be from December 15th to December 23rd . Masses will be held outdoors at 7:00 pm. Please dress warmly and observe social distancing.



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

GIFT GIVING TREE

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Visa or Master Gift Cards to help bring a little Christmas to children ages 12 and under that are in need on December 22, 2020 in the Fr. Palis Hall from 9am – 12 noon. Families must register at the church office (925-458-4718). This will replace our annual Gift Giving Tree event due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Knights will be accepting \$20 gift cards or cash donations starting December 6th after each 9am Sunday mass or at the office through December 20th.

For additional information please contact Manuel Rosario at

mmrosario@comcast.net or call 925-595-4358.

SOLAR SYSTEM

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



CATHOLICSCARE SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, CatholicsCare provides opportunities for Caregivers to receive support and spiritual nourishment. To learn more and join the daily LIVE Zoom calls, please visit <https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care>.

DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE

Do you want to be a Catholic religious sister? Do you feel God tugging at your heart? If you are a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 to 40, consider spending a day or a weekend with the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. Come and learn about religious life!

Due to the shelter-in-place restrictions, our Come and See retreats and individual visits will be on Zoom.

For more information:
Contact Sr. Mary Yun, OP
mary@msjdominicans.org
213-760-3085 for individual visits.
www.msjdominicans.org

A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I pray for the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly on earth and in eternity. Amen!

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



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Rosary w/case \$5

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The Purchase Contact

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Kattembody@gmail.com

The Columbiette Store

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The Child Ornament \$3



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