

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## Happy New Year

**Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo**, Pastor  
**Deacon Loc Nguyen**

### 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.

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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 28

7:30 am Maria Pham Thi Ngat

## Tuesday, December 29

7:30 am Vincente Dang Xuan Thai

## Wednesday, December 30

7:30 am John Michael Bautista

## Thursday, December 31

7:30 am Maria Dinh Thi Linh

## Friday, January 1

10:00 am Guise Dinh Xuan Trac

World Peace

Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

## Saturday, January 2

8:00 am Maria Nguyen Thi Ly

## Sunday, January 3

9:00 am Joachim Nhue Tran & Maria Tron

Tran

Ricky Belza

Dori David Thanksgiving



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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

**Vietnamese Association:** Hiep David Vu, President  
([Davidvu207@gmail.com](mailto: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, Carmelo Cecilio 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**  
**LK 2:16-21**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF**  
**GOD**

January 1 2021

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**



Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.



## JANUARY 1, 2021

During the Twelve Days of Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates many important feasts, including the feasts of Saint Stephen, the first martyr (December 26), whose martyrdom is recorded in Acts 6-7; Saint John the Apostle (December 27), who wrote the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation, as well as three epistles; the Holy Innocents (December 29), the children who were slaughtered at the order of King Herod, when he was trying to kill the Christ Child; and the Holy Family (normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas, and on December 30, when Christmas falls on a Sunday).

None, however, is as important as the feast celebrated on the octave (eighth day) of Christmas, January 1: the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

### The History of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

In the early centuries of the Church, once Christmas began to be celebrated as its own feast on December 25 (having originally been celebrated with the Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6), the Octave (eighth day) of Christmas, January 1, took on a special meaning. In the East, and throughout much of the West, it became common to celebrate a feast of Mary, the Mother of God, on this day. This feast was never established in the universal calendar of the Church, however, and a separate feast, celebrating the Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ (which would have taken place a week after His birth), eventually took hold of January 1.

With the revision of the liturgical calendar at the time of the introduction of the *Novus Ordo*, the Feast of the Circumcision was set aside, and the ancient practice of dedicating January 1 to the Mother of God was revived—this time, as a universal feast.

### A Holy Day of Obligation

In fact, the Church regards the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, as so important that it is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's Birth was made possible by Mary's *fiat*: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word."

### God-Bearer

One of the earliest titles given by Christians to the Blessed Virgin was Theotokos—"God-bearer." We celebrate her as the Mother of God, because, in bearing Christ, she bore the fullness of the Godhead within her.

As we begin another year, we draw inspiration from the selfless love of the Theotokos, who never hesitated to do the will of God. And we trust in her prayers to God for us, that we might, as the years pass, become more like her. *O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*

## 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.**

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY: THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, January 1, 2021

10:00 am

(This will also be Livestream on our Facebook  
Page.)



### 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>.

## 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 de-  
mand has been much greater!



## RCIA

**Braulio Herrera**

My family as all Catholics and I'm the oldest child our  
of 2. My little brother is also a candidate. The Our  
Lady Queen of the World church has been the church  
my family and I have be attending since we have been  
little. I'm currently attending Mt. Diablo High. My  
plans are to get into college and graduate. I'm in the  
RCIA program to do my confirmation. It is the last  
thing I need to get closer to God. The Sacraments of  
Initiation are important for me because it is meant to  
strengthen your faith and form a deeper relationship  
with God. And by the end of my confirmation, I am  
hoping to be able to get closer to God more than I was  
before.

## COLUMBIETTES



### Blood Drive

**At Our Lady Queen  
Of The World**

Sunday, January 31, 2021  
9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

**Location: Inside Parrish Hall  
3155 Winterbrook Dr.  
Bay Point, CA 94565**

To sign up for your life saving appointment  
please go to [Vitalant.org](https://Vitalant.org) and click Donate.  
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**ADVANCE  
APPOINTMENTS**  
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and wear a **MASK** or  
**CLOTH-BASED FACE  
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### 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  
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213-760-3085 for individual visits.  
[www.msjdominicans.org](http://www.msjdominicans.org)

### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: OUR YEAR OF SERVICE



We invite parishes to participate in Walking with Moms in Need: Our Year of Service, where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Details about this campaign and how to get involved are available through the link: <https://oakdiocese.org/momsinneed>.

## 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.

# Listen, act and share on the journey to Christmas

By Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ

Dear Friends,

The Mystery of Advent and Christmas has the power to console us in the midst of our current difficulties. God never sends us trials without giving us hope and support. If you are having a “Blue Christmas,” feeling down, isolated, as if the joy of the holiday eludes you ... I have a suggestion.

## 1. Listen.

The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and had a conversation with her. Mary must have been silent, or praying, in a place of quiet receptivity, so she could hear what the Angel had to tell her. The Church Fathers say that Mary “conceived through her ear” -- through her hearing. You, too, can experience Christ through hearing. I suggest that you set aside a private time or place. I prefer early morning or evening, when it is dark outside and my room is lit only by the lights on my Christmas tree. Then set up your music: Google “Advent Lessons and Carols from King's College” or “Christmas Lessons and Carols.” (It’s also on Pandora, Spotify and YouTube.) Then listen as some of the finest music ever written celebrates The Mystery of the Incarnation, interspersed with passages from the Old and New Testament. It is like having a fantastic private retreat. Once you have encountered The Mystery, go to step two.

## 2. Act.

As soon as the Angel had departed, Mary acted. She went in haste to the hill country to take care of her elderly cousin Elizabeth, who was six months pregnant. Mary acted on the Word of God. The phone company AT&T had a great ad to encourage us to make more long-distance phone calls with its “Reach out and touch someone” campaign. Cardinal Newman says, “The essence of faith is to look out of yourself.” Call a friend or relative. Write a letter or Christmas card. For you youngsters: TEXT. Reach out and express some affection to someone who means something to you. Or someone you have neglected who needs your support. Just do it. The act of giving is its own reward. Support a charity, your parish or a Catholic school. Even if your kindness is not immediately reciprocated, it makes it all the more real and pure. Act out of love, not because of what you may get back.

The more you immerse yourself in The Mystery, the more the Holy Spirit will inspire you how to act on it.

## 3. Share.

Share the joy you get from encountering The Mystery of Christ. Say “Merry Christmas” to the cashier at Safeway. Invite a friend who is lonely to join you for Mass, or to help at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry or soup kitchen. Invite someone for a coffee or drink, or just to take a walk and get out of the house. Small things mean so much at this time. I realize people may hesitate to meet up in person given the virus, but we can use all the electronic and human means at our disposal to share the joy of Christ's birth.

St. Irenaeus said, “How shall man pass into God, unless God has first passed into man.” Do as Mary did. Let the Word of God become fruitful in you. Let God become incarnated in you, through listening to His Word, through Baptism, through reception of Holy Communion, through immersion into the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, through the cleansing mercy of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Then, like Mary, act on The Mystery, and share it.

Merry Christmas, my brothers and sisters.

