## Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2020

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

(Mark 1: 3)

Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo, Pastor Deacon Loc Nguyen

**Office Hours** 

Monday – Friday: 9:00ам - 1:00рм

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 6:00рм- 7:30рм

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



Monday, December 7

7:30 am Asil Ardales

Tuesday, December 8

10:00 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

Lucy Jayin Corazon Gomez Esperanza Manalo

Wednesday, December 9

7:30 am Angelita Corrales

Thursday, December 10

7:30 am Blesila Cebuano

Friday, December 11

7:30 am Luisa Servigon

Saturday, December 12

8:00 am Teresa & Joseph Nguyen Trung

Sunday, December 13

9:00 am Lorenzo Canon

Mercy Asuncion Felisa Garcia

Jhovee & Roland Santos



#### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

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

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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

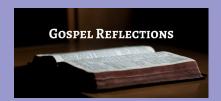
Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin, Miguel Ortiz, Michael Regello, Adele Discipulo, Robert Angelito, Virgilio Constantino, Jeremy Gallegos Walker, Francisco 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.

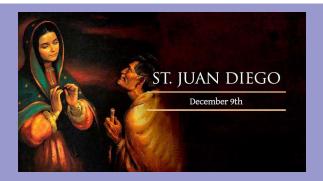


Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.



Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas.

The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups.

First called Cuauhtlatohuac ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-juan-diego

#### **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.

Adoration and Benediction are ongoing at 6:00 pm every Friday. There will be Mass on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 pm.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your generosity there were 112 turkeys donated and through Thanksgiving day we were able to support 93 families with additional food donated by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. God bless you.

#### **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 <a href="https://oakdiocese.org/parish-support">https://oakdiocese.org/parish-support</a>.

#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDYKE**

Tuesday, December 8th is an Holy Day of Obligation for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass will be outdoors at 10:00 am.

It will also be Livestream on our Facebook page.



#### 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!



Adult Dental Program &

Dentists on Wheels
are offering the opportunity for you
to take part in a
pilot program to provide
Dental Screenings for the uninsured

in our community.

The St. Vincent de Paul



#### Now accepting applications for Dental Screening.

Each Patient accepted will receive an Exam and X-rays at no charge.

Scheduling will begin on October 29, 2020. The screenings will take place once scheduled at The St. Vincent de Paul Family Resource Center, 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA, 94565.

If you would like to participate, complete the application on the back of this flyer, email it to: <a href="mailto:info@DentistsOnWheels.org">info@DentistsOnWheels.org</a> or complete the application online at <a href="https://www.DentistsOnWheels.org">www.DentistsOnWheels.org</a>

All Patients are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To help us screen as many people as possible, please bring the required documents requested upon scheduling your appointment.

#### **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 VIRTUAL ADVENT AFTERNOON WITH FR. JIM CLARKE

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Location: Virtual Event

Mission San Jose Dominican Sisters presents: "What Are You Waiting For? A Virtual Advent Afternoon of Prayer Presented by Father Jim Clarke". This Advent, explore the two major figures of the Advent Scriptures: Mary and John the Baptist. They both embody the work of Advent—Growing in Contemplation and Action. How do we do this work and yet remain focused on what Advent is for? Come and see! Please call (510) 933-6360

# 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.

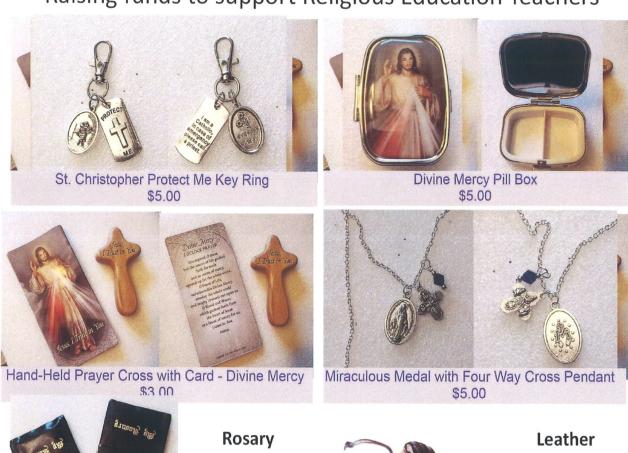
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

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.

### **The Columbiette Store**

Raising funds to support Religious Education Teachers





Rosary
With case
\$5



Leather
Bracelet
\$5



The Child
Ornament
\$3



Car Magnets \$3



