

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Loc Nguyen
Sister Elizabeth Diep Huynh, Bookkeeper
Maria Faye Dolor, Secretary

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon (English)
4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM
First Friday: 7:30 pm

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 Gladys Giron 925-334-9873.

* **Vietnamese** baptisms, contact Fr. Thomas Khue 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 6

7:30 am The Hung Tran

Tuesday, December 7

7:30 am Lisa Chin

Wednesday, December 8

8:00 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

10:00 am Lucy Jayin

7:30 pm Esperanza Manalo

Thursday, December 9

7:30 am Frank Duff

Friday, December 10

7:30 am Teresita Orena Lardizabal

Saturday, December 11

8:00 am Emerita M. Lardizabal

5:00 pm Vincente Lam Minh Tran

7:00 pm (SP) Bob Carter

Sunday, December 12

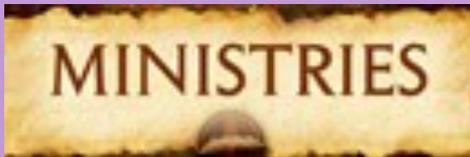
8:00 am Lorenzo Catalya

10:00 am Felisa Garcia

12 noon Legion of Mary Deceased Members

2:00 pm (SP) Hispanic Community Intentions

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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GOSPEL READING

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

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

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mario Dolor, Adele Discipulo, Virgilio Constantino, Francisco Arias, Pacita Grabek, Carmelo Cecilio, Lynn Anderson, Helena Magante, Betty Tecson, Victoria Lapid, Bert Tomas, Po Hyun Cho, Henry Rodgers, Trinidad Crockett, Ferdinand Jose, Luz Valenzuela, Portia Montecillo, Viet Anh Le, Patrick Kenney, Logan Kenney, Claire F. Luna, Bertha Baldauf, Ginger Lopez, Nadine Jerez, Jose Leon Zapata, Carolyn Hoppenhauer, 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

Sunday Plate November 21: \$ 6,735 November 28: \$ 6,537

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,218 Human Development: \$ 1,000

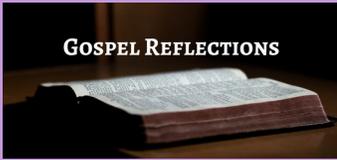
2021 Insurance: Total: \$ 18,589 Fully Paid

2021 Assessment: Total: \$ 55,485 Fully Paid

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



This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

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, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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.

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life. The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

Mary as the Immaculate Conception is the Patron Saint of:
Brazil
United States

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/immaculate-conception-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreathes with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn “the wheel of the earth” back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreathes as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is “the Light that came into the world” to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21). By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time after the blessing of the food. A traditional prayer service using the Advent wreath proceeds as follows: On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath, praying: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” He then continues for each of the days of the first week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The youngest child then lights one purple candle.

During the second week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle.

During the third week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The mother then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.

Finally, the father prays during the fourth week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.” The father then lights all of the candles of the wreath.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM

There will be no baptisms during Advent.

DECEMBER 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule: 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm in English

December 7: Vietnamese mass at 7:30 pm

ADVENT RETREAT

Monday, December 6th at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm : English

Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm : Spanish. Speaker will be Fr. Luis Lopez.

Friday, December 10th at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Vietnamese. Speaker will be Fr. Quoc Anh, SJ.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm will be our Advent Communal Penance.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:30 PM: Spanish Mass
8:30 PM: Vietnamese Mass
11:30 PM: Carols
12:00 AM: Midnight Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NN : English
2:00 PM: Vietnamese Mass

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



Are you looking for ways to experience God?

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see

Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me."

Contact Esther Tilton, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference President, at 925-597-0303.

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD

Christmas Pageant : December 18th @ 9:00 am in Palis Hall.

RCIA

December 12th @ 10:00 am Mass: Rite of Acceptance

Christmas break for Religious education will be from December 21 to January 3.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

On December 12th, the Hispanic Community will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 2:00 pm.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 6

7:00 pm Hall & Portables:
Religious Education
7:00 pm CH: Parish Advent Retreat
7:00 pm P#1: Rosary (SP)

Tuesday, December 7

7:00 pm P#1: Rosary (SP)
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 8

9:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm P#1: Rosary (SP)

Thursday, December 9

7:00 pm CH: Hispanic Advent Retreat

Friday, December 10

6:00 pm Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm P#1: Rosary (SP)
7:00 pm CH: Vietnamese Advent .
Retreat

Saturday, December 11

9:00 am Hall & Portables:
Religious Education
3:30 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Choir
6:30 pm CH: Rosary (SP)

Sunday, December 12

6:00 am Hall: Prep: Feast of Guadalupe
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
3:00 pm Hall: Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

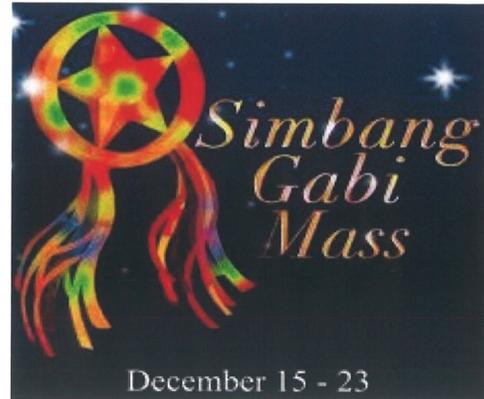
O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and
of hope.

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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A NINE DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Schedule

Weekdays - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

A light reception provided by generous sponsors
will immediately follow



Knights of Columbus

Bishop Begin Council 7164
Our Lady Queen of the World Parish
Bay Point, CA



The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Visa or
Master Gift Cards to Parish children 12 and under on
December 21, 2021 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 do-
nations starting December 5th after each mass or at the
rectory office through December 20th.

For additional information please contact Manuel Ro-
sario at mnrosario@comcast.net or call 925-595-4358.

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus I would like to thank all of
you and your communities who supported this year's Thanksgiv-
ing food drive in any way. We still have some turkeys and boxes
of food left so if you know of any families in need please let me
know. Thank you and take care.

God bless,
Patrick Embody
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Knights of Columbus

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The Knights will be selling pre-ordered breakfast on Sunday, December 19, 2021 in the church hall from 9:00 a.m. to 11 am.

Please order by Friday, December 17 to make sure your order is ready.

PLATE \$7.50 eggs & pancakes

Choose: bacon____, sausage____, or ham____

Choose: milk____ or orange juice____

You can take it to go or dine in.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Drop off this flyer in the church's rectory or any Knight or email orders to Kip Trombley at 925-285-5118 or kat_services@yahoo.com or Manuel Rosario at 925-595-4358 or mnrosario@comcast.net.