

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 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, November 29

7:30 am All Souls

Tuesday, November 30

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Wednesday, December 1

7:30 am Albert Bautista

Thursday, December 2

7:30 am Anna Khang

Friday, December 3

7:30 am Giuse Khang Nguyen

7:00 pm First Friday Mass

Saturday, December 4

8:00 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

5:00 pm Villacorta Family Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP) Demetria Garcia

Sunday, December 5

8:00 am Kim Muoi Trac

10:00 am Maria Salud Lardizabal Flores

12 noon Carlos & Rosario Baltazar

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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GOSPEL READING

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michelle McLaughlin, Miguel Ortiz, 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, 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 14: \$ 6,020

Parish Assessment: \$ 2,246

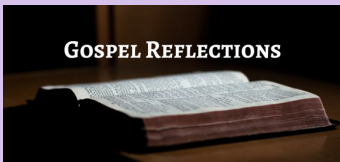
2021 Insurance: Total: \$ 18,589 Fully Paid

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



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 3



Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Saint Francis Xavier is a Patron Saint of:

Japan
Jewelers
Missions
Sailors

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-xavier>

What is Advent?

Sunday, November 28, 2021 - Friday, December 24, 2021



Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of [Christmas](#).

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn (GIRM, no. 316). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

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 9:00 pm : Spanish

Friday, December 10th at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Vietnamese

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

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

HISPANIC COMMUNITY



GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

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

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

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.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, November 29

7:00 pm Hall & Portables:
Religious Education

Tuesday, November 30

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 1

9:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:30 pm CH: VN Martyr Celebration

Thursday, December 2

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy

Friday, December 3

6:00 pm Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, December 4

9:00 am Hall & Portables:
Religious Education
3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, December 5

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



ORDER OF MALTA CLINIC - FREE FLU/ COVID-19 VACCINES



Thursday, December 2 2021, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Order of Malta Clinic
Oakland

The Order of Malta Clinic is distributing Flu/Covid-19 vaccines at our clinic every Thursday from 9am-1pm with no appointment necessary.

Individuals eligible for the third shot of Pfizer are also able to obtain their dose as long as they provide proof that they are 6 months out of their second dose. If anyone has questions, they can contact Maisie Rivera, Clinical Assistant, at Maisie@orderofmaltaclinic.com

2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who have made pledges and gifts to the Bishop's Appeal. Through the end of October we have raised over \$2,433,000. There is still time to contribute to this year's campaign to further Christ's mission in our Diocese. For more information and to donate go to <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal>.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL MONTHLY MASS

Saturday, December 4, 2021, 11:00 AM

Online remembrance Mass of those in our faith community who have been laid to rest in Catholic Cemeteries over the past month. For more information, please go to <https://oakdiocese.org/events/remembering-the-faithful-first-saturday-mass/20211204>

Nourish for Caregivers is holding LIVE

Zoom online meet-ups for caregivers to provide:

- Encouragement, inspiration and understanding
- A place to bring questions and share your ideas
- A space to receive spiritual nourishment

House Calls

EVERY Tuesday & Thursday Morning

11 am ET/ 10 CT/ 8 PT

For more information, please go to <https://oakdiocese.org/events/national-nourish-call-every->





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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.