

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12, 2021

*“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.”
(Luke 3: 16)*

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.

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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 13

7:30 am Joseph Hartzell

Tuesday, December 14

7:30 am Vicenta & Maria Purino

Wednesday, December 15

7:30 am Bert Tomas

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Thursday, December 16

7:30 am Carmencita Leonas

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 17

7:30 am Anna Nguyen Chi Ninh

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 18

8:00 am Conrado & Crisencia Magante

5:00 pm Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

7:00 pm (SP) Giron-Zelaya Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 19

8:00 am Luisa Ramos

10:00 am Gonzalo & Ernesta Asuncion

12 noon Juliet Mendoza

4:00 pm (VN)

7:00 pm Simbang Gabi



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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GOSPEL READING

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Mario Dolor, 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 December 5: \$ 6,012

Building Fund: \$ 2,378

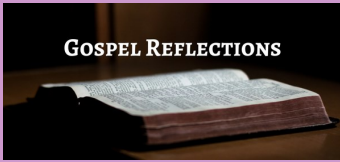
2021 Insurance: Total: \$ 18,589 Fully Paid

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 Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

ST. LUCY

FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 13



Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life.

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Romans after his own people turned him over to their authority. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity.

What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found, but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged.

Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

If you are a little girl named Lucy, you need not bite your tongue in disappointment. Your patron is a genuine authentic heroine, first class, an abiding inspiration for you and for all Christians. The moral courage of the young Sicilian martyr shines forth as a guiding light, just as bright for today's youth as it was in A.D. 304.

Saint Lucy is the Patron Saint of:
The Blind
Eye Disorders

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

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM

There will be no baptisms during Advent.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

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!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 13

7:00 pm Hall & Portables:
Religious Education
7:00 pm CH: Parish Advent Retreat

Tuesday, December 14

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 15

10:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Thursday, December 16

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer

Friday, December 17

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

Saturday, December 18

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

Sunday, December 19

9:00 am Pancake Breakfast
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



Knights of Columbus

Bishop Begin Council 7164
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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 donations starting December 5th after each mass or at the rectory office through December 20th.

For additional information please contact Manuel Rosario 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 Thanksgiving 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
email: fsbbc7164@gmail.com / Ph#: 925-234-3975

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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Letter from the Bishop:

2021 ADVENT PRAYER REQUEST

You and I know the power and strength of prayer. Prayer has changed hearts and minds, guided people toward healing and reconciliation, and encouraged others to act with courage and humility.

I write to you today asking for you to share your prayer intentions with me. This year I especially ask you to share your prayer needs for those people in your life who may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. So many have fallen ill or passed, and others have suffered losses of jobs, health care, housing, and so much more.

We remember material things are not so important – family and faith are what last. I will pray for your loved ones and for those individuals in need of special intercession, for our beloved Church, and for our challenged, yet hopeful world.

During the Season of Advent, I will keep your intentions in my heart. Each day as I pray and celebrate the Holy Mass, your intentions are on my altar. At this special time of year, let us join in lifting our prayers to God, who loves each of us deeply.

Please email me with your prayer intentions. And may I humbly ask you to remember me, your shepherd, and all the priests of our diocese in your prayers during this holy season. In gratitude for your faith, I remain.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ
Bishop of Oakland

P.S. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and blessed Christmas season, and peaceful New Year!



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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.**



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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.