

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

*“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled.” (Luke 1: 45)*

**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 27

7:30 am Florentino & Felicidad Magtibay

## Tuesday, December 28

7:30 am Benjie & Alicia Hernandez  
Thanksgiving

## Wednesday, December 29

7:30 am Edilberto Africa

## Thursday, December 30

7:30 am John Michael Bautista

## Friday, December 31

7:30 am Aidan Lacanlale Thanksgiving

7:30 pm (VN)

## Saturday, January 1

10:00 am World Peace

5:00 pm Bernadette Osorio

7:00 pm (SP) Bob Carter

## Sunday, January 2

8:00 am Teresita Constantino

10:00 am Malachy Ohaegbulem Anynwu

12 noon

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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## GOSPEL READING

Lk 1:39-45

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

## 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 12: \$ 7,180

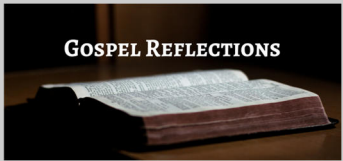
Religious Retirement: \$ 2,366

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.



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.



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 hope-filled 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!



# LESSONS FROM THE HOLY FAMILY



The feast of the Holy Family is commemorated each year on Jan. 6 and celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas to honor St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother and Jesus. Beyond the formal recognition of Jesus's early life, the feast of the Holy Family showcases the perpetual importance of family.

The Holy Family endures as the model for our own families to live the life of the Church every day, everywhere. Michael Donaldson, director for the Office of Pastoral Care for Families in All Stages, says that reflecting on the roles of father, mother and son from a spiritual perspective can help us understand our own roles.

“All families are called to work with what has been given to them, the challenges and the joys,” Donaldson says. “St. Joseph was called to accept the fact that his wife was pregnant. Mary was called to accept her role as the Mother of God. Jesus showed humanity the importance of families by being born into a family. Indeed, the Second Vatican Council called the family ‘the first and vital cell of society.’”

While the Holy Family's simplicity and devotion may seem divorced from modern Christian life, looking to St. Joseph, Mary and Jesus as role models remains relevant, writes Mike Sullivan in the December 2006 issue of *Catholic Answers Magazine*. “We are called to be in the world, not of the world. If we hold up the Holy Family as the example for our families, not only will we learn how to live holy lives, but we will begin to change the culture in which we live.”

Our own family, then, can become the sanctuary we seek in the rush and bustle of our daily lives. In studying the lessons of the Holy Family, we come to know the virtues that strengthen us as individuals, as family members, and as citizens of the world, including the virtues of loyalty, obedience, faithfulness and unconditional love.

Donaldson says that our world fails to honor sacrifice and values, and instead prizes convenience and instant gratification. Yet the Holy Family models unselfishness. He notes that Pope John Paul II said, “To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.”

In fact, the message of the Holy Family is that families continue to be the basic cell of society and the Church, Donaldson notes. “If families are broken, so there is a breakdown in our society. It is within the context of family that children are taught virtues, personal responsibility, and respect for others.”

St. Joseph showed his devotion to Mary by putting his needs and fears aside and committing himself to Mary and Jesus, he continues. “He showed that marriage is not for the individual, but rather for the other. Mary recognized, even after Jesus was grown, that her role as mother was still in place.

“The Holy Family shows that families are called to be communities of support.”





“Christ, our Savior has come to pour out kindness and compassion.” -St. Bernard

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It has been almost 2 months since I came home/back to OLQW family. Thank you very much for accepting and welcoming me back after 12 years away! It is an honor to serve you as priest.

One message of Christmas and my message to you is “God is with us.” Christmas is the story about God making His presence visible in a child born in Bethlehem. “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” In Jesus, God says to us, “I really want you to know that I love you and I am always with you.”

To me, the story “God is with us” continues in you, in me, and in all people who extend Christ’s consoling and healing presence. Sometimes we are recipients, other times, givers of the special presence.

The joyful news of the Gospel is Christ, the Savior, has come and made his light and presence through all who act in his spirit of kindness and compassion. In the midst of all the “stories of bad news” we have and experience the “stories of good news,” of God’s saving presence acting in us and through us.

This brings us to the challenge of Christmas. It is summarized beautifully in this poem by an unknown author:

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the Kings and Princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins.  
To find the lost, to heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry, to release prisoners,  
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers.  
And to make music with the heart.

My prayer is that each one of us become part of the Christmas song.  
Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom

## PARISH EVENTS

### BAPTISM



Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, January 11th at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.

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

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10:00 am



(Regular Sunday Vigil masses in English @ 5:00 pm and Spanish @ 7:00 pm on Saturday, January 1st.)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CCD

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

Classes resume on Saturday, January 8th and Monday, January 10th.

### 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!

## Columbiettes

### Results of the OLQW November 29th Blood Drive

We started the drive with 29 appointments, 20 people attended the drive and **17 donors gave 22 lifesaving units of blood**. When whole blood is broken down into its components, it has the potential to positively affect the lives of three patients. This means that Our Lady Queen of the World has contributed to helping save the lives of 66 people at this blood drive.

Vitalant relies on our community partners to safeguard patient needs and replenish the blood supply as we all look at ways to recover and get back to normal. Your efforts are used to support patients in need.

### **Because of blood donors, life doesn't stop.**

Patients recently given a second chance thanks in part to blood donors.



A 2-day-old premie boy needed part of 1 red cell unit while undergoing treatment for neonatal respiratory distress syndrome.



21 units were needed by 83-year-old woman undergoing an aortic valve replacement; 7 red cell, 5 platelet, and 9 plasma units.



Treatment for gastrointestinal bleeding was the reason a 52-year-old man needed 6 red cell units, 1 platelet unit, and 5 plasma units.



A 56-year-old woman undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer needed one 1 red cell unit.

Donate blood

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## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, December 27

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary  
7:00 pm No CCD

### Tuesday, December 28

7:30 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

### Wednesday, December 29

### Thursday, December 30

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer

### Friday, December 31

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

### Saturday, January 1

9:00 am No CCD

### Sunday, January 2

## REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL MONTHLY MASS

Saturday, January 8, 2022, 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.

## 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.



## UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

If you are a registered parishioner and have moved or changed phone numbers, please update your contact information. Print all information and return to the Parish Office or email the rectory at [Rectory@olqw.org](mailto:Rectory@olqw.org).

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