

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”
(*Luke 3:22*)

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Loc Nguyen
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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, January 10

7:30 am Maximo Sebastian †

Tuesday, January 11

7:30 am Fe & Bob Maxwell

Wednesday, January 12

7:30 am Edward Diokno

Thursday, January 13

7:30 am

Friday, January 14

7:30 am Erik Grajo

Saturday, January 15

8:00 am Constantino Villanueva †

5:00 pm

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Lynn Anderson

10:00 am Joy Bautista

12 noon Winifred Buhay Samson †

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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GOSPEL READING

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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, Paul Lapid, 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 26: \$ 6,061 Christmas: \$ 9,805

New Year: \$ 2,257 January 2: 7,535

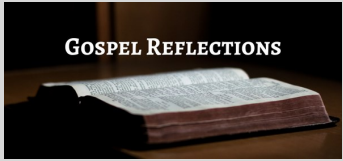
Parish Assessment: \$ 2,173 Building Fund: \$ 1,910

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 Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

ST. HILARY

FEAST DAY: JANUARY 13



This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

Reflection

Christ said his coming would bring not peace but a sword (see Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasize about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems. Christ did not escape at the last moment, though he did live happily ever after—after a life of controversy, problems, pain and frustration. Hilary, like all saints, simply had more of the same.

The Baptism of the Lord



The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. 'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. 'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners' (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

--Excerpted from the Congregation for the Clergy

Customs on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In the Ukraine the faithful gather in the front of the church where a cross of ice is placed. Since there are no rivers near churches, a tub is filled with water and is placed in front of the ice cross. During special and very unique services the water is blessed and brought home. This is taken in before breakfast is eaten. The remains are kept during the year to keep the home safe from fire, lightning and sickness.

The priest visits his parishioners to bless their homes with the holy water that the New Year may be one of cooperation with the gift of God; His Son and the participation in the Life He has come to lead us in toward Salvation. The evening meal is very much a repeat of the Holy Supper except that there are no restrictions on meat and dairy products. It starts with Kutia, which has been saved from Christmas Eve.

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM



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

SANTO NINO CELEBRATION

Our Lady Queen of the World invites you to attend the Nine Day Novena to the Santo Nino beginning January 6 to January 14, 2022, after the morning mass.



Father in heaven, may we recognize your Son as God even in the lowliness of His human nature and adore Him as our mighty Lord even in the frailty of His childhood. May we follow Him with sincere hearts. Help us to welcome His kingdom among us with the eagerness of a child and to received the reward promised to the humble.

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, January 10

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class

Wednesday, January 12

7:30 pm Filipino Assoc. Meeting

Thursday, January 13

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer

Friday, January 14

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, January 15

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, January 16

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese
1:00 pm P#3: St. Joseph Group
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
6:00 pm Hall: Sto. Nino Grab-n-Go Treat

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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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage.
Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.
Both Virtual and In-Person Experiences are
available. The next in-person Experience in
the Oakland Diocese is March 4-6, 2022. Go
to www.wwme.org to find the Experience
that is just right for you!

NINE DAYS FOR LIFE 2022

January 19, 2022 - January 27, 2022

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of
human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a
short reflection and suggested actions to help build a cul-
ture of life.

Participants can download the novena or sign up to re-
ceive the daily prayers via email or text message.

Tax statements will be available after February 04.

**On your contribution envelopes, please indicate
that you need a statement or call the rectory. If you
have moved, please update your information using
the form below.**

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.

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**\$35 PER PERSON
WITH \$20 CASH BACK
FROM CACHE CREEK**

ASSEMBLE AT 7:00AM

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD
3155 WINTERBROOK DRIVE,
PITTSBURG, CA 94565
EXPECTED RETURN: NO LATER THAN 7:00PM

FOR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT:

**CATHY COLLADO [925] 759-2641, CATA080833@YAHOO.COM,
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**PASSENGERS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER
TO ATTEND:**

- *FOR THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS,
-YOU MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED.
-PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION BEFORE BOARDING THE BUS.
-MUST WEAR A MASK IN THE BUS AT ALL TIMES.**
- *THE FEE MUST BE PAID IN FULL, TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE
TRIP. WE ACCEPT CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO FIL ASSOC OF
OLQW [CASH PREFERRED].**
- *THE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE IF YOU CANCEL LESS THAN
A WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP.**

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