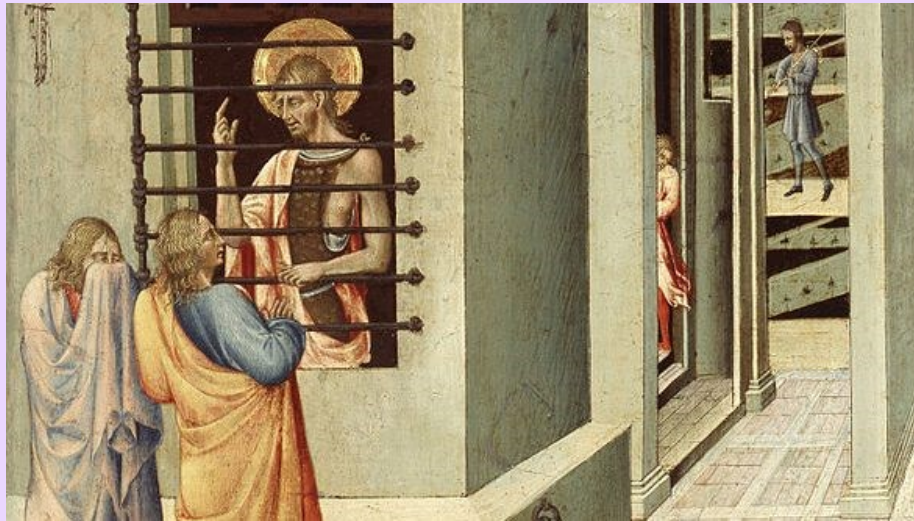


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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

“The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.” (Matthew 11: 5-6)

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 am

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 12

7:30 am Vicenta, Corazon, Josefina & Marcosa Erroja

Tuesday, December 13

7:30 am Luciano Lapid & Family

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 am Maria & Vicenta Purino[†]

Thursday, December 15

7:30 am Ricky Belza

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 16

7:30 am Carmencita Leonas

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 17

8:00 am Mel Solis Intention

5:00 pm Louis Swami

7:00 pm (SP) Antonio Sandoval & Maria Moya[†]

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am Lynn Anderson

10:00 am Gonzalo & Ernesta Asuncion[†]

12:00 noon Constantino Villanueva[†]

4:00 pm (VN)

6:00 pm Simbang Gabi



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GOSPEL READING

MT 11: 2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off,
Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,
"What did you go out to the desert to see?
A reed swayed by the wind?
Then what did you go out to see?
Someone dressed in fine clothing?
Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.
Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.
Amen, I say to you,
among those born of women
there has been none greater than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patrick Kenney, Logan Kenney, Claire F. Luna, Bertha Baldauf, Nadine Jerez, Carolyn Hoppenhauer, Mario & Emma Dolor, Paul Lapid, Daniel Muly, Joe Quizon, Dave Lantz, Jasmin B. Toledo, Nancy Lopez, Thomas Solis, Anecito Montecillo, Fr. Tom, Katt Embody, Rene & Sally Asuncion, Herald Nilo, Rosie Lapointe, Raul Gonzalez, Narciso Fontecha, Victoria Lapid, Danilo Henson, Eduardo Sahulga, Eva Panugaling, Edgar Villacorta, 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 4: \$ 5,680.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,325.00

2022 Insurance: Total: \$ 19,319.00 Paid: \$ 14,494.00

2022 Assessment: Total: \$ 44,795.70 Paid: \$ 41,063.00

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.



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/11/2022

My dear parishioners,

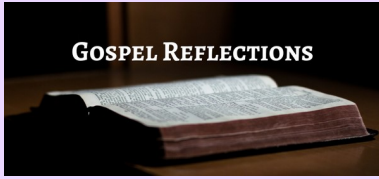
Once again, here are some of my scattered thoughts...

1) I am thankful for all those who helped make our Parish Christmas Party a success this year. It has been two years since we had our Christmas party. There were close to 300 parishioners and guests that attended. Everyone had a great time. Thank you for all who worked hard in preparing the food and the hall.

2) Today is Gaudete Sunday—Joyful Sunday! We rejoice because of the signs associated with the coming of Christ—the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the mute speak, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor. The words of Jesus reassures John the Baptist that Jesus was indeed the long awaited Messiah and His ministry was one of healing and life giving. These words of Jesus Christ re-echo the prophesy of Isaiah in the first readings which were reported to John the Baptist by his disciples who were sent to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah to come...to be the Savior of humanity. We are filled with joyful anticipation of the Incarnation of the only begotten Son of God. God gave His only Son Jesus Christ to be born for the Salvation of humanity. May we be motivated by His birth in our hearts to bring joy to the hearts of the lonely and abandoned, the poor and the homeless, the sad, the confused and undecided...Generosity comes from God. May we be part of God's generosity to others. Be generous as God has been generous to us!!!

Let us rejoice because God is near,
Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SAINT OF THE DAY: DECEMBER 12



The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Reflection

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of:
The Americas
Mexico.

PARISH EVENTS

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER 2022 PRAYER INTENTION

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CCD will have their annual Christmas Pageant on December 17th at 9:30 am in Palis Hall.

Sign-up for a potluck reception is available at the CCD office. Please contact Rene Asuncion for more information.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 11:00 AM

The Anointing Mass is not only for the elderly or sick, but actually for all of us to receive Healing Spiritually or Physically from Mercy God. In this Mass we can pray for our relatives and friends to receive Healing too. Please note there will be no 8:00 am mass on this day.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY

The Hispanic Community would like to invite you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12th. The mass will be at 7:00 pm in Spanish with a reception to follow at Palis hall.

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS ALTAR

Would you like a poinsettia on the altar in memory of a loved one or to represent your family? You can make monetary donations or purchase a poinsettia to place at the altar.

Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Poinsettia" with the name you would like to appear in the bulletin issue in January. Drop your envelope in the collection basket. You may bring the poinsettias to the altar starting this week. All donations need to be received by December 22nd.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 12

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

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm CH: Parish Advent Retreat

Wednesday, December 14

12:00 noon Hall: RMG Christmas Luncheon
7:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Advent Retreat
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Thursday, December 15

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)

Friday, December 16

6:00 pm Hall: Gift Wrapping
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
8:30 pm CH: Vietnamese Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 17

9:00 am Hall CCD Christmas Pageant
9:00 am P#1: Knights Gift Giving Tree
8:30 pm CH: Vietnamese Advent Retreat

Sunday, December 18

12:00 nm Hall: Fr. Tom
1:00 pm P#1: St. Joseph Group
1:00 pm P#3&4: Vietnamese School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

ADVENT RETREATS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH:
PARISH RETREAT
STARTS AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH:
HISPANIC RETREAT
STARTS AT 7:00 PM AT PALIS HALL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH &
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:
VIETNAMESE RETREAT
STARTS AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

BREAKING BREAD/MISAL DE DIA



Our new missal is now available. They will be available in the front of the church. We are asking for a small donation of \$5.00 per book. Thank you for your support.





Christmas Gift Giving

December 17, 2022

**Help us help the Knights
of Columbus bring a little
Christmas to children ages
17 and under!**

**Pick up a card from the
Christmas Tree at the front
entrance of the church and
you will be able to help a child
this Christmas Season!**

**Between November 27th
and December 16th, you
can give your donation after
each mass or at the rectory
office!**

**You may contact any Knight or
the Rectory for additional
information.**



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SIMBANG GABI

December 15 - December 23

SIMBANG GABI 2022

CELEBRANTS

DECEMBER 15 (THURSDAY)	7:30 pm	FR. JUN MANALO
DECEMBER 16 (FRIDAY)	7:30 pm	FR. CARL ARCOSA
DECEMBER 17 (SATURDAY)	5:00 pm	FR. GEOFFREY BARAAN
DECEMBER 18 (SUNDAY)	6:00 pm	FR. GUS ACOB
DECEMBER 19 (MONDAY)	7:30 pm	FR. MATTHEW MURRAY
DECEMBER 20 (TUESDAY)	7:30 pm	FR. JIMMY MACALINAO
DECEMBER 21 (WEDNESDAY)	7:30 pm	FR. LUIS LOPEZ
DECEMBER 22 (THURSDAY)	7:30 pm	FR. FERNANDO CORTEZ
DECEMBER 23 (FRIDAY)	7:30 pm	FR. THOMAS KHUE