

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2022

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 19

7:30 am Winifred Buhay Samson[†]
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 am Madeline Arias
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, December 21

7:30 am Paul Nhi Huynh
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Thursday, December 22

7:30 am Francis Hill
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 23

7:30 am Gelacio Delizo Jr.[†]
7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 24

8:00 am Ben Aguba[†]
6:00 pm (SP) Parishioners
8:30 pm (VN) Ngan Vu & Mai Dinh[†]

Sunday, December 25

12:00 am Parishioners
8:00 am World Peace
10:00 am Dante Madarang
12:00 noon Osorio & Espirita Family Intentions
2:00 pm (VN) Vu Family Intentions



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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St. Vincent de Paul Society: Danny Vu,
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Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President
(Davidvu207@gmail.com)

Portrait on the cover:
<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/4th-sunday-of-advent-10-things-to-know-and-share>

GOSPEL READING

MT 1: 18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Viet Anh Le, 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 11: \$

Human Development: \$

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

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

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.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/18/2022

My dear OLQW Family,

On that First Christmas, the angels praised God saying, “Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on earth to men (and women) of good will.” The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior. St. Luke wrote, “And Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”

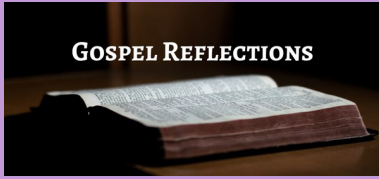
We need to pause and treasure the Gift of Christmas in our hearts. That Gift is Jesus Christ who became human like one of us and lives among us. He came to renew perfectly God’s love for each one of us—died and rose for our salvation. He continues to be present to us in both Word and Sacraments. Treasure and reflect on this gift of Jesus and the faith each one of us shares in Him as members of the Catholic Church.

Moreover, we must not let Christmas just be gone like any other day. Live in Christmas spirit each day. Reflect on this gift of love and how to better share it with others. May your reflection on this gift of Christmas, with God’s grace, move you to an even more intimate relationship with God this coming New Year.

As your pastor, I treasure the gift of each one of you, your love, dedication and the sacrifices you have made for OLQW Parish in particular. I am grateful to my staff and those who serve in various ministries and organizations. On behalf of Sister Elizabeth, Rene Asuncion, Faye Dolor and Tuan Nguyen, I wish each of you and your loved ones a grace-filled Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions as I celebrate Christmas Masses. May the Peace, Joy and Love of the Holy Family be with you and your families each day of 2023!

With a grateful heart and Christmas Blessings,
Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].”

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

SAINT DOMINIC

SAINT OF THE DAY: DECEMBER 19



It's not the founder of the Dominicans we honor today, but there's a poignant story that connects both Dominics.

Our saint today, Dominic of Silos, was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other monks were exiled. They established a new monastery in what at first seemed an unpromising location. Under Dominic's leadership, however, it became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there.

About 100 years after Dominic's death, a young woman who experienced difficult pregnancies made a pilgrimage to his tomb. There Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be the “other” Dominic—Dominic Guzman, the one who founded the Dominicans.

For hundreds of years thereafter, the staff used by Saint Dominic of Silos was brought to the royal palace whenever a queen of Spain was in labor. That practice ended in 1931.

Reflection

Saint Dominic of Silos' connection with the Saint Dominic who founded the Dominican Order brings to mind the film *Six Degrees of Separation*: We are all connected it seems. God's providential care can bring people together in mysterious ways, but it all points to his love for each of us.

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

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

Christmas break for CCD will be from December 20-January 6. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 7th with a Family Mass at 9:30 am. Please be aware that there will be no 8:00 am mass on that day.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!!!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th

6:30 pm Spanish Mass
8:30 pm Vietnamese Mass
11:30 pm Carols
12:00 am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th

8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 nm
English Masses
2:00 pm Vietnamese Mass



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 19

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Tuesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 21

Thursday, December 22

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

Friday, December 23

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, December 24

Sunday, December 25

1:00 pm P#3&4: Vietnamese School

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

The office will be closed on Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas and Friday, December 30th in observance of New Year.

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" Drop your envelope in the collection basket. You may bring the poinsettias to the altar throughout the week. All donations need to be received by December 22nd.

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.





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SIMBANG GABI

December 15 - December 23

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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

Parish Christmas Party

December 3, 2022—Palis Hall

