

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2022

# Merry Christmas

**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 26

7:30 am Lamberto Bautista Jr.†

## Tuesday, December 27

7:30 am Gelacio Delizo Jr.†

## Wednesday, December 28

7:30 am Gelacio Delizo Jr.†

## Thursday, December 29

7:30 am Sotero & Teodora Cinco†

## Friday, December 30

7:30 am John Michael Bautista

## Saturday, December 31

8:00 am Aidan Lacanlale

5:00 pm Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu†

7:00 pm (SP)

## Sunday, January 1 2023

8:00 am Dori David Thanksgiving

10:00 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh & Tinh Pham†

12:00 noon Bernadette Osorio Thanksgiving  
Desy Serna Ipalanar†

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
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**Vietnamese Association:** Hiep David Vu, President  
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## GOSPEL READING

JN 1: 1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to those who believe in his name,  
who were born not by natural generation  
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision  
but of God.

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.

## 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, 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: \$ 6,051.00

Religious Retirement: \$ 2,525.00

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.



## The Nativity of the Lord

12/25/2022

My dear OLQW Family,

Christ came on earth to reveal an extraordinary message—a message of Love, Hope, Joy and Peace. Christ asks us to have Love for one another, to be reconciled to one another and to accept one another.

Christ came to us as a special gift from God the Father and He entrusted each one of us with a sacred responsibility—to show others how the mystery of God is among us. We are called to go out into the world with a message of God's love for all people.

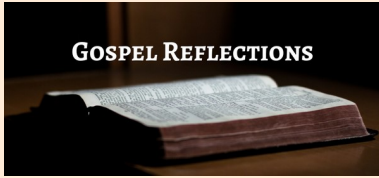
Let the Joy of Christmas penetrate our hearts and souls and transform us into God's light for others, especially for those who are still in darkness.

With gratitude for all of you who have been here and what you have done to grace our OLQW parish, I hold you in my heart and in my prayers this Christmas Season, asking God, through the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother Mary, to bless you with Peace, Joy, Hope and Love throughout 2023.

Merry Christmas to all of you and a Prosperous New Year!!!

With love and gratitude,  
Father Tom

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (*logos* in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the *logos* was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

# RCIA

## A JOURNEY IN FAITH

## Student Profiles

### Brent Bonifacio

My name is Brent Bonifacio. I am currently attending Northgate High School. Currently applying to colleges in hopes of becoming a nurse, and then potentially become a nurse practitioner. My dream school is the University of California Irvine, but University of California Los Angeles is a very close second. Both have a very competitive and hard to get into the nursing program, but I believe I can persevere and get accepted. I am in the RCIA program to become confirmed in the Catholic Church. I am also in the program in the hopes to learn more about my religion and faith. I hope the RCIA program can answer some of my questions and curiosities about Catholicism. I expect to be able to have a greater understanding of the Catholic Church, the Bible, and my faith, and basically, just become a more profound and knowledgeable Catholic. I expect that once I am a full-pledged Catholic I will be able to lead the future generation and be a great influence to them. The community can expect even more that what I am doing now. I am already currently the founder and president of an organization meant to help homeless people and other people in poverty throughout the Bay Area. I also tutor kids who are from low-income families at the Monument Crisis Center. But once I am a full adult, I hope to achieve and help more people. Still being in school greatly limits what I am able to do because of time constraints and other responsibilities. Especially since I am in my senior year of high school, my workload has heavily increased, but I still always try to help my community. Completing my Sacraments of Initiation is important to me because it would finally mean I am fully part of the Catholic Church. Receiving my Sacraments would help provide me with the needed knowledge to become closer to God.

### Huong Garcia

My name is Huong Garcia. Both my parents are practicing Catholics and we would often go to mass. However, mass is in the Vietnamese language, which is their primary language. Although I can speak it, there are terms that are hard for me to comprehend, and I feel this lack of understanding prevents me from being close to God and to understand Him. I was also not baptized as a child and as an adult, I understand more about the other religions out there and feel that Catholicism is still the only religion that resonates with me. Being in the RCIA program allows me to learn more about God and the history and stories of the Bible. It also allows me to get baptized as an adult and to fulfill my other Sacraments.

As a full-pledge Catholic I hope to learn and forgive like how God does. I hope to be familiar with the Bible and its stories. I'll do my best to uphold the values of the Catholic church and continue to practice my faith and instill wisdom on others who wish to learn more about the religion.

It's important for me to complete the Sacraments of Initiation because I want to experience the full love of God. I want to be able to accept the Eucharist during mass and to thank him for his sacrifice because of his love for us.

## 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!!!

### *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 13, 2023, after the morning mass. Join us and celebrate Santo Nino Festival on January 14 2023 5:00 pm Mass followed by a potluck reception at Palis hall.



*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.*

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, December 26

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary

### Tuesday, December 27

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus  
Officer's Meeting

### Wednesday, December 28

### Thursday, December 29

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

### Friday, December 30

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

### Saturday, December 31

### Sunday, January 1 2023

1:00 pm P#3&4: Vietnamese School  
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

#### SCHEDULE:

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

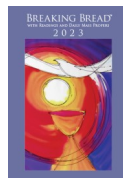
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English Masses

4:00 pm: Vietnamese Mass

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

### 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.



# Parish Christmas Party

December 3, 2022—Palis Hall



## *The Nativity of the Lord*

DECEMBER 25



On this day, the Church focuses especially on the newborn Child, God become human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. We need no other special saint today to lead us to Christ in the manger, although his mother Mary and Joseph, caring for his foster-son, help round out the scene.

But if we were to select a patron for today, perhaps it might be appropriate for us to imagine an anonymous shepherd, summoned to the birthplace by a wondrous and even disturbing vision in the night, a summons from an angelic choir, promising peace and goodwill. A shepherd willing to seek out something that might just be too unbelievable to chase after, and yet compelling enough to leave behind the flocks in the field and search for a mystery.

On the day of the Lord's birth, let's let an unnamed, "non-celebrity" at the edge of the crowd model for us the way to discover Christ in our own hearts—somewhere between skepticism and wonder, between mystery and faith. And like Mary and the shepherds, let's treasure that discovery in our hearts.

### **Reflect**

Today, as we celebrate Christ's birth, we also spend time with loved ones and exchange gifts. Amid the strewn wrapping paper, stockings overflowing with goodies, and flurry of family conversations, it can be easy to miss a chance to center ourselves with prayer. May this prayer help keep you grounded in the true significance of this holy, beautiful day.

### **Pray**

*God, thank you for sending your Son to us.  
I don't know if I've said that anywhere near as many times as I should.  
Today, we celebrate the birth of your Son, and all that that gift entails.  
Yes, we're celebrating the presence of loved ones in our lives,  
but let us recall that the joy we feel emanates from you.  
Bless us on this glorious day as we give thanks and praise  
for the gift of Jesus to the world.*

*Amen.*

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