

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”
(Matthew 3: 2)*

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 5

7:30 am Jennifer O. Johnson

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 am Carmelo Cecilio†

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 am Deceased Nilo/Doctor Family Members

Thursday, December 8

8:00 am Emiterio & Carmen Sabanal

10:00 am Parishioners

7:30 pm Sofia Riray Thanksgiving

Friday, December 9

7:30 am Sotero & Teodora Cinco†

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am Alejandra Castro†

5:00 pm Lorenzo Catalya

7:00 pm (SP) Ramon Gutierrez†

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Loreto Doctor

10:00 am Malachy Ohaegbulem Anyanwu†

12:00 noon Gary & Betsy Samson's Intentions

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Portrait on the cover:
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-John-the-Baptist>

GOSPEL READING

MT 3: 1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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, 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 November 20: \$ 6,371.00 November 27: \$ 5,436.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 1,893.00 Human Development: \$ 2,218.00

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.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/04/2022

Here are some more of Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My dear parishioners,

1) Each Advent is a good opportunity for us to come closer to Christ and deepen our relationship with him through prayer and repentance. Christ's power is at work in our lives when we make peace with family members we have rejected, the relations we don't speak to, the neighbors we have fallen out with, the poor we have no time for...Breaking down these barriers will open the way for Christ to come to us and be born in our hearts at Christmas... we need to reconcile with everyone around us. Before beginning this reconciliation process, we must try hard to identify and correct faults in ourselves which make it difficult for others to get on with us. The call of John the Baptist to repentance is an urgent invitation for us to prepare a way for the Lord to come into our hearts. Preparing to celebrate Christmas means renewing our lives by acknowledging our need for Christ who is constantly calling us to higher things...Remember the greatest obstacle to the coming of Christ into our souls is SIN.

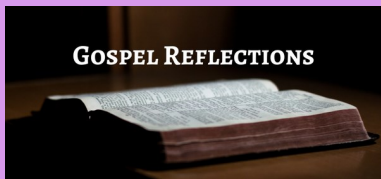
2) As we are listening to John the Baptist, the voice saying out in the desert, to repent as a way of preparing for the Lord's coming. Let the second candle of Advent that we light be an expression of our resolve to turn away from our old ways and walk in the light of Christ. Come to our Parish Communal Penance Service on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm. There will be several priests available for individual confessions and absolution. Let us live this Advent Season fully without rushing into Christmas prematurely!

Remember in the Eucharist, Jesus gives himself, with all his love—because he truly is the giver who keeps on giving!

Have a blessed Advent,
Father Tom

Please remember that Thursday, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule is as follows: 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm, all in English.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

SAINT SABAS

SAINT OF THE DAY: DECEMBER 5



Born in Cappadocia, Sabas is one of the most highly regarded patriarchs among the monks of Palestine, and is considered one of the founders of Eastern monasticism. After an unhappy childhood in which he was abused and ran away several times, Sabas finally sought refuge in a monastery. While family members tried to persuade him to return home, the young boy felt drawn to monastic life. Although the youngest monk in the house, he excelled in virtue.

At age 18 he traveled to Jerusalem, seeking to learn more about living in solitude. Soon he asked to be accepted as a disciple of a well-known local solitary, though initially he was regarded as too young to live completely as a hermit. Initially, Sabas lived in a monastery, where he worked during the day and spent much of the night in prayer. At the age of 30 he was given permission to spend five days each week in a nearby remote cave, engaging in prayer and manual labor in the form of weaving baskets. Following the death of his mentor, Saint Euthymius, Sabas moved farther into the desert near Jericho. There he lived for several years in a cave near the brook Cedron. A rope was his means of access. Wild herbs among the rocks were his food. Occasionally men brought him other food and items, while he had to go a distance for his water.

Some of these men came to him desiring to join him in his solitude. At first he refused. But not long after relenting, his followers swelled to more than 150, all of them living in individual huts grouped around a church, called a *laura*. The bishop persuaded a reluctant Sabas, then in his early 50s, to prepare for the priesthood so that he could better serve his monastic community in leadership. While functioning as abbot among a large community of monks, he felt ever called to live the life of a hermit. Throughout each year—consistently in Lent—he left his monks for long periods of time, often to their distress. A group of 60 men left the monastery, settling at a nearby ruined facility. When Sabas learned of the difficulties they were facing, he generously gave them supplies and assisted in the repair of their church.

Over the years Sabas traveled throughout Palestine, preaching the true faith and successfully bringing back many to the Church. At the age of 91, in response to a plea from the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Sabas undertook a journey to Constantinople in conjunction with the Samaritan revolt and its violent repression. He fell ill and soon after his return, died at the monastery at Mar Saba. Today the monastery is still inhabited by monks of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and Saint Sabas is regarded as one of the most noteworthy figures of early monasticism.

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.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 7:00 PM.

A NUMBER OF PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND VIETNAMESE.

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.

FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Feast Day of Immaculate Conception is on December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our mass schedule will be as follows: 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm all will be in English. Please note that there will be no 7:30 am mass on this day.

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 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 8

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

Friday, December 9

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, December 10

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
6:00 pm Hall: Parish Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Hall: Pancake Breakfast
1:00 pm P#3: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers
1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
3:30 pm Hall: Hispanic Community

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

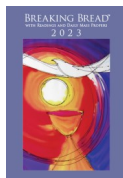
CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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.

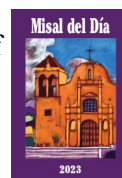
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY

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.

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 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.**

“The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who supported the Thanksgiving Food Drive in any way. Because of your generosity we were able to give turkey dinners to 54 families.”



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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