

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2023

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.

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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 2

7:30 am Phong John Pham[†]

Tuesday, January 3

7:30 am Phong John Pham[†]

Wednesday, January 4

7:30 am Phong John Pham[†]

Thursday, January 5

7:30 am Meliton Auza[†]

Friday, January 6

7:30 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh & Tinh Pham[†]

Saturday, January 7

8:00 am Maximo Sebastian[†]

5:00 pm Ebias/Vicente Families

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Lourdes Santos[†]

10:00 am Florante & Zenaida Baltazar[†]

12:00 noon Sotero & Teodora Cinco[†]

4:00 pm (VN)



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GOSPEL READING

LK 2: 16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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, Lisa Jott, Betty Tecson, 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 18: \$ 6,333.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,055.00

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.



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

01/01/2023

My dear OLQW Family,

It is so good to gather here this morning on this first day of 2023 to thank God for all of His gifts in our lives, especially the gifts we had during this past year. The life of Jesus began with Mary; therefore it is appropriate that we begin the New Year with the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. She is the Mother of God, Mother of Joy, Joy to the World. So, we begin this first day of the New Year by greeting one another – “Happy New Year!”

Let us go to Bethlehem to see Mary, Joseph and Jesus, the Holy Family. This scene is right here in our church to visit. Jesus awaits us in the manger, extending an invitation to mankind and to each one of us to respond. Respond to his love! Let us respond by seeking Him in our hearts and in those around us.

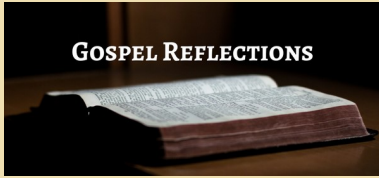
I want to share with you the prayer of the family life that I receives from one of our parishioners.

*Dear Lord, with Mary and Joseph, you have lived within a family.
Show me ever new ways to protect and comfort those closest to me,
And let me, each day, do something that will say “I love you”
Without speaking the words.
But remind me also to frequently say those words.
Let me never part from any member of my family in anger.
Prompt me always to turn back without delay – to forgive, and to be forgiven!
And let me see your image within each person in my own family.
And in my greater family.
Knowing that in your kingdom we will truly be one family.
United by your sacrifice on the cross. Amen.*

So, on this first day of the New Year let us ask for the graces to Jesus more intimately and love Him more ardently and follow Him more closely so that this may be a truly Happy New Year for all of us.

New Year’s Blessings,
Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.



Student Profiles

Diego Guerrero

My family is from Mexico. I currently attend Concord High School. I am in the RCIA program in order to brush up on my unfortunately neglected faith in order to prepare for Confirmation and regain my footing in the proper Catholic teachings. My knowledge is not very vast, but the classes seem to teach me something new every time. These facts are fascinating as they are new to me, but in a way that makes sense and clarifies attitudes and actions the Church undertakes. Our teacher does a good job at clearing out the fog surrounding church teachings and dusting off what we already know so that we can see it all more clearly.

As a Catholic member, I hope to not only rectify my own failings, but also be an aid to those around me. I have a younger sister of 8 years old, and I hope to help her develop a good moral compass using Catholic teachings so that she can find similar benefits as I have, when I began taking my faith more seriously a few years ago. While I will have to leave California for college in a few years, I am hoping to instill good values into my youngest sister while I still can, as well as take my faith elsewhere once I leave.

I am hoping to eventually take the opportunity to do volunteer work for the parish, considering I am intending to move out of town during my adult years. I have some experience with volunteer work with my schoolmates, so I am looking forward to finding some opportunity that aligns with my schedules. Once I do leave, I hope to participate in the Catholic community wherever I end up going.

It is important to me to complete my Sacraments of Initiation to truly engrain myself as a proper Catholic, having completed them all. I've worked my way through previous semesters up to my Eucharist, and I intend to continue to achieve my Confirmation. I am not sure what will come from it, but I do expect a satisfaction and clarity of mind resulting from me finishing them all, which is the most I am willing to assume.

Catherine Perez

I am in a family of 5. I have a younger brother and an older sister. Both my parents and older sister have already done their baptism, first communion, and confirmation.

Right now, I am currently a junior at Clayton Valley Charter High School in Concord. After high school, I am still deciding on what my plans are. However, I love helping people and am leaning towards studying law and becoming a lawyer.

I am in the RCIA program because this is something that I have been wanting to do, I want to have a better understanding of the Catholic religion. Growing up, I was taught what it meant to be Catholic but now that I am older, I hope to be able to increase that understanding.

I expect to be a better person. I hope to have a better understanding of the Catholic religion. I think the community can expect me to be more faithful to the religion and be more involved in the community.

For me, it is important to receive the Sacraments because as I mentioned I grew up in a religious, Catholic household. It was something that I wanted to do because to me it meant being fully Catholic. My religion is something that is important to me and who I am as a person. I identify a lot with it and being able to receive this Sacrament would mean to me as being done with all my personal Sacraments. Although I know there is still more, to me this is one of the most important.

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Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the *Theotokos*!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

Reflection:

Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

PARISH EVENTS

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

The following poinsettia were donated for our
"Christmas Altar"

In Memory of :
Inocencio & Luisa Servigon
Warren G. Qunkle III
Paul Francis
Louis Swami
Giron-Zelaya-Butler Family Members
Abdon Hari

Thanksgiving Donations By:
Malbog Family
Mr. & Mrs. Floro Cordero
Betsy Samson
Ellen & Steve Carstensen
Alicia Belza

To those whose names are not listed here and bought
poinsettia plants that were placed at the altar.

We are truly grateful to all of you for making our



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!!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 8th, the Knights of Columbus will
be selling Pancake Breakfast from 8:30
am to 10:00 am in the hall. You can
take it to go or dine in at the hall.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 2

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Mothers

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus
Meeting

Wednesday, January 4

1:00 pm Hall: Regina Mundi Guild
7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Mothers

Thursday, January 5

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)
7:00 pm Hall: Parish Council Meeting

Friday, January 6

8:30 am CH: Santo Nino Novena
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, January 7

9:00 am CH: Santo Nino Novena
9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
6:00 pm Hall: Bingo

Sunday, January 8

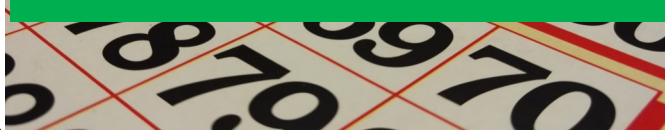
8:30 am Hall: Pancake Breakfast
1:00 pm CH: Santo Nino Novena
1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#3: Vietnamese Catholic
Mothers
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



BINGO

**IS
BACK!!**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7:
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**



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. On Sunday, January 8th the

Novena will be after the 12:00 noon 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.