

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2023

*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.”
(Matthew 4: 17)*

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, January 23

7:30 am

Tuesday, January 24

7:30 am Inocencia Alcantara[†]

Wednesday, January 25

7:30 am Fr. Richard Culver[†]

Thursday, January 26

7:30 am Fr. Theo Palis[†]

Friday, January 27

7:30 am

Saturday, January 28

8:00 am

5:00 pm

7:00 pm (SP) Aurora Vazquez[†]

Sunday, January 29

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 noon

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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<https://www.catholicireland.net/sunday-homily/>

GOSPEL READING

MT 4: 12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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, Eleccion & Amante Elevazo, 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 January 15: \$ 5,782.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,202.00

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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

01/22/2023

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some more of my scattered thoughts...

- 1) We are in Ordinary Time once more and we are ordinary followers of Christ. Jesus Himself invites us to be extraordinary and to give our lives to Him. Our world can be transformed into the place of salvation if only we walk in the ways of Christ. Suddenly our inner and outer worlds can become extraordinary. A world without darkness!
- 2) This Sunday's readings focus on Jesus, the light who dispels the darkness in our hearts and in our world. They focus, too, on the call He makes to each one of us and to us as a parish family, to welcome the light and carry on His mission of radiating the light to others. If we are going to say yes to this mission we are going to have to follow the example of the first disciples, let go of everything that is hindering us from responding to His call. We look to the message they heard when they started to follow Jesus.
- 3) Today we see the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He came to save us by calling us to conversion, not simply in external ways but in the deepest depth of our hearts. Let go, let Jesus be in charge. He is Emmanuel. He is with us today, tomorrow, everyday, every minute, every second of our lives. The gospel tells us of the call of Peter and Andrew, James and John. We can only imagine the call of Jesus. Why would these fishermen respond so readily to the call of Jesus? Why don't we respond as strongly to His call? May the Holy Spirit bring us to this place of trust and stir up our hearts to respond.
- 4) Lunar New Year! Our Vietnamese Community celebrates the Lunar New Year this Sunday, January 22nd and invites all of us to this celebration with the Holy Mass at 2:00 pm and a festive reception will follow at the parish hall right after the Mass.

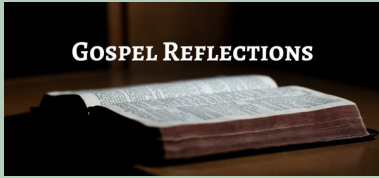
On behalf of all of us, OLQW Family, I wish the Vietnamese Community a

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2023!!!

Prayers and Love,

Father Thomas

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SAINT OF THE DAY: January 24th



Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

PARISH EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Monday night Students will be attending Pan de Vida at Most Holy Rosary Parish on February 3-5. Please pray for them for a successful retreat.

There will be no First Saturday Family mass on Saturday, February 4th due to the Pan de Vida Retreat. Mass will be at 8:00 am.

FOOD DRIVE



St. Vincent de Paul will maintain a donation barrel for non-perishable foods in the church foyer; please be generous. Our groups of volunteers are here every Monday, and they always need groceries to help the needy in our community. The demand has been much greater!

FLOWER DONATIONS

Frederick Narisma Thanksgiving
Jacob Vattathil Thanksgiving
In Memory of Ben Aguba

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 pm Hall: Fr. Tom

Wednesday, January 25

7:00 pm Hall: Fr. Tom

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, January 28

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, January 29

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements will be available after February 5th. Please indicate on your contribution envelope or call the office if you need a statement.



In Memoriam
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
April 16, 1927—December 31, 2022
Papacy:
April 19, 2005—February 28, 2013

Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II. After the war, he was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of twenty-year career, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar and was present as a peritus or theological advisor, at all sessions of the Second Vatican Council. Ever true to his episcopal motto, Fellow Worker in the Truth, his teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY— JANUARY 18-25

Our theme this year “Do good; seek justice.” Isaiah 1:17

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus’ prayer at the Last Supper “that they all may be one.” (cf. John 17:21)

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year, was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for the Christian communities to contemplate ways in which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation and unity. The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity.

Prayer

Lord, you called your people from slavery into freedom, Give us strength and courage to seek out those who are standing in need of justice. Allow us to see this need and provide help, and through you Holy Spirit gather us into the one fold of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Amen.

HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT
10:30 AM**

The Church encourages all the faithful, especially the elderly and those experiencing bodily or emotional illness, to attend the Anointing Mass.

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.

Reception will follow in front of the Church.

For more information, call the parish office at 925-458-4718.

(Please note there will be no 8:00 am mass this day.)



ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

January 29, 2023

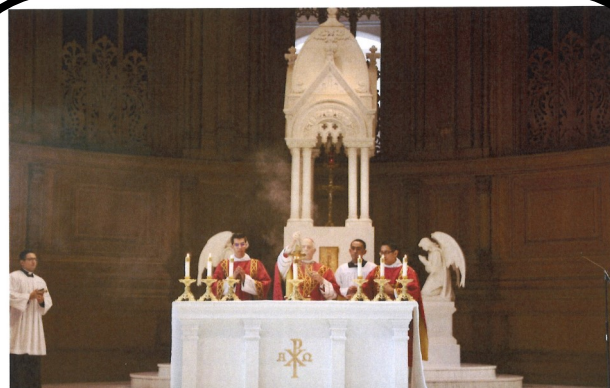
10 am - 12 pm

- PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE
- INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING
- DIVERSE FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY
- SMALL CLASS SIZES



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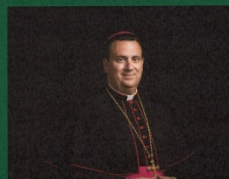
IS GOD CALLING YOU?

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

JANUARY 27-29, 2023

Conferences by

Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes
Bishop of the Ordinate of
the Chair of Saint Peter



Must be a single man 21 years or older
All meals and lodging provided

To register, contact: **REV. CARL ARCOSA**
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(510) 267-8356

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**THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**15TH ANNUAL
PARISH CRAB
FEED**



**FEBRUARY 4,
2023**

MAIN COURSE
SALAD, BREAD & PASTA
CRAB OR TRI-TIP

DESSERT
COFFEE
CHEESECAKE

**DOORS OPEN
AT 6PM
DINNER SERVED
AT 7PM**

\$60 per individual
\$450 for a table of 8
A \$30 Savings

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BE PAID IN
ADVANCE BY
JANUARY 29TH**

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