

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.” (Mark 1: 3)*

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Loc Nguyen
Sister Elizabeth Diep Huynh, Bookkeeper
Maria Faye Dolor, Secretary

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

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 with Adoration after Mass

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00pm- 7:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:
Wednesdays after morning mass
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Mondays to Saturdays
after morning mass
Exposition & Benediction : Fridays 6:00pm- 7:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00pm—5:00pm 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 Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 11

7:30 am Loreto Nilo +

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 am Jose Bassig Sr. & Jr. +

7:00 pm (SP) Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 13

7:30 am Paul Huynh Nhi & Maria Trinh
Thi Ai +

Thursday, December 14

7:30 am Laura

Friday, December 15

7:30 am Janet

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 16

8:00 am Carmencita Leonas +

5:00 pm Simbang Gabi

7:00 pm (SP) Fred Butler +

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am Amanda Graham

10:00 am Gonzalo & Ernesta Asuncion +

12:00 am Marlen Serna

4:00 pm (VN)

6:00 pm Simbang Gabi



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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GOSPEL READING

Mk 1: 1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of
sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel’s hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.

He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Victoria Lapid, Danilo Henson, Eduardo Sahulga, Eva Panugaling,
Lisa Jott, Betty Tecson, Eleccion Elevazo, Victor Mendoza, Rosalina
Masangcay, Adolfo Miguel Jr., Proceso Beleza, Patricia Diokno,
Mario & Emma Dolor, Jovita Domingo, Elizabeth Zamora, Julie
Hansen, Xander Saavedra, Carmenchu Saavedra, Marlon Serna, Lois
Belmessieri, Jonah Hansen, Faye Dolor, Chad Thompson, Viechel
Hunter, Logan Kenney, Father Tom, Jasmin Toledo, Carlo Lagare-
jos, Faye Dolor, 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 3: \$ 5,661.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,210.00

2023 Insurance: Total: \$19,534.00 Paid: \$ 19,534.00

2023 Assessment: Total: \$43,805.00 Paid: \$ 48,805.00

*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 num-
ber on the Memo line.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/10/2023

Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

- 1) Last Saturday evening—Christmas Party—About over 300 people—we had a good time. I am very grateful for all who helped make it a wonderful evening for our Parish.
- 2) Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent and we hear the voice of John the Baptist, a chosen messenger whose mission is to prepare the way for God's entry among his people. John the Baptist's message was very simple: "Do penance, reform your lives by prayer and fasting for the Kingdom of God is at hand." The voice of John the Baptist urges us to prepare a place in our hearts for the Lord. Advent is an invitation to conversion for all of us. We need to ask ourselves what in our lives need to complete turning around to allow God to come close to us? There are areas and dark corners of ourselves which we do not want disturbed even though we are aware that they prevent God from entering into our innermost being? Preparing a way for God in our hearts is a time-consuming and costly business. It demands listening to what God is saying to us, to reflect and to renew. Advent calls us to be patient, to be watchful, to be ready and to be holy...to work a new path. Christ does not force an entry into our lives if He was not invited. So He is patiently waiting. Christ cannot save us without our co-operation. The voice of John the Baptist reminds us that we have the important task of announcing Christ to others. Our everyday life is a message everyone through acts of kindness, honesty and faithfulness that Christ is right here with us. We may be the only Open Bible which many people will ever read. With the problems of our troubled world, the Gospel of Love is needed.⁴

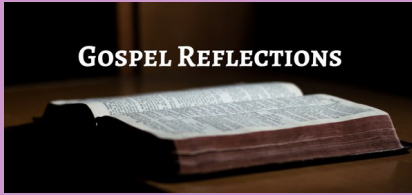
I would like to conclude with a couple of questions:

- 1) Who or what are you waiting for?
- 2) What are you preparing for Christ's coming?

Have a blessed Advent,

Father Thomas

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY

The Hispanic Community would like to invite you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12th. The mass will be at 7:00 pm in Spanish with a reception to follow at Palis hall.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 12th: 7:00 pm Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 15-December 23:
Simbang Gabi

Weekdays: 7:30 pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Fellowship to follow at the Hall after each mass.

Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve
6:30 pm Spanish

8:30 pm Vietnamese

11:30 pm Carols

12:00 am English

(Note: There will be normal Sunday Masses during the day)

Monday, December 25th

8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon English

4:00 pm Vietnamese

Monday, January 1 2024

10:00 am English

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus council would like to thank all of you who supported the Thanksgiving Food Drive in any way. Because of your support we were able to serve 62 families at the event. We are so grateful for the generosity that you have always shown. May you and your families have a very blessed Christmas.

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 2023 : FOR PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 10:00AM

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 morning mass that day.)

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING DRIVE

The Annual Christmas Gift Giving Drive has begun, you can sponsor a child by collecting a card from the Christmas Tree at the entrance of the Church starting November 26th. For any questions, please contact the rectory or any Knight.

FLOWER OFFERINGS

Inocencio & Luisa Servigon
Malbog Family

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Building Fund 2nd collection will be for the Hall Expansion Capital Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 11

7:00 pm Hall, SM & Portables: CCD
7:00 pm CH: SP Novena for Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 am Hall: Hispanic Community
8:00 pm Hall: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 13

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Thursday, December 14

6:00 pm CH: Hispanic Community
6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)

Friday, December 15

5:00 pm Hall: Gift Giving Tree Wrap
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
7:00 pm P#3: SP Novena for Guadalupe
8:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Saturday, December 16

9:00 am Hall: CCD Christmas Pageant & Potluck
9:00 am P#1: Gift Giving Tree Pick up
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul
6:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship
6:15 pm CH: SP Novena for Guadalupe
8:00 pm Hall: Posada

Sunday, December 17

1:00 pm Hall & P#3-4: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#1: St. Joseph Group
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
7:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Saturday, December 16th will be CCD Christmas Pageant at 9:00 am in Palis Hall. Please come join the CCD students to celebrate the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

There will be no classes from December 19th to January 5th, 2024.



Christmas Gift Giving

December 16, 2023

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

**Help us help the Knights of
Columbus bring a little
Christmas to children
between ages 2 and 17!**

**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!**

**From Nov. 26th thru Dec. 15th,
you can give your donation
after each mass or at the
rectory office! Wrapping of
gifts will be on December 15th
at 5 pm in the hall.**

**You may contact any Knight or the
Rectory for additional information.**



SIMBANG GABI

A NINE DAY MASS NOVENA

DECEMBER 15 - 23

WEEKDAYS AT 7:30 PM
SATURDAY AT 5:00 PM
SUNDAY AT 6:00 PM

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