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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2023

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

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

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.

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 Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 18

7:30 am Maria & Vicenta Purino +

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 am Michelle

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 am Madeline Arias +

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Thursday, December 21

7:30 am Jasmine

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Friday, December 22

7:30 am Huwang Le

7:30 pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 23

8:00 am Marlin

5:00 pm Louis Swami / Simbang Gabi

7:00 pm (SP) Abram Duarte +

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am Christian Quintela +

10:00 am Dante Madarang +

12:00 am Romualdo Catapusan

2:00 pm (VN)

6:30 pm (SP) Christmas Vigil

8:30 pm (VN) Christmas Vigil

11:00 pm Carols Followed by Midnight Mass

MINISTRIES

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Regina Mundi Guild Leah Abejuela,
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Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President
(Davidvu207@gmail.com)

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GOSPEL READING

Jn 1: 6-8,19-28

A man named John was sent from God.

He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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 Lagarejos, 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 number on the Memo line.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/17/2023

Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

Today is Gaudete Sunday—Joyful Sunday! The joy of Advent shines forth with an inspiring message of hope and encouragement urging us to rejoice and be happy because the Lord is near. What is more, it tells us that joy is basic to being Christian and our vocation is to radiate this joy. We are created for happiness. We can buy pleasure and it will cost us dearly, but all the money in the world cannot purchase happiness! Christian joy is something deeper and richer than the smile and laughter upon a happy face. Friendship with God is the source of Christian joy...Joy is born of faith, cannot be easily described but a characteristic of the soul and should be evident in the life of a believer.

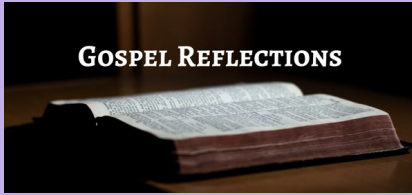
St. Teresa of Calcutta brought untold blessings and joy to the poor who lay unattended and forgotten on streets of India. When asked the source of her joy, she replied, "Joy is prayer, joy is strength, joy is love, joy is a net of love...A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love...loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He recues, being with Him twenty-four hours, touching Him in His disguise." (Malcolm Muggendge, *Something Beautiful for God*, Harper and Row, San Francisco 1971) When Advent arrived every year, St. Teresa of Calcutta, continued to witness the joy...true hallmark of every Christian.

On the first Christmas when God came down in the person of Jesus, He filled the world with glad tidings of great joy May His birth motivate us to bring joy to the hearts of the lonely and abandoned, the poor and the homeless, the sad, the confused and undecided...Generosity comes from God. Our Christmas joy cannot be complete unless we show generosity to those who have nothing to give us in return. May we be part of God's generosity. Be generous as God has been generous to us!!!

Let us rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances because God is near.

Father Thomas

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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ADVENT SCHEDULE

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



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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**There will be no classes from
December 19th to January 5th, 2024.
Classes will resume Saturday,
January 6th with a CCD Family
Mass at 9:30 am.**

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 18

7:00 pm Hall, SM & Portables: CCD
7:00 pm CH: SP Novena for
Guadalupe
8:30 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi
Fellowship

Tuesday, December 19

10:00 am Hall: Hispanic Community
8:00 pm Hall: Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe
8:30 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi
Fellowship

Wednesday, December 20

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice
8:30 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi
Fellowship

Thursday, December 21

6:00 pm CH: Hispanic Community
6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes
7:00 pm P#2: SP Divine Mercy Prayer
8:30 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi
Fellowship

Friday, December 22

5:00 pm Hall: Gift Giving Tree Wrap
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
7:00 pm P#3: SP Novena for
Guadalupe
8:30 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi
Fellowship

Saturday, December 23

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 24

11:00 pm CH: Carols



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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Annual Christmas Party 2023

