

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023

*“Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13: 33)*

*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



## GOSPEL READING

Mk 13: 33-37

### Monday, December 4

7:30 am Victoria Osorio Thanksgiving  
7:00 pm Communal Penance

### Tuesday, December 5

7:30 am Nilo & Doctor Deceased Family Members

### Wednesday, December 6

7:30 am Parents & Benefactors of Holy Cross Sisters

### Thursday, December 7

7:30 am Crispiniano Enrique +

### Friday, December 8

7:30 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh & Tinh Pham+  
7:30 pm All Parishioners

### Saturday, December 9

10:00 am Lorenzo Canon +  
5:00 pm Lorenzo Canon +  
7:00 pm (SP) Estela Reynozo +

### Sunday, December 10

8:00 am Ian Cruz Thanksgiving  
10:00 am Laura & Ruben San Buenaventura Thanksgiving  
12:00 am Sotero & Teodora Cinco +  
4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
President (nriray@comcast.net)

**Hispanic Association** Martha Hernández:  
Coordinator (vimaen42@gmail.com) Contacto en Español: Gladys Giron 925-334-9873

**Columbiettes** Leticia Rodrigues, President  
925-339-8662

**Knights of Columbus** Kip Trombley  
(gk7164@yahoo.com)

**Regina Mundi Guild** Leah Abejuela,  
925-300-7081 (labejuela@gmail.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Danny Vu,  
President SYDPOLOW@gmail.com

**Legion of Mary:** Danila Loquiao  
(dnialoquiao@gmail.com; 925-864-1237)

**Vietnamese Association:** Hiep David Vu, President  
(Davidvu207@gmail.com)

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Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!””

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Narciso Fontecha, 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, Abraham Nacnac, 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, 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 26: \$ 5,557.00

Thanksgiving: \$ 4,454.00 Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,291.00

2023 Insurance: Total: \$19,534.00 Paid: \$ 14,659.00

2023 Assessment: Total: \$43,805.00 Paid: \$ 40,155.00

*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.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/03/2023

My dear OLQW family,

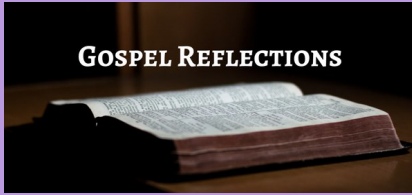
Once again here are some of my scattered thoughts...

- 1) Advent is here! As we enter the season of Advent, we need to recall God's ways are not our ways, and God's time is not our time. Advent is, of course, a time to prepare for the Sacred Mysteries of the Christmas season...prepare our home, our lives, and especially our hearts. As we begin this new liturgical year and Advent season, Jesus tells us that we need to be awake, to be alert and to be watchful for his coming at the end of time. I suggest that we consider three questions: 1. What do you do to prepare for Christmas? 2. What is it you are preparing to celebrate? 3. What should your lives look like after you celebrate Christmas?
- 2) Advent is a rich and powerful season. Don't let Christmas parties, shopping and other activities distract us from the true meaning of Christmas—the celebration of the birth of Christ! Advent is also the time for us to hear the call—to prepare the way for Jesus, in our world, for others...to become a John the Baptist, and to be an instrument of grace for others. May your Advent season be filled with hope, joy and love! Come Lord Jesus, come! Happy New Year—Happy Advent Season!
- 3) On December 12, we honor Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, this Feast Day offers us the opportunity to reflect living our faith with love, compassion and respect that Mary herself exhibited. On this Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we recall the appearance of Mary before San Juan Diego, a poor Aztec Indian peasant, on a hill in Mexico in 1531. Mary spoke to Juan Diego in his native tongue. Mary's love and compassion was extended to the people of Mexico and beyond. May Mary's love, kindness and respect towards Juan Diego, a poor peasant, be a powerful example for us to emulate as the way of dealing with others—people and cultures. Let us celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th with a great enthusiastic love. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us! Happy Feast Day to our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters!

With a grateful heart,

Father Thomas

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/first-sunday-of-advent-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

## 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 4th: 7:00 pm Communal Penance

December 8th: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 am & 7:30 pm English

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 4

7:00 pm Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

#### Tuesday, December 5

6:00 pm P#3: Hispanic Community

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

#### Wednesday, December 6

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

#### Thursday, December 7

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

7:00 pm P#3: SP Novena for Guadalupe

#### Friday, December 8

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

7:00 pm P#3: SP Novena for Guadalupe

#### Saturday, December 9

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

6:15 pm CH: SP Novena for Guadalupe

#### Sunday, December 10

1:00 pm Hall & P#3-4: Vietnamese School

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

We were reminded again today that evil people exist. Hackers and scammers are working hard to take advantage of kind people.

You may get a text or email that says something like: "Good friend, I need your discreet help. I am at the hospital with a parishioner, and they need (something). I can't talk on the phone right now so please respond by way of email. I truly am grateful for kind people like you."

Or

"Dear friend, I have misplaced my wallet and need to help a parishioner. Is it possible for you to assist very discretely in this time of need. I am unable to talk on the phone right now so please respond in kind. God bless you."

The contact will look like it is from someone you go to church with. It may even appear to be from their email address or phone number.

The State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus email address was used recently to send similar scam emails. In the past some of our parishioners have been targeted using the email or phone number of our Clergy.

If you get an attempted scam email or text, please do not respond to it. Please let the real person know that you have received a scam communication.

It may be prudent to let the parish at large know that a scam is making the rounds.



# **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.**



# Music to Praise and Glorify God

November 18, 2023

