

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024

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, January 15

7:30 am Edmund Fababier +

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 am Edmund Fababier +

Wednesday, January 17

7:30 am Edmund Fababier +

Thursday, January 18

7:30 am Joy Bautista

Friday, January 19

7:30 am Villacorta Family Intentions

Saturday, January 20

8:00 am Sonny Cruz Thanksgiving

5:00 pm Rodolfo Padilla +

7:00 pm (SP) Canuto Rubalcaba +

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am Robert Francis Gilfether +

10:00 am Richard Ian Asuncion +

12:00 am Inocencio Alcantara & Family
Thanksgiving

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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<https://goodnewsshared.wordpress.com/2017/01/04/daily-gospel-reading-john-135-42/>

GOSPEL READING

JN 1: 35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

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, 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 Collection Jan 7: \$ 6,131.00

Diocesan Seminary Fund: \$ 2,451.00

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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01/14/2024

Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

St. Bernard once said, "Christ our Savior has come to pour out kindness and compassion." Yes, Christ continues to call each of us to do so in His name and for His name.

Christmas season is gone and few are back with the Ordinary Times of the Liturgical Year, the manger and decorations are back in their places...but there is one message of Christmas I want you to remember, "Emmanuel—God is (always) with us." Christmas story is about God making His presence visible in a child born in Bethlehem. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." In Jesus, God says to us, "I really want you to know that I love you and I AM Always with you."

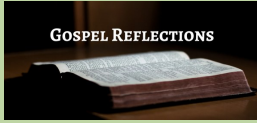
To me, the story "God is (always) with us" continues in All of us who extend Christ's consoling and healing presence. Sometimes we are recipients, other times, givers of the special presence. Christ has come and made His light and presence through all people who act in his spirit of kindness and compassion... stories of Good News and of God's saving presence acting in us and through us.

God's call is an on-going affair and often reaches us through the plight of a neighbor. It takes courage to open our hearts and answer that call...Sacrifices will have to be made and a comfortable lifestyle disturbed.

The story of God calling Samuel by name is almost magical. With the help of the old priest Eli and the simplicity of a child, Samuel offered total willingness to God's call: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." The story of Samuel is our story too. He stands up for all of us. People of no significance, unimportant in the eyes of society, but not ignored by God, always in his mind. God constantly calling us into relationship with him in the circumstances of lives...It is very easy that God's voice be drowned out and not heard in the noisy ranting world in which we live.

It is important that we must have a quiet and peaceful corner of life and to develop pockets of silence where we can be alone to listen to the voice of God and like Samuel we can readily answer, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." God can only speak to a person who is listening...We tend to talk too much and listen too little.

Pray and be attentive...let God speak,
Father Thomas



Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

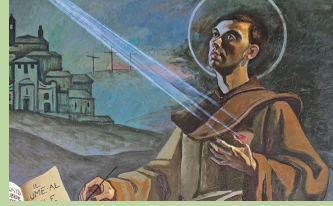
We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

SAINT CHARLES OF SEZZE

Saint of the Day: January 18



Charles thought that God was calling him to be a missionary in India, but he never got there. God had something better for this 17th-century successor to Brother Juniper.

Born in Sezze, southeast of Rome, Charles was inspired by the lives of Salvator Horta and Paschal Baylon to become a Franciscan; he did that in 1635. Charles tells us in his autobiography, "Our Lord put in my heart a determination to become a lay brother with a great desire to be poor and to beg alms for his love." Charles served as cook, porter, sacristan, gardener and beggar at various friaries in Italy. In some ways, he was "an accident waiting to happen." He once started a huge fire in the kitchen when the oil in which he was frying onions burst into flames.

One story shows how thoroughly Charles adopted the spirit of Saint Francis. The superior ordered Charles—then porter—to give food only to traveling friars who came to the door. Charles obeyed this direction; simultaneously the alms to the friars decreased. Charles convinced the superior the two facts were related. When the friars resumed giving goods to all who asked at the door, alms to the friars increased also.

At the direction of his confessor, Charles wrote his autobiography, *The Grandeurs of the Mercies of God*. He also wrote several other spiritual books. He made good use of his various spiritual directors throughout the years; they helped him discern which of Charles' ideas or ambitions were from God. Charles himself was sought out for spiritual advice. The dying Pope Clement IX called Charles to his bedside for a blessing.

Charles had a firm sense of God's providence. Father Severino Gori has said, "By word and example he recalled in all the need of pursuing only that which is eternal" (Leonard Perotti, *St. Charles of Sezze: An Autobiography*, page 215).

He died at San Francesco a Ripa in Rome and was buried there. Pope John XXIII canonized him in 1959.

Reflection

The drama in the lives of the saints is mostly interior. Charles' life was spectacular only in his cooperation with God's grace. He was captivated by God's majesty and great mercy to all of us..

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

January 2024: Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A thank you to all of the parishioners that helped make the 2023 Christmas giving tree such a success.

From the KOFC.
Steve Carstensen

FLOWER DONATIONS

In Loving Memories of the Martinez & Carstensen Families

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

Tax statements will be available after February 04.

On your contribution envelopes, please indicate that you need a statement or call the rectory. If you have moved , please update your information using the form below.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 15
No CCD : Martin Luther King

Tuesday, January 16
11:00 am CH: Memorial Service:
Bob Hoppenhauer

Wednesday, January 17
11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Thursday, January 18
7:00 pm P#2: SP Divine Mercy Prayer

Friday, January 19
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, January 20
9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, January 21
1:00 pm Hall & P#3-4: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

If you are a registered parishioner and have moved or changed phone numbers, please update your contact information. Print all information and return to the Parish Office or email the rectory at Rectory@olqw.org.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip).

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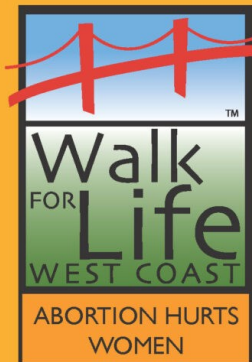
20TH ANNUAL

WALK for LIFE

WEST COAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 20, 2024



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.



Register and info:
(415) 658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

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Women's Sacred Healing Circle

Effective Self-Healing Techniques and Practices



Come and be part of a sacred healing circle, meeting monthly to learn and share in new ways of connecting science and spirituality, a "quantum field of possibilities," and co-creating pathways to higher consciousness that lead to healing. Together we will seek ways to become the transformational change which can lead to oneness in the world, increasing hope, love, joy, peace and gratitude on earth. You

are invited to come together to shine and vibrate the Light of Christ out into the cosmos.



Sister Joanie is a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose and a professional Energy Medicine therapist, with extensive training and experience in the field of Mind Body Healing.

- Jan. 12: Overview of Human Energy System
- Feb. 16: Cultivating Soulseeds of Light Within
- Mar. 15: Cultivating Soulseeds of Light Among
- Apr. 19: Cultivating Soulseeds of Light Beyond
- May 17: Integrating Unity Consciousness and Oneness

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Location: Motherhouse Wellness Room

Cost: \$30 per session / \$125 for the series

RSVP by January 5

Register: [HERE](#)



Motherhouse Wellness Room, 43326 Mission Circle, (Entrance Off Mission Tierra), Fremont, CA 94539