

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 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



GOSPEL READING

Mt 2: 1-12

Monday, January 8

7:30 am Aidan Bautista

Tuesday, January 9

7:30 am Edmund Fababier +

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 am Maria Nguyen Kim Lieng +

Thursday, January 11

7:30 am Edmund Fababier +

Friday, January 12

7:30 am Edmund Fababier +

Saturday, January 13

8:00 am Edmund Fababier +

5:00 pm Josefino Fernandez +

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Dori David Thanksgiving

10:00 am Edmund Fababier +

12:00 am Vicente & Ebias Families

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Legion of Mary: Danila Loquiao
(dnialoquiao@gmail.com; 925-864-1237)

Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://parade.com/1315688/jessicasager/epiphany/>

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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, Jasmín 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

Christmas Collection: \$ 9,175.00

Parish Assessment: \$ 1,876.00

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.



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01/07/2024

Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

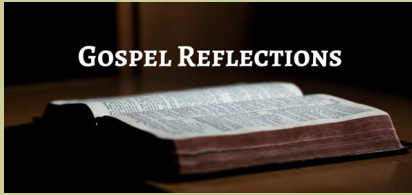
My Dear OLQW Parish family,

1. Happy New Year 2024! On behalf of Deacon Loc, Sr. Elizabeth Diep, Rene Asuncion, Faye Dolor and Tuan Nguyen, I would like to thank all of you for all the love and support that you have generously given to our parish and with you and your family Joy, Peace, Happiness, Love and go health this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.
2. The Bishop's Appeal, we are almost there...We need your help! If you haven't given to the 2023's Bishop's Appeal, I would like to encourage to do so, so our parish can reach its goal of \$19,600.00.
3. Today the Church invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The word "Epiphany" means "Revelation" or "Manifestation." The Church wants us to rejoice today. This is the day when we proclaim to all the world that Jesus came to save everybody and his influence is not restricted to any one culture. As we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek our that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi (wise men) responded.
4. The Magi's journey across mountains and deserts, following the star, echoes in our hearts. We feel that we have our own star to follow—a yearning deep down within our being for meaning, truth and happiness—an individual path in life which we alone are called to tread. After this encounter, the Magi were transformed, their eyes of faith were opened, they recognized the Infant Child—God's light which had come into the world. We too have been given the eyes of faith to keep us on course as we follow Christ along the highways and by ways of life, across the desert paths of loneliness, pain, failure and illness. The Magi, after the encounter, were not the same. Then were changed forever. They were no longer following by the star, but by the light of the Infant Child.
5. There is something beautiful about the story of the Magi—the Wise Men or the three Kings from the East! They represent all of us on a spiritual adventure which goes on as long as life lasts. We are to be Wise Men for our day, making Jesus visible to the whole world as its Savior and Redeemer. Our special role is to make Jesus known along the pathways of life by being open and receptive to His Word. The Lord needs our commitment in furthering his work. What do we have when we come to meet the Lord Jesus? The Wise Men did not come empty handed, but with gifts...What gifts do we have for Jesus?
6. Christmas is about making two journeys—The journey to Bethlehem and the way home by a different route. We are all making our journey home through life. Having found Bethlehem, let us hope that at the end of life's journey, we will be met once more by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

With a grateful heart,

Father Thomas

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/epiphany-of-the-lord-sunday-connection/>

SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

Saint of the Day: January 12



"God closes a door and then opens a window," people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else's. That was certainly true in Marguerite's case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in 17th-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God's providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

Reflection

It's easy to become discouraged when plans that we think that God must endorse are frustrated. Marguerite was called not to be a cloistered nun but to be a foundress and an educator. God had not ignored her after all.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-marguerite-bourgeoys/>

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

BAPTISM



Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm. Please register by calling 925-458-4718 or email Faye Dolor @ mfmdolor@olqw.org.

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 8

8:00 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena
7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena
7:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community
7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena
6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes
11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena
7:00 pm P#2: SP Divine Mercy Prayer

Friday, January 12

8:00 am CH: Sto. Nino Novena
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, January 13

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul
5:00 pm Hall: Filipino Association

Sunday, January 14

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

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).

Email: _____



***SANTO
NIÑO
NOVENA &
FESTIVAL***

**JANUARY
5 - 13,
2024**

**THE FILIPINO ASSOCIATION OF OLQW
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE NINE DAY
NOVENA & FESTIVAL TO THE SANTO NIÑO
HELD WEEKDAYS & SATURDAY AFTER THE MORNING
MASS; ON SUNDAY, AFTER THE 12 NOON MASS
FESTIVAL MASS AT 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY A
RECEPTION IN THE PALIS HALL**



*Filipino Association
of
Our Lady Queen of the
World*

*35th Anniversary
Celebration*

January 13, 2024

Celebratory Mass at 5:00 PM
with the Santo Niño Festival

**A Thanksgiving Dinner Reception
to follow in the Palis Hall**