

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 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 Paty Ruvalcaba 925-395-1835.

\* *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 Non-Catholic Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, & membership in the Catholic Church. (Effective 2025)

### • St. Vincent de Paul

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



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/01/2024

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts...

- 1) Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your family and friends and, of course, with good food...with a grateful heart to God and to your loved ones.
- 2) Advent has already arrived. It is a time of preparation of our hearts for Jesus' coming. Annual celebration of Christmas (Jesus' 1st coming) and be ready for His second coming at the end of our lives.
- 3) Advent is a rich and powerful season. Let us listen to the voice of John the Baptist—to prepare the way for Jesus, in our world, for others...To become a John the Baptist for others, to be an instrument of grace for others.
- 4) May I suggest that from today to Christmas—spend your prayer time to read and to reflect the Gospel of the day, talk to God and listen to Him. Don't let other preparations such as parties and decorations distract you from the true meaning of Christmas—A celebration of the Birthday of Christ. May your Advent be filled with hope, joy, happiness and love, "Come, Lord Jesus, come." Happy Advent Season—Happy New Year!
- 5) You are also invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi from December 15th to December 23rd. It is a 9 day novena to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Pray that we have a great Advent—

Prepare the way of the Lord,

Father Tom

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Monday, December 2

7:30 am Nancy Dongallo †

### Tuesday, December 3

7:30 am Vincente Dang Xuan Hoa †

### Wednesday, December 4

7:30 am Eduardo Drillo †

### Thursday, December 5

10:00 am Ngan Vu; Mai Dinh &  
Tinh Pham †

### Friday, December 6

7:30 am Joseph Nguyen Huynh Khang †

### Saturday, December 7

9:30 am Ambrosia Nilo †

5:00 pm Claro Tagle †

### Sunday, December 8

8:00 am Marian Gatmaitan Nicasio  
Thanksgiving

10:00 am Sophia Riray Thanksgiving

12:00 pm Jose & Visitacion Bassig †

2:00 pm (SP) Gloria Morena Zelaya †

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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<https://bible.art/meaning/mark-13%3A32>

## GOSPEL READING Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,  
and on earth nations will be in dismay,  
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.  
People will die of fright  
in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.  
And then they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
But when these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.  
“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy  
from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.  
For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth.  
Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father Tom, Jasmin Toledo, Carlo Lagarejos, Patricia Diokno, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efren Lopez, Bert Tomas, Patrick Embody, Aida, Jerome Francis, Vincent Francis, Joseph S., Kathy Lirio, Mario & Emma Dolor, Theodore Rosauo, Kalia Santos, Lisa Kjome, Jovita Domingo, Lily Francis, Jiten Prasad, Virginia Francis, Sherry Ingram, Hoang Le, Baby Kade Benson, Gina Masangcay, Josefina Matias, Maria Martinez-Gonzalez, Lyn & Travis Swan, Alicia Belza, 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  
925-458-4718.

## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection November 17: \$ 5,641.00  
Campaign for Human Development: \$ 2,249.00  
Assessment: \$51,581.00 Paid: \$42,984.20  
Liability Insurance: \$20,261.00 Paid: \$16,208.80

*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.

## Gospel Reflection

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

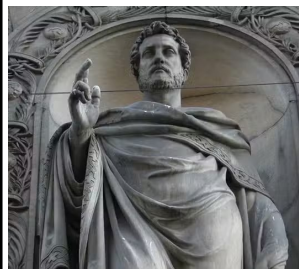
Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/11th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

## ST. AMBROSE

Saint of the day: December 7



One of Ambrose's biographers observed that at the Last Judgment, people would still be divided between those who admired Ambrose and those who heartily disliked him. He emerges as the man of action who cut a furrow through the lives of his contemporaries. Even royal personages were numbered among those who were to suffer crushing divine punishments for standing in Ambrose's way.

When the Empress Justina attempted to wrest two basilicas from Ambrose's Catholics and give them to the Arians, he dared the eunuchs of the court to execute him. His own people rallied behind him in the face of imperial troops. In the midst of riots, he both spurred and calmed his people with bewitching new hymns set to exciting Eastern melodies.

In his disputes with the Emperor Auentius, he coined the principle: "The emperor is in the Church, not above the Church." He publicly admonished Emperor Theodosius for the massacre of 7,000 innocent people. The emperor did public penance for his crime. This was Ambrose, the fighter sent to Milan as Roman governor, and chosen while yet a catechumen to be the people's bishop.

There is yet another side of Ambrose—one which influenced Augustine of Hippo, whom Ambrose converted. Ambrose was a passionate little man with a high forehead, a long melancholy face, and great eyes. We can picture him as a frail figure clasping the codex of sacred Scripture. This was the Ambrose of aristocratic heritage and learning.

Augustine found the oratory of Ambrose less soothing and entertaining but far more learned than that of other contemporaries. Ambrose's sermons were often modeled on Cicero, and his ideas betrayed the influence of contemporary thinkers and philosophers. He had no scruples in borrowing at length from pagan authors. He gloried in the pulpit in his ability to parade his spoils—"gold of the Egyptians"—taken over from the pagan philosophers.

His sermons, his writings, and his personal life reveal him as an otherworldly man involved in the great issues of his day. Humanity for Ambrose was, above all, spirit. In order to think rightly of God and the human soul, the closest thing to God, no material reality at all was to be dwelt upon. He was an enthusiastic champion of consecrated virginity.

The influence of Ambrose on Augustine will always be open for discussion. The Confessions reveal some manly, brusque encounters between Ambrose and Augustine, but there can be no doubt of Augustine's profound esteem for the learned bishop.

Neither is there any doubt that Saint Monica loved Ambrose as an angel of God who uprooted her son from his former ways and led him to his convictions about Christ. It was Ambrose, after all, who placed his hands on the shoulders of the naked Augustine as he descended into the baptismal fountain to put on Christ.

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

## PARISH EVENTS

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

December 2024: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception mass will be on Monday, December 9th at 7:30 pm.

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY

The Hispanic Community would like to invite you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12th. The mass will be at 6:00 pm in Spanish with a reception to follow at Palis hall.

### Please Pray for the Repose Soul of :

Kathleen Embody	Debra Solomon
Rodolfo Dimalanta	Proceso Belleza
Jack Mallet	Lourdes Prajes
Rena De Marco	Van Nguyen
Bob Hoppenhauer	Victoria Lapid
Nancy Dongallo	Rina Anthony
Leslie Gehrke	Rosalina Masangcay
Michael Gott	Raymond Conner
George Wildes	Peter Hoang Le

*May the Perpetual Light shine upon them.  
May they Rest in Peace.*

### 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 2

7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

### Tuesday, December 3

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

### Wednesday, December 4

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

12:00 pm Hall: Regina Mundi Guild

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 5

5:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community

7:00 pm P# 2: Divine Mercy Prayer

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

### Friday, December 6

9:00 am Hall: SVdP

3:00 pm Hall: Set Up for Christmas Party

6:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

### Saturday, December 7

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

6:00 pm Hall: Parish Christmas Party

### Sunday, December 8

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

1:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

### Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am

The Church encourage all the faithful, especially the elderly, those seriously ill or anticipating surgery, to attend this Holy Mass.

The Anointing Mass is not only for the elderly or sick but for all of us, so that we too receive HEALING spiritually or physically from our Merciful God.

(Please note there will be no 8 am mass this day)

*Our Lady Queen of the World*  
**Christmas Party**  
**December 7, 2024**  
 Doors open 6:00 PM  
 Dinner: 7:00 PM  
 Donation DJ: Dynamic DJ  
**Adults: \$10.00**  
**Kids (Age 5 & Below): Free**  
 For ticket information contact OLQW at 925-458-4718  
 or Winston Graham at 925-389-0068.  
**Deadline to buy tickets: December 1, 2024.**  
**No tickets will be sold at the door.**

**ADVENT SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 9th:** 7:30 pm Feast of Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, December 10th:** 7:00 pm Communal Penance

**Wednesday, December 11th:** 7:00 pm Hall: Apparitions of Guadalupe

**Thursday, December 12th:** Hispanic Community Feast of 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.

**Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve**

6:30 pm Spanish

8:30 pm Vietnamese

11:30 pm Carols

12:00 am English

**Wednesday, December 25th**

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

4:00 pm Vietnamese

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Todas las contribuciones a la Campaña de los Ministerios del Obispo son deducibles de impuestos en todo el peso de la ley.



# **Christmas Gift Giving**

## **December 21, 2024**

**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. 28th thru Dec. 15th,  
you can give your donation  
after each mass or at the  
rectory office! Wrapping of  
gifts will be on December 20th  
at 5 pm in the hall.**

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

