

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 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.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.

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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



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12/15/2024

My dear OLQW Family,

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

1. I am grateful to all those who helped make our Parish Christmas Party a success this year. There were close to 300 parishioners and guests who came and had a great time. It is always wonderful to come together to celebrate, to build up community.
2. Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing because Christ is coming soon. Christ's ministry of healing and life giving are revealed—the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the mute speak, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor. The Words of Jesus re-echo the prophecy of Isaiah in the first reading today, which were reported to John the Baptist by his disciples who came to ask if He was the Messiah to come...to be the Savior of humanity.
3. We should be filled with joyful anticipation of the Incarnation of the only begotten Son of God. God gave His only Son Jesus Christ to be born for the salvation of humanity. May we be motivated by Christ's birth in our hearts 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. May we be part of God's generosity to others. Be generous as God has been generous to us.
4. We should be joyful because Christ has chosen us and commissioned us at His first coming—to build up God's Kingdom on earth until His second coming at the end of history...to judge us how well we did our job...to complete the work Jesus gave us to do...

Have we filled our world with love rather than hate?

Have we filled our world with forgiveness rather than resentment?

Have we filled our world with truth rather than falsehood?

Have we filled our world with Christian compassion rather than cold indifference?

5. Bishop's Appeal—We have made 51% of our goal. Please help, so we can make our goal of \$19,600. Thank you for your support.

Let us rejoice because God is near,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 16

7:30 am Carmencita Leonas †

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 am Maria & Vicenta Purino †

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 am Paul Huynh Nhi

Thursday, December 19

7:30 am Nancy Dongallo †

Friday, December 20

7:30 am Madeline Arias †

Saturday, December 21

8:00 am K.M. Cherian & R.P. Nair

5:00 pm Luis Swami †

7:00 pm (SP) Jovita Gonzalez †

Sunday, December 22

8:00 am Cassin & Depiero Families

10:00 am Nancy Dongallo †

12:00 pm Octavio & Remedios

San Buenaventura †

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent/second-sunday-advent.html>

GOSPEL READING

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
“What should we do?”
He said to them in reply,
“Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.”
Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,
“Teacher, what should we do?”
He answered them,
“Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.”
Soldiers also asked him,
“And what is it that we should do?”
He told them,
“Do not practice extortion,
do not falsely accuse anyone,
and be satisfied with your wages.”
Now the people were filled with expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn,
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”
Exhorting them in many other ways,
he preached good news to the people.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father Tom, 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, Barry Benton, 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 December 8: \$ 5,117.00

Religious Retirement: \$ 2,850.00

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

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

ST. DOMINIC OF SILOS

Saint of the day: December 20



It's not the founder of the Dominicans we honor today, but there's a poignant story that connects both Dominics.

Our saint today, Dominic of Silos, was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other monks were exiled. They established a new monastery in what at first seemed an unpromising location. Under Dominic's leadership, however, it became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there.

About 100 years after Dominic's death, a young woman who experienced difficult pregnancies made a pilgrimage to his tomb. There Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be the "other" Dominic—Dominic Guzman, the one who founded the Dominicans.

For hundreds of years thereafter, the staff used by Saint Dominic of Silos was brought to the royal palace whenever a queen of Spain was in labor. That practice ended in 1931.

Reflection

Saint Dominic of Silos' connection with the Saint Dominic who founded the Dominican Order brings to mind the film *Six Degrees of Separation*: We are all connected it seems. God's providential care can bring people together in mysterious ways, but it all points to his love for each of us.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who donated for their annual Thanksgiving Basket for those in need.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul expresses appreciation for your donation of jackets to help families and individuals in need this winter. Your generosity is truly appreciated and will make a big difference in keeping people warm during the cold months.

Please Pray for the Repose Soul of :

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| 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 16

7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD
8:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Wednesday, December 18

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary
8:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Thursday, December 19

7:00 pm P# 2: Divine Mercy Prayer
8:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship

Friday, December 20

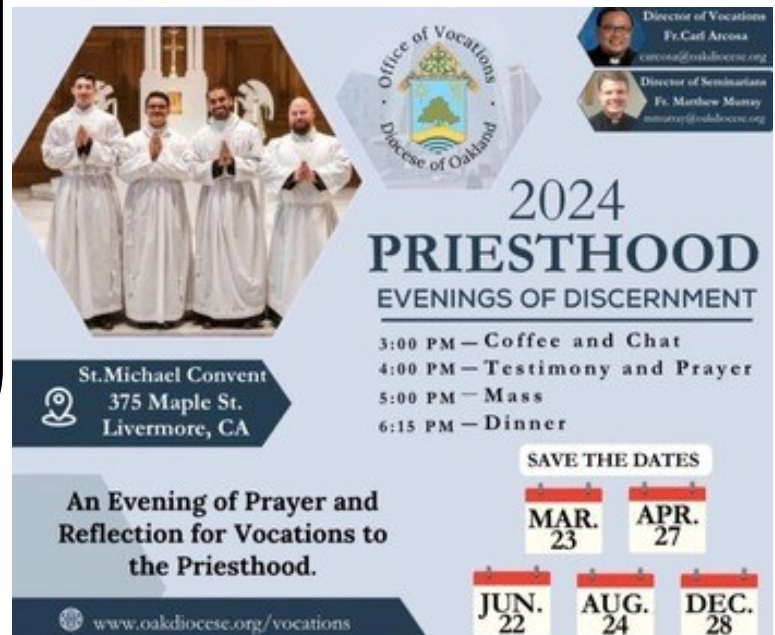
9:00 am Hall: SVdP
5:00 pm SMR: Gift Giving Tree Wrapping
6:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
8:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship


Saturday, December 21

9:00 am Hall: CCD Christmas Pagaent
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul
6:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship
8:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community Posada

Sunday, December 22

1:00 pm Hall, P#3&4: Vietnamese School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
7:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship





2024
PRIESTHOOD
 EVENINGS OF DISCERNMENT

3:00 PM – Coffee and Chat
 4:00 PM – Testimony and Prayer
 5:00 PM – Mass
 6:15 PM – Dinner

SAVE THE DATES
 MAR. 23 APR. 27
 JUN. 22 AUG. 24 DEC. 28

St. Michael Convent
 375 Maple St.
 Livermore, CA

An Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations to the Priesthood.

www.oakdiocese.org/vocations

Director of Vocations: Fr. Carl Arcoia, carcoia@oakdiocese.org
 Director of Seminarians: Fr. Matthew Murray, mmurray@oakdiocese.org



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.



ADVENT SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Thursday, December 12th: 6:00 pm
Hispanic Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe followed by a reception at the Hall.

Saturday, December 14th: 7:00 pm
Hispanic Mass followed by Posada and a reception at the Hall.

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:

Christmas Day

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

English

4:00 pm Vietnamese



December 15 - 23

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NINE DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA

| DATE | TIME | CELEBRANT |
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| Sunday December 15, 2024 | 6:00 PM | FATHER GUS ACOB |
| Monday, December 16, 2024 | 7:30 PM | FATHER CARL ARCOSA |
| Tuesday, December 17, 2024 | 7:30 PM | FATHER ARNUS "ARN" CABRE-RA |
| Wednesday, December 18, 2024 | 7:30 PM | FATHER GERALD PEDRERA |
| Thursday, December 19, 2024 | 7:30 PM | FATHER JOSEPH "JUN" MANALO |
| Friday, December 20, 2024 | 7:30 PM | FATHER GEOFFREY BARAAN |
| Saturday, Decemebr 21, 2024 | 5:00 PM | FATHER JOHN ERICK VILLA |
| Sunday, December 22, 2024 | 6:00 PM | FATHER EDDIE CASTANAS |
| Monday, December 23, 2024 | 7:30 PM | FATHER THOMAS KHUE |

A light reception provided by generous sponsors will immediately follow.

Parish Christmas Party 2024

December 7, 2024

Palis Hall

