

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 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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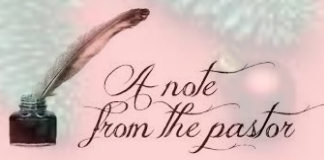
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### • Religious Education

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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/22/2024

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are my scattered thoughts for this Fourth Sunday of Advent...

This is the Fourth Sunday and the last Sunday of preparation to celebrate the birthday of Christ...Christmas is around the corner. Christ is coming and coming soon.

As you are preparing for the Birthday of Christ...Have you ever asked yourself, "What is the Christmas message?" or "What language does God speak?"

1. For me the message of Christmas in "God is with us." Christmas is the story 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 want you to know that I love you and I am always with you." To me, the story "God is with us," continues in you, in me, and in all people who extend Christ's consoling and healing presence. Sometimes we are recipients, other times, givers of this special presence. The joyful news of the Gospel is Christ the Savior, has come and made His light and presence through all who act in His spirit of kindness and compassion. In the midst of all the "stories of Bad News" we have the experience of the "stories of Good News," of God's saving presence acting in us and through us.
2. The language God speaks—the language of Love. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to the world." (John 3:16) I hope and pray that everyone on this Christmas night will discover and understand what language God speaks. God speaks the language of Love. God speaks the one language that every person of every nation of every period of history can understand. You and I are called and challenged to tell this Good News about what language God speaks—language of Love. If we are to tell everybody what language God speaks, we are going to have to speak the language of Love ourselves. Because that is the only language that everybody in the world understands...The world is better if we all speak God's language then nations will share with one another, races will reach out to one another, families will embrace one another, and people everywhere will clasp hands in friendship...Then the day will come, indeed, there will be "Peace on earth and Good will toward all."

My prayer is that each one of us become part of the Christmas song. Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love at Christmas and throughout the New Year 2025.

Let us speak God's language of Love,

Father Tom

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, December 23

7:30 am Peter Lan Tran

## Tuesday, December 24

7:30 am Tessy Nair Thanksgiving

6:00 pm (SP)

8:30 pm (VN) Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh & Tinh Pham †

12:00 am Parishioners

## Wednesday, December 25

8:00 am Ebias Family Thanksgiving

10:00 am Dante Madarang †

12:00 nn Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh & Tinh Pham †

4:00 pm (VN)

## Thursday, December 26

7:30 am Lamberto Bautista †

## Friday, December 27

7:30 am Salud Salazar 1st Year †

## Saturday, December 28

8:00 am Peter Lan Tran †

5:00 pm Rosalina Masangcay †

7:00 pm (SP) Abram Duarte †

## Sunday, December 29

8:00 am Zenaida Lacanlale & Sandra Panlilio Thanksgiving

10:00 am Rena DeMarco †

12:00 pm Laura & Ruben

San Buenaventura

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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## GOSPEL READING

Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

## 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 Rosauro, 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, Betty Tecson, 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

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saint of the day: December 25



On this day, the Church focuses especially on the newborn Child, God become human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. We need no other special saint today to lead us to Christ in the manger, although his mother Mary and Joseph, caring for his foster-son, help round out the scene.

But if we were to select a patron for today, perhaps it might be appropriate for us to imagine an anonymous shepherd, summoned to the birthplace by a wondrous and even disturbing vision in the night, a summons from an angelic choir, promising peace and goodwill. A shepherd willing to seek out something that might just be too unbelievable to chase after, and yet compelling enough to leave behind the flocks in the field and search for a mystery.

On the day of the Lord's birth, let's let an unnamed, "non-celebrity" at the edge of the crowd model for us the way to discover Christ in our own hearts—somewhere between skepticism and wonder, between mystery and faith. And like Mary and the shepherds, let's treasure that discovery in our hearts.

### Reflection

The precise dating in the Scripture readings for today sounds like a textbook on creationism. If we focus on the time frame, however, we miss the point. It lays out the story of a love affair: creation, the deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, the rise of Israel under David. It climaxes with the birth of Jesus. Some scholars insist that from the beginning God intended to enter the world as one of us, the beloved people. Praise God!

**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.

**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.*

The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in celebration of Christmas.

**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 23**

7:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Community  
8:00 pm Hall: Simbang Gabi Fellowship

**Tuesday, December 24**

7:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Community  
11:30 pm CH: Carols

**Wednesday, December 25**

7:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Community  
11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

**Thursday, December 26**

7:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Community  
7:00 pm P# 2: Divine Mercy Prayer

**Friday, December 27**

9:00 am Hall: SVdP  
6:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community  
6:00 pm CH: Adoration  
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

**Saturday, December 28**

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul  
7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

**Sunday, December 29**

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir  
7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community



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**NINE DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT
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.

May the Holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Father Tom and OLQW Staff

## 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 21st: 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



**SANTO NIÑO  
NOVENA &  
FESTIVAL**

**JANUARY  
10 - 18,  
2025**

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

# Christmas

December 25, 2023 - January 8, 2024



Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor

God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.