

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 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



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12/29/2024

My dear OLQW Family,

1. Christmas is above all, a family feast and while our thoughts are still focused on Bethlehem and the family, the readings of this weekend are dealing with various aspects of family life. Like any other parents, Mary and Joseph had their own problems and difficulties...They put their trust in God. We must do the same. In order to survive nowadays, the family has to be built on a strong foundation of love.
2. Like any other worthwhile projects to be successful, family life has to have time and energy to develop. It does not happen automatically. The basic ingredients of a happy family, I think: Love, Harmony and Mutual Respect.
3. The late Holy Cross priest, Father Patrick Payton, once said, "The family that prays together, stays together." It is good to remember that God has to be the Center of the family—Keep prayer and spiritual concerns in mind! I would also like to add, "The family that eats together, stays together." Prayer, love and mealtime are so important to be healthy and happy family.
4. I hope you all are experiencing the love and joy of the Incarnation throughout the Christmas Season. I wish to express my gratitude for your continued generous support to Our Lady Queen of the World Parish. Like family, OLQW is always in need of your stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure. Please consider making donations/contributions to our parish before the end of the year.
5. Regarding 2024's Bishop's Appeal, we are about half of our goal of \$19,600. If you haven't given to it, please, please help our parish to reach our goal. This fund help different ministries in our eastern counties/East Bay.
6. I would like also to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for our prayers, loving support and gifts during the holidays. I prayed for you and your loved ones as I celebrated Christmas Masses.

Happy New Year 2025 and with a grateful heart,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 30

7:30 am John Michael Bautista

Tuesday, December 31

7:30 am Ebias Family Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 1 2025

10:00 am James Reid †

Thursday, January 2

7:30 am Mai Dinh, Ngan Vu &
Tinh Pham †

Friday, January 3

7:30 am Mai Dinh, Ngan Vu &
Tinh Pham †

Saturday, January 4

9:30 am Family Mass

5:00 pm Poe & Lily Villacorta
Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, January 5

8:00 am Dori David Thanksgiving

10:00 am Luciana Gutierrez †

12:00 pm Lourdes Alipio Asuncion †

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://homilysunday.com/homily-year-a/feast-of-the-holy-family-homily-year-a/>

GOSPEL READING

Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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 15: \$ 5,296.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,215.00

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 we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/holy-family-of-jesus-mary-and-joseph-c-sunday-connect/>

ST. BASIL

Saint of the day: January 2



Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West, and Basil's principles influence Eastern monasticism today.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him, probably because they foresaw coming reforms.

Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers, and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension. He was misunderstood, misrepresented, accused of heresy and ambition. Even appeals to the pope brought no response. "For my sins I seem to be unsuccessful in everything."

Basil was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world—as a youth he had organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen himself—and fought the prostitution business.

Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

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

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.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Mass Schedule for Wednesday, January 1st will be 10:00 am and 7:30 pm. There will be no 8:00 am mass on this day.

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.

Contribution statements for 2024 will be available after January 19th. Please indicate on your Contribution envelopes if you need a statement..

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 30

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Tuesday, December 31

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January 1 2025

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

7:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Community

Thursday, January 2

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

7:00 pm P# 2: SP Divine Mercy Prayer

Friday, January 3

9:00 am Hall: SVdP

6:00 pm CH: Adoration

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Saturday, January 4

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

3:00 pm Hall: Set up for Bingo

6:00 pm Hall: BINGO

Sunday, January 5

7:00 am Hall: Pancake Breakfast

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

**We want to wish
you and your
family a Blessed
and Prosperous
New Year!!!**

2025

Father Tom and

OLQW Staff



**Saturday
January 4
DOORS OPEN
AT 6:00 PM**



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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 5th, the Knights of Columbus will be serving Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the hall.

Cost will be \$10.00 per person.

Menu includes: Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Ham, Sausage, Coffee, Milk, or Orange Juice

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**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

Aparitions of the Lady of Guadalupe



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



December 12, 2024

