

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2025

*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



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01/19/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts...

1. The public ministry of Jesus Christ begins with His baptism in the Jordan River then the miracle at the Wedding in Cana with His mother and His disciples...And today Jesus declared that the moment of salvation had arrived and that He was the long awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Israel's hope and dreams. He would bring Good News to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind, and set the down-trodden free...The Holy one of God has always been among the Israelites, never abandoned them, one of their own. God, the Immanuel, is always with us.
2. The message of the Gospel, first preached in Galilee, is to be spread today through us. There are many ways we can make God's words, preached by Christ, "bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives and sight to the blind" our very own...When we reach out to help those who were sick, suffering, those whose hearts have grown cold and are heavily weighed down...the Love of God shines through us and help them realize that Jesus Christ is alive and lives among us.
3. All of us can touch people's lives and be healers in times of estrangement, sympathetic listeners in moments of sorrow and strength and loving care on the occasion of tragedy. In order to be those things above we must listen and accept the Good News of Jesus and invite Him into our lives...Surrender to Him. What is the Good News proclaimed by my life to others today? Please remember we leave the imprint of who we are, good or bad, upon the ground we tread.
4. 2024 Bishop's Appeal: We are only 68% of \$19,600 goal. For those who have given, I thank you very much. For those who haven't given, please help us to achieve our goal. This annual collection is to help our East Bay Counties, Alameda and Contra Costa. Our St. Vincent de Paul received grant from this collection almost every year.

Thank you and God bless.

Father Tom Khue

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, January 27

7:30 am James Magaluid +

## Tuesday, January 28

7:30 am James Magaluid +

## Wednesday, January 29

7:30 am Joseph Nguyen Thanh Cong +

## Thursday, January 30

7:30 am Benjamin A. & Zenaida S. Santos+

## Friday, January 31

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

## Saturday, February 1

9:30 am Lina Ramon Thanksgiving

5:00 pm Danielle K. Javier Bulygo Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP)

## Sunday, February 2

8:00 am Mario Bortolussi +

10:00 am James Magaluid +

12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Osorio Family +

2:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Portrait on the cover:  
<https://catholicmagazine.news/the-power-of-the-word/>

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carlo Lagarejos, Patricia Diokno, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efrén 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, Baby Kade Benson, Gina Masangcay, Josefina Matias, Maria Martinez-Gonzalez, Lyn & Travis Swan, Alicia Belza, Barry Benton, Betty Tecson, Marife Cano, Father Tom, Sr. Emelita Cinco, Cris 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 925-458-4718.

## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection January 19: \$ 6,061.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,863.00

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's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

## SERVANT OF GOD BROTHER JUNIPER

Saint of the day: January 29



"Would to God, my brothers, I had a whole forest of such Junipers," said Francis of this holy friar.

We don't know much about Juniper before he joined the friars in 1210. Francis sent him to establish "places" for the friars in Gualdo Tadino and Viterbo. When Saint Clare was dying, Juniper consoled her. He was devoted to the passion of Jesus and was known for his simplicity.

Several stories about Juniper in the Little Flowers of St. Francis illustrate his exasperating generosity. Once Juniper was taking care of a sick man who had a craving to eat pig's feet. This helpful friar went to a nearby field, captured a pig and cut off one foot, and then served this meal to the sick man. The owner of the pig was furious and immediately went to Juniper's superior. When Juniper saw his mistake, he apologized profusely. He also ended up talking this angry man into donating the rest of the pig to the friars!

Another time Juniper had been commanded to quit giving part of his clothing to the half-naked people he met on the road. Desiring to obey his superior, Juniper once told a man in need that he couldn't give the man his tunic, but he wouldn't prevent the man from taking it either. In time, the friars learned not to leave anything lying around, for Juniper would probably give it away.

He died in 1258 and is buried at Ara Coeli Church in Rome.

### Reflection

What can we make of Juniper? He certainly seems to be the first of many Franciscan "characters." No doubt some of the stories about him have improved considerably in the retelling. Although the stories about Juniper may seem a little quaint, his virtues were not. He was humble because he knew the truth about God, himself, and others. He was patient because he was willing to suffer in his following of Jesus.

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

## PARISH EVENTS

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

### Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick Saturday, February 8 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)

### HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Building Fund 2nd collection will be for the Hall Expansion Capital Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Contribution statements for 2024 are now available. Please indicate on your Contribution envelopes if you need a statement..

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, January 27

7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

### Tuesday, January 28

7:00 pm Hall: Knight of Columbus

### Wednesday, January 29

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

### Thursday, January 30

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

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

### Friday, January 31

9:00 am Hall: SVdP

6:00 pm CH: Adoration

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

### Saturday, February 1

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

### Sunday, February 2

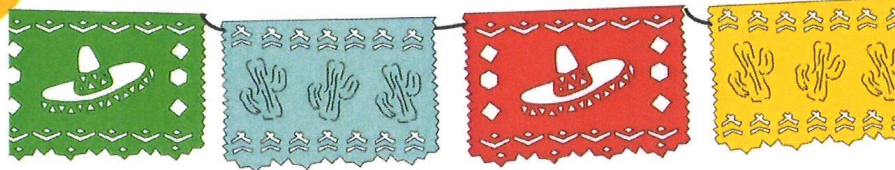
8:00 am Hall: Vietnamese Community

3:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese New Year

### VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

The Vietnamese Community would like to invite you on Sunday, February 2nd at 2pm to celebrate "Tet" Vietnamese Lunar New Year. There will be mass followed by a reception at Palis Hall.





# *Dinner with Amigos*



**Date: Saturday, February 15, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Place: Palis Hall/Our Lady Queen  
of the World**

**Cost: \$25.00 adults –  
\$12.00 children**

**Join us for a night of delicious food,  
relaxation, music and conversation  
with family and friends.**

Tickets: Hispanic Community Members  
Gladys (925) 334-9873  
and Silvia (925) 759-1298



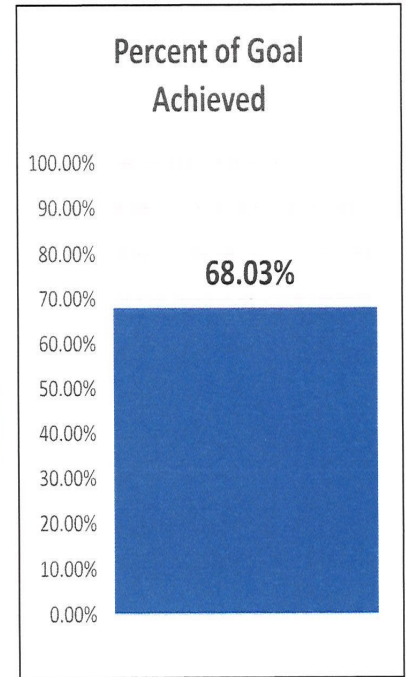


## 2024 Bishop's Appeal

Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point

Goal **\$19,600**

Total Committed	Total Number of Gifts Received	Total Number of Donors
<b>\$13,333.00</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>75</b>
Total Receipts	Average Total Gifts by Donor	Average Gift Amount Received
<b>\$13,333.00</b>	<b>\$177.77</b>	<b>\$160.64</b>



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