

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 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



## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

01/05/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts...

1. I hope you all has a wonderful Christmas celebration with your families and loved ones. I wish to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support to our OLQW. Like a family, OLQW is always in need of your STEWARDSHIP—**Time, Talent, and Treasure**. Please consider to increase your contribution/donations to our OLQW for this coming year. Everything is expensive! I would like to thank your very much for your loving support to me personally by prayers and gifts throughout this past year, especially during the Holidays. I pray for you and your loved ones at our daily Holy Mass, especially at our Christmas Holy Mass.
2. Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. Epiphany means—the Church celebrates the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is revealed to the Magi, who had come from the East to adore Him. The Epiphany is also understood as an affirmation of Salvation.
3. There is always an appealing freshness about the Christmas Story. I am always fascinated by the story of the Magi, who came from the East with all of their splendor to worship the newborn King in a manger at Bethlehem...mysterious star...After this encounter with the newborn King, the Magi's lives were never the same again. Their lives were transformed and changed forever. Christ made all the difference...
4. The Magi's story has a relevance in every age. Their journey seeking God, searching for truth requires courage, determination and hope—leaving the comfort and security....like the Magi we are called to search and discover the presence of Christ in our lives...It is on-going relationship which cannot be labelled, programmed or packaged...We need to be open , to be receptive in order to recognize the signs of the times. **Christ is being born everyday in our lives**. If we want to search for Him and to discover Him, we need to set out on a journey! We are Christians, not for our own sake, bur for others. The Feast of the Epiphany teaches us the Faith is for sharing. God has called and commissioned us the task of showing His Son Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

*Happy New Year 2025!*

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, January 6

7:30 am Maximino Sebastian †

## Tuesday, January 7

7:30 am Fe Maxwell Thanksgiving

## Wednesday, January 8

7:30 am Aidan Bautista Thanksgiving

## Thursday, January 9

7:30 am Peter Le Hoang †

## Friday, January 10

7:30 am Racquel Lacanlale Thanksgiving

## Saturday, January 11

8:00 am Peter Le Hoang †

5:00 pm Celine Anthony Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP)

## Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Ramon Frijas †

10:00 am Edward Diokno Thanksgiving

12:00 pm Maria Martinez-Gonzalez

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
President (nriray@comcast.net)

**Hispanic Association** Martha Hernández:  
Coordinator (vimaen42@gmail.com) Contacto en  
Español: Paty Ruvalcaba 925-395-1835

**Columbiettes** Peaches Roberts, President

**Knights of Columbus** Steve Carstensen  
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**Regina Mundi Guild** Leah Abejuela,  
925-300-7081 (labejuela@gmail.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Danny Vu,  
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**Legion of Mary:** Danila Loquiao  
(dnilaloquiao@gmail.com; 925-864-1237)

**Vietnamese Association:** Hiep David Vu, President  
(Davidvu207@gmail.com)

Portrait on the cover:  
<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/scriptures-and-art-epiphany>

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father Tom, Carlo Lagarejos, Patricia Diokno, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efen 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, 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 22: \$ 4,661.00

Parish Assessment: \$ 1,808.00

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

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

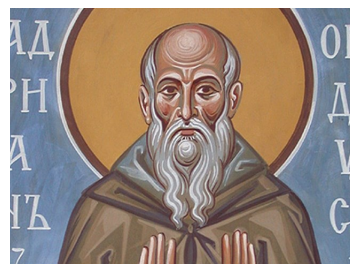
We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

## ST. ADRIAN

Saint of the day: January 9



Though Saint Adrian turned down a papal request to become Archbishop of Canterbury, England, Pope Saint Vitalian accepted the rejection on the condition that Adrian serve as the Holy Father's assistant and adviser. Adrian accepted, but ended up spending most of his life and doing most of his work in Canterbury.

Born in Africa, Adrian was serving as an abbot in Italy when the new Archbishop of Canterbury appointed him abbot of the monastery of Saints Peter and Paul in Canterbury. Thanks to his leadership skills, the facility became one of the most important centers of learning. The school attracted many outstanding scholars from far and wide and produced numerous future bishops and archbishops. Students reportedly learned Greek and Latin and spoke Latin as well as their own native languages.

Adrian taught at the school for 40 years. He died there, probably in the year 710, and was buried in the monastery. Several hundred years later, when reconstruction was being done, Adrian's body was discovered in an incorrupt state. As word spread, people flocked to his tomb, which became famous for miracles. Rumor had it that young schoolboys in trouble with their masters made regular visits there.

### **Reflection**

Saint Adrian spent most of his time in Canterbury not as bishop, but as abbot and teacher. Often the Lord has plans for us that are obvious only on hindsight. How often have we said no to something or someone only to end up in much the same place anyway. The Lord knows what's good for us. Can we trust him?

## PARISH EVENTS

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

January 2025: For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



### BAPTISM

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm. Please register by calling 925-458-4718 or email Faye Dolor @ [mfmdolor@olqw.org](mailto:mfmldolor@olqw.org).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday night classes will resume on Monday, January 6th at 7:00 pm.

### Flowers for the Christmas Altar:

Flowers in Memory of:

Everardo Y Biatríz  
Martínez & Carstensen Families

Thank you to all who contributed for the flowers for our Christmas Altar.

### 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 26th. Please indicate on your Contribution envelopes if you need a statement..

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, January 6

7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

### Tuesday, January 7

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

### Wednesday, January 8

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

1:00 pm Hall: RMG

7:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Community

### Thursday, January 9

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes

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

### Friday, January 10

8:00 am CH: Santo Nino Novena

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 11

8:30 am CH: Santo Nino Novena

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

### Sunday, January 12

1:00 pm CH: Santo Nino Novena

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

1:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Catholic  
Mothers

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

7:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community



**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**

# New diaconate class beginning in 2025

Bishop Michael Barber is calling forth men to discern a vocation to the diaconate, to become a deacon in the Catholic Church.

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or "orders," of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."

Beginning in January 2025, men who meet the initial criteria will meet in inquiry sessions to explore the call to diaconal ministry and to gain understanding of the requirements, the process and the commitment involved in becoming a deacon.

This is the first step in the screening and application process to enter into formation for ordination to the diaconate.

For more information:

Deacon Timothy Moore

Director of Permanent Deacon Formation and

Director of the Permanent Diaconate

TMoore@oakdiocese.org | 510-267-8305



## DEACON FORMATION CLASS

Men and their wives who are interested in learning more about the diaconate are invited to attend one of the following informational sessions.

Meeting dates:

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, 2-3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, 2-3 p.m.

Meeting location:

Church of the Transfiguration parish hall  
4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley