



Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Loc Nguyen
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 after morning mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:

Wednesdays after morning mass

Chapel of the Divine Mercy: Mondays to Saturdays
after morning mass

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 Wednesdays: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm and Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall



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09/07/2025

My Dear OLQW Family,

Here are some more of my scattered thoughts for this Sunday...

The readings of this Sunday invite us to reflect deeply on what it means to follow Jesus—the cost of discipleship. They challenge us to rely on God’s wisdom, not human understanding, and welcome others with love. We are invited to grow in trust, commitment, and love for God and others. The Gospel makes us feel uncomfortable because our lives should demonstrate that we are carrying the cross. When the cross is absent from our lives, then Christ is not present either! Putting Christ first in our lives is a choice we must make everyday. Following Christ is a total commitment. Nothing is short of it! Give Him everything and hold nothing back.

At times when our struggles or daily crosses become too great and overwhelming, remember we are not alone, Christ is walking along every step of the road with us. We are called to be disciples at home, in the family, in our place of work, and in our dealings with others. To follow Christ faithfully costs nothing less than everything.

Here are some questions for reflection:

1. What areas of your life do you need to entrust more fully to God’s wisdom?
2. What does it mean to carry your daily crosses?
3. What sacrifices do you have, to follow Jesus more fully?
4. Are there things in your life that you love more than Jesus? How can you change this?
5. How can you welcome others as part of God’s family in your daily life?
6. How can we live as part of God’s family?

Be assured of my daily prayers for you,

Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, September 8

7:30 am Juris Perez & Judith
Minafuentes

Tuesday, September 9

7:30 am Sotero & Teodora Cinco +

Wednesday, September 10

7:30 am Deceased Members of
Servigon Family +

Thursday, September 11

7:30 am Ronnie Belza Thanksgiving

Friday, September 12

7:30 am Nguyen Family Thanksgiving

Saturday, September 13

10:00 am Ebias & Vicente Families +

5:00 pm Mai Dinh, Ngan Vu & Tinh
Pham +

7:00 pm (SP) Juanita Zelaya +

Sunday, September 14

8:00 am Clarita Pamintuan

10:00 am Henry Nilo +

12:00 pm Maria Nguyen Thi Cam +

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Columbiettes Peaches Roberts, President

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Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://lokaalokaya.podbean.com/e/september-5-twenty-third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joseph S., Kathy Lirio, Mario & Emma Dolor, Theodore Rosauero, Kalia Santos, Lisa Kjome, Jovita Domingo, Lily Francis, Jiten Prasad, Virginia Francis, Sherry Ingram, Baby Kade Benson, Josefina Matias, Maria Martinez-Gonzalez, Lyn & Travis Swan, Alicia Belza, Betty Tecson, Marife Cano, Father Tom, Sr. Emelita Cinco, Cris Dolor, Teresa Kim Cha, Sabu Martinez, Patricia Diokno, Melita Mendoza, Joe Quizon, Robert Mondoy, Jack Fernandez, Teo Dumlaol, Faye Dolor, Jasmin Tomas, Bert Tomas, Xuan Hoang, Elouise Nicolas, Benedict Cha, Patricia Dowd, 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 Plate August 31: \$

St. Vincent dePaul: \$

Assessment: \$45,268.00 - Paid: \$ 18,862.00

Liability Insurance: \$26,753.00 - Full Payment

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

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to “hating” father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/23d-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>

St. John Chrysostom

Saint of the Day: September 13



The ambiguity and intrigue surrounding John, the great preacher (his name means “golden-mouthed”) from Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire.

Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics.

If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours.

His lifestyle at the imperial court was not appreciated by many courtiers. He offered a modest table to episcopal sycophants hanging around for imperial and ecclesiastical favors. John deplored the court protocol that accorded him precedence before the highest state officials. He would not be a kept man.

His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property existed because of Adam's fall from grace any more than married men liked to hear that they were bound to marital fidelity just as much as their wives were. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards.

Alloof, energetic, outspoken, especially when he became excited in the pulpit, John was a sure target for criticism and personal trouble. He was accused of gorging himself secretly on rich wines and fine foods. His faithfulness as spiritual director to the rich widow, Olympia, provoked much gossip attempting to prove him a hypocrite where wealth and chastity were concerned. His actions taken against unworthy bishops in Asia Minor were viewed by other ecclesiastics as a greedy, uncanonical extension of his authority.

Theophilus, archbishop of Alexandria, and Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John. Theophilus feared the growth in importance of the Bishop of Constantinople and took occasion to charge John with fostering heresy. Theophilus and other angered bishops were supported by Eudoxia. The empress resented his sermons contrasting gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. Whether intended or not, sermons mentioning the lurid Jezebel and impious Herodias were associated with the empress, who finally did manage to have John exiled. He died in exile in 407.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-chrysostom/>

PARISH EVENTS

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

September 2025:

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Please Pray for the Repose Soul of :



Larry Trombley
Lydia Martin
Narciso Fontecha Jr.
Edward Plaza
Ernita S. Luares
Sonny Dongallo
Leticia Gallardo
Elvira Asejo Gloria

*May the Perpetual Light shine upon them.
May they Rest in Peace.*

FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:

Martinez & Carstensen Families
Everardo Y Biatríz

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, THE CHURCH WILL BE REPAINTED . ALL MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND WILL BE IN THE HALL.

Anyone celebrating a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary, please call the rectory so that we may celebrate you.

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, September 8

11:30 am P # 2: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, September 9

7:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community
7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class

Wednesday, September 10

11:00 am Hall: SVDP

Thursday, September 11

7:00pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer

Friday, September 12

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

Saturday, September 13

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
11:00 am CH: Set up for Pina-Vega Wedding
1:00 pm CH: Wedding Pina-Vega

Sunday, September 14

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the upcoming CCD School year is ongoing. Please see Rene Asuncion at the CCD office to register. Last day to register is September 6th.

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, September 13th 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)

**Monday
September 15,
2025
Our Lady of
Guadalupe**



**DEVOTION
TO OUR
LADY**

**MAY THRU
OCTOBER
7:00PM
PROCESSION**



**Monday
October 13, 2025
Our Lady of the
World**



AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Jose Altamirano from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



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PARKING LOT MARKET FAIR

SPONSORED BY THE FILIPINO ASSOCIATION OF OLQW

VENDORS WANTED

OCTOBER 26, 2025
 9 AM - 3 PM



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD CHURCH
 PARKING LOT

\$40.00 Donation fee
 for a 10ft. x 10ft. space

Last day to apply October 19, 2025

Contact Shawnie Graham at ladycion@comcast.net or (925) 389-1874 for more information and to reserve a space!

JOIN US

Costume Contest

Lip Sync Contest



DISCO NIGHT FEVER

Sponsored by: Filipino Association of Our Lady Queen of the World Church (OLQW)

DATE: Sept. 20, 2025 (Sat.)

WHERE: OLQW Church Hall

3155 Winterbrook Dr. Pittsburg, CA

TIME: 6:00 pm to 11:00pm

****DONATION****

\$25.00 (pre-paid by 9/14/25)

\$30.00 (after 9/14/25)

(Finger Foods Provided)

TICKET SALES CONTACT:

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Nerissa Riray (925) 698-0180

(All proceeds benefit OLQW Church)