

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026

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

Chaplet 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.

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 Wednesdays: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at Palis Hall



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01/04/2026

My Dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts...

- 1) I hope you all are experiencing the Peace, Joy and Love of the Emmanuel—God is with us—throughout this Christmas Season and a wonderful start of the New Year 2026! I am very grateful for your continuous support to our Parish, I would also like to thank you for all your prayers, loving support, and gifts during this season. As I celebrated Christmas masses you and your loved ones had a special remembrance.
- 2) Today we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Epiphany means the revelation and manifestation of Our 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. Epiphany is also understood as an affirmation of Salvation.
- 3) There is something really beautiful about the story of the Magi—the wise men from the East. Their journey across the mountain, desert, following the stars...echoes in our hearts. We are yearning deep down within our being, for meaning, truth and happiness.
- 4) After encountering baby Jesus in the manger. Their lives changed forever—no longer following the star, they were now guided by the light of this Child. The Magi represents all of us...we are to be the Magi of our days, making Jesus visible to the world as the Savior and Redeemer. We need to make Jesus known along the pathways of life by being open and receptive to His Words. God needs our commitment in furthering Christ's Saving Mission here on earth. The Magi did not come to Jesus empty handed, but with special gifts. We don't have special gifts like theirs, but we have the gift of ourselves. The gift of self is more precious and never gets old.
- 5) I would like each one of us to ponder on some questions:
 - What encounters with Jesus have you had during this Christmas Season?
 - Have you experienced God lately in a special way? How has it changed you?
 - The Magi came to Jesus, worshipped Him and gave Him gifts. As followers of Jesus we can worship Him by giving our time, talent and treasures. Consider ways in this New Year 2026 that you can better give of yourself in one of these areas in order to worship Jesus.

All of us need to be Epiphany—Revelation and Manifestation to all people. Pray for one another.

Happy New Year 2026!!!

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 5

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Rabara Family +

7:30 am Perla Monsanto +

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 am Giselle Cortes Federis +

7:30 am Maximo Sebastian +

7:30 am Zapata Family

Wednesday, January 7

7:30 am Fe Maxwell Thanksgiving

7:30 am Nathan Tilton Thanksgiving

7:30 am Ramon Frijas +

Thursday, January 8

7:30 am Aidan Bautista Thanksgiving

Friday, January 9

7:30 am Anecita Monsanto +

Saturday, January 10

8:00 am Raquel Lacanlale Thanksgiving

5:00 pm Regina Mundi Guild Deceased Members +

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am Dori David Thanksgiving

10:00 am Pilar Ramirez Cachola +

12:00 pm

4:00 pm (VN)

Next Week's Second Collection: January 11: Seminary Offering



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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

Hispanic Association Hilda Avelar:
Coordinator 925-642-3058
Contacto en Español: Paty Ruvalcaba 925-395-1835

Columbiettes Peaches Roberts, President

Knights of Columbus GK: Tom Alden 925-451-0543

Regina Mundi Guild Leah Abejuela,
925-300-7081 (labejuela@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Danny Vu,
President SVDPOLQW@gmail.com

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://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2020/01/04/the-epiphany-of-the-lord/>

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

Theodore Rosauero, Kalia Santos, Lisa Kjome, Jiten Prasad, Sherry Ingram, Baby Kade Benson, Josefina Matias, Maria Martinez-Gonzalez, Lyn & Travis Swan, Alicia Belza, Betty Tecson, Marife Cano, Father Tom, Sr. Emelita Cinco, Teresa Kim Cha, Sabu Martinez, Patricia Diokno, Melita Mendoza, Joe Quizon, Robert Mondoy, Jack Fernandez, Bert Tomas, Mario & Emma Dolor, Elouise Nicolas, Benedict Cha, Aida Ortega, Leslie Zelaya, Larry Bernardo, Apolo Alcantara and 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 December 21: \$ 7,456.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,437.00

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

Liability Insurance: \$26,753.00 - Fully Paid

Thank you for your contribution n support of the ongoing ministries and needs of our parish

Please make all checks payable to Our Lady Queen of the World Church for 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.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/epiphany-of-the-lord-sunday-connection/>

BUILDING FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The Building Fund 2nd collection will be for approved building projects by the diocese for our parish.

Saint Adrian of Canterbury

Saint of the Day: January 9



Though Saint Adrian of Canterbury 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.

Saint Adrian of Canterbury 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?

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/most-holy-name-of-jesus/>

PARISH EVENTS

FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR

We would like to thank all who donated for the flowers on our Christmas Altar. We are grateful for your continued support to Our Lady Queen of the World.

FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:

Everardo Y Biatríz
Crispina Dela Cruz Toth

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

We would like to thank all of our parishioners for making this year's Christmas Gift Giving Tree possible. Thank you for those that donated gifts, and everyone that helped in the wrapping of the gift.

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African American Celebration Series 2026

JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 15

"We Are Keepers of the Flame"

SATURDAYS 4:00 PM / SUNDAYS 8:00 & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY 10:30 LIVESTREAM: CHURCH WEBSITE, YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK, ZOOM



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

7:00 pm Hall: Knight of Columbus

Wednesday, January 7

11:00 am Hall: SVDP
1:00 pm Hall: RMG

Thursday, January 8

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy (SP)

Friday, January 9

6:00 pm CH: Adoration
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, January 10

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, January 11

12:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be a Youth Retreat on February 27 to March 1, 2026 for Confirmation 1,2 and 3. If any young adults in the parish would like to attend, please see Mr. Rene Asuncion, DRE at the CCD Office.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2025 will be available after January 25th. Please indicate on your Contribution envelopes if you need a statement..

**THAT MAN IS YOU! AT ST. JOHN
VIANNEY, WALNUT CREEK**

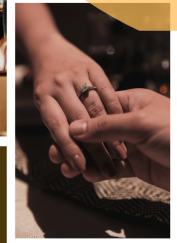
True to its stated goals, this transformation is most profoundly seen in marriage and family life. That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

Join us each Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Mullen Commons Lower Floor Room 3 at St. John Vianney in Walnut Creek.



**Walking as One:
Formation and Networking for
Pre Marriage Preparation
Teams**

- What's New?
- Learn ideas to implement it at your parish/ region.
- Learn how to facilitate it.
- Mass
- Fellowship and network with other Pre Marriage Prep Facilitators



**Sunday, January
11th, 2026**

- **Location:** Event Center at the Cathedral of Christ the Light 2121 Harrison St Oakland, CA 94612
- 9:00am -2:15pm (Check in starts at 8:45am)
- Mass
- Lunch included
- \$50 per couple

**Register by:
January 6th**



For more information Contact:
Karen Flores
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kflores@oakdiocese.org

Please use the form below to update your information in the parish. You can email the information to Mfmdolor@olqw.org or place the form in an envelope and put in the collection basket addressed to Faye Dolor.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

If you are a registered parishioner and have moved or changed phone numbers, please update your contact information. Print all information and return to the Parish Office or email the rectory at Rectory@olqw.org.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip).

Email: _____

**SANTO NIÑO
NOVENA &
FESTIVAL**



**JANUARY
17, 2026**

**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**

Novena starts on January 9, 2026 to January 17, 2026