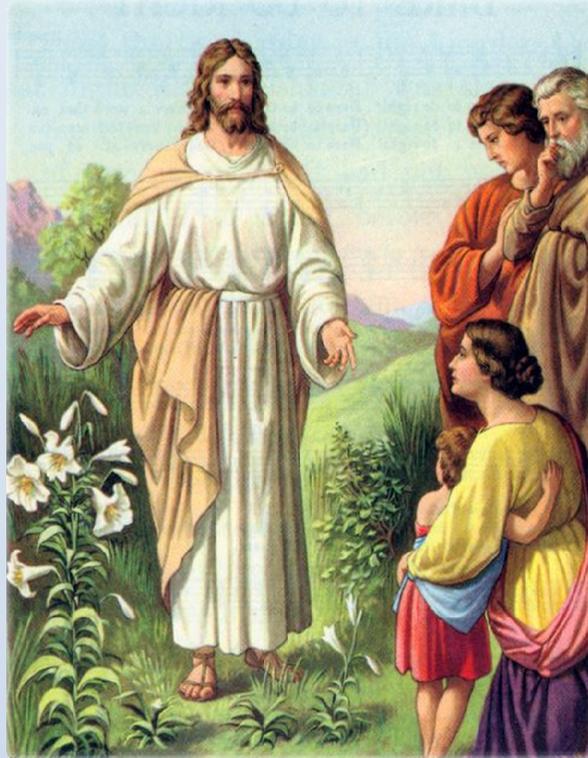


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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung, Parochial Administrator  
Deacon Loc Nguyen

### Office Hours

Monday 10:00AM to 12PM  
Tues. – Fri.: 8:00AM to 12PM

### Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM (English)  
7:00PM (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12 Noon  
4PM (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8AM  
First Friday: after 7:30PM Benediction

### Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays from 5PM-7:30PM  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena-Wednesdays  
after morning mass  
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy- Mondays & Fridays  
after morning mass

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment

### RCIA

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church, contact Rene Asuncion at 925-458-4574.

### Baptisms

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents held every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the parish office. Spanish Classes, contact Hilda Avelar at 925-458-3656. Vietnamese baptisms, contact Fr. Peter Dung at the parish office.

### Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

### Religious Education

Contact Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.  
Tel:(925) 458-4574 \*Website: [olqwre.olqw.org](http://olqwre.olqw.org)  
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### St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Mondays 9:30AM -11AM in the Parish hall

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, February 27**

7:30 am Mariano Cabrestante

### **Tuesday, February 28**

7:30 am Catalina DeVera

### **Wednesday, March 1**

8:00 am Mariano Cabrestante

10:00am Pricila Soloman

7:00pm Fr. Theo Palis

7:30pm(SP)

### **Thursday, March 2**

7:30 am Roberto Valero

### **Friday, March 3**

7:30 am Cornelio Delossantoh

### **Saturday, March 4**

8:00 am Joseph & Anna Nguyen

5:00 pm Angelito Yuson

7:00 pm (SP) Fernando Botello Lomeli

### **Sunday, March 5**

8:00 am Ana & Pervical Rivera

10:00 am Manuel Gatmaitan

12:00 pm Angelito Yuson

4:00 pm (VIET)

## **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MT 6:24-34**

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Fr. Culver, Carol Hampton, Ed Plaza, German Duarte, Julia Burns, 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.

## **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE**

**2015 Assessment: Owe \$34,937**

Please make all checks payable to either "OLQW" or "Our Lady Queen of the World." This applies to all second collections also, unless otherwise noted. Capital Campaign checks are written to: **Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together.**

## **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for the 2016 year are now available. If you would like to receive a statement, please make a note on your weekly envelope or contact the parish office. If you are not a registered parishioner or do not have an envelope number, no contribution statements will not be available.

## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

### **Filipino Association**

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### **Hispanic Association**

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### **Columbiettes**

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### **Knights of Columbus**

*gk7164@yahoo.com*

### **Regina Mundi Guild**

*Patsy Welty, President 925-458-6787*

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

*Louise Salazar, President*

### **Legion of Mary**

*Rick Belza 925-261-0283*

### **Vietnamese Association**

## REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel reading is from part three of the Sermon on the Mount's three-part instruction by Jesus on the way of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Part three deals with trusting God and performing deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

The Aramaic word *mammon* does not have a negative connotation. It means "property" or "money." What Matthew is pointing out is that since human beings are not self-sufficient, we are dependent on something outside ourselves. It should be God, not the material goods we own. This is not to say that we don't need material goods. But the reading goes on to remind us not to be anxious. Look at the beauty of nature. The birds do not sow or reap. The flowers do not work or spin cloth. Yet they are provided for by God. Human beings are worth much more than these. How could God not provide for us as well? If what we place first in our lives is God's kingdom and his justice, we will have what we need.

Matthew concludes by reminding us to address each day's problems as they come, confident that we are in God's loving care. He is a loving father who holds the whole world in his hands. He will certainly care for us.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/eighthsundayinordinarytimeasundayconnection>

### BIBLE QUIZ

The story of Samson and Delilah is found in which book of the Bible?

- A. I Kings
- B. II Maccabees
- C. Judges
- D. Ezra

Answer based on the Old Testament of the New American Bible, Revised Edition. Pick up a copy of next week's bulletin for the answer.

*Last week's answer:* How many plagues did the Lord bring upon the Egyptians so that they would let the Israelites depart? A. 10

## ASH WEDNESDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Jesus teaches that almsgiving, prayer, and fasting should be done in secret.



Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them.

The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.") The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "[t]urn away from sin and [are] faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

Today's reading is part of the Sermon on the Mount. In the sermon, Jesus warns his followers against acting for the sake of appearance. When Jesus' disciples give alms, pray, and fast, they are to do so in such a way that only God, who sees the heart and knows what is hidden, will know. Although our Lectionary reading omits the Lord's Prayer, we can recall that Matthew presents that prayer as a model for the disciples' prayer (Matthew 6:9-15).

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/ash-wednesday-preparing-your-group-to-start-lent>

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

### FOOD DRIVE

We will maintain a donation barrel for non-perishable foods in the church foyer; please be generous. Our groups of volunteers are here every Monday, and they always need groceries to help the needy in our community. The demand has been much greater!



Feeding the Community

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### FAMILY MASS

All are invited to the Religious Education monthly Family Mass on Saturday, March 4 at 9:30. Come join catechists, parents, and students in praising God!

### EASTER DONATIONS



The Youth Group will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt after the 12:00 pm mass on Easter Sunday April 16, 2017.

They are asking for donations of plastic eggs, baskets and prizes or cash donations. Donations can be brought to the CCD office or the rectory.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### FR. PALIS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE!!

The Fr. Palis Memorial Scholarship is designed to identify students in the Parish that exemplify the ideas of Fr. Palis and the Catholic Church and provide assistance during their academic year. Applications can be found in the church or on the website. Deadline for applications is February 28. Please contact Manuel Rosario (925-595-4358) for additional information.



## ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the 9th annual St. Patrick's dinner on Saturday, March 18th. Tickets will be on sale after all masses through March 12<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be sold at the door.



Adults: \$12.50  
Youth 10 & Under: \$6.00



For tickets call 925-234-3975 or email [fsbbc7164@gmail.com](mailto:fsbbc7164@gmail.com)

## PARISH EVENTS

### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office. **We will not schedule any baptisms during the season of Lent.**



### DIVINE MERCY PRESENTATION



All are invited to Father Carl Arcosa's presentation on "Divine Mercy- Mission of the Diocese" on Tuesday, February 28 following at 7pm in the Church.

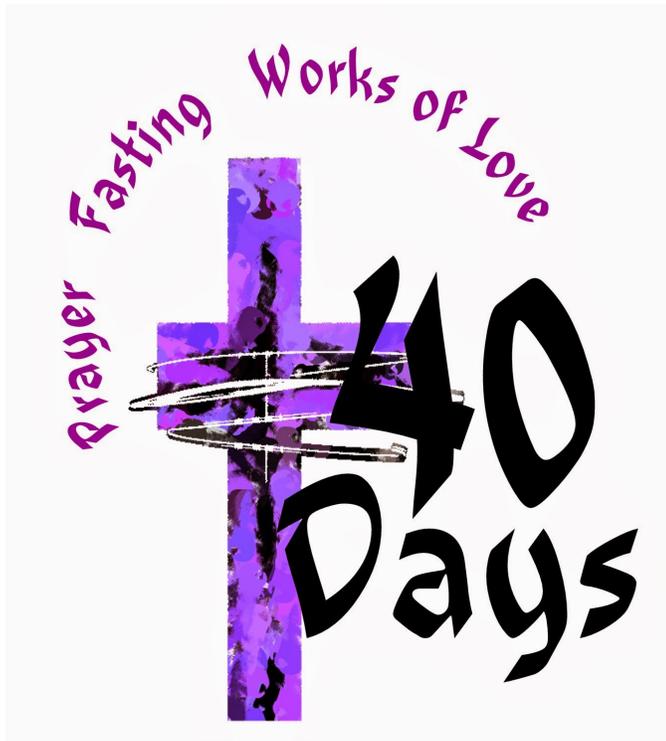
### BINGO



Our next Bingo night is Saturday, March 4 at 6pm. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

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## ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT FREQUENT QUESTIONS



### Q. Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

A. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but it marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The day is chosen based on the fact that it's 40 days before Good Friday. It is, however, a day of fast and abstinence.

### Q. Why do we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?

A. One of the prayers that can be said as ashes are given explains it very well. The words are a reminder of our origins, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes and the whole season of Lent are a time to refocus on our relationship with God and that relationship starts with a dependence on God for our very existence. To recall that only with the breath of God can we have life is motivation to reorder whatever part of life needs it. As God breathed life into the dust at the beginning he can breathe new life into those who have fallen into sin. The ashes are a sign of mortality and a sign of renewal in Christ.

### Q. What are the rules about fasting, abstinence?

A. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at

age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity beyond what is prescribed by the law.

### Q. Are Sundays part of Lent?

A. Sundays most definitely are a part of Lent as they are listed the first through fifth Sundays of Lent, and not of something else. The Sundays do, however, take on a different character than other days because Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection. There is no rule on whether Lenten practices continue on Sundays since such practices are voluntary anyway. Without a doubt we should maintain our preparation for the Triduum on Sundays, whether or not that includes acts of penance.

### Q. Why should we perform acts of penance?

A. The primary reason is that we take Christ as our model and he himself undertook acts of penance in preparation for his ministry and before his passion. Acts of penance are theological in following the example of the Master. They are also practical in helping to accomplish goals of certain days and seasons. In particular Lent is a season to reorder priorities and penance helps to be sure that created things are subordinate to divine realities in our lives. As it says in the Church's documents "Penance is a religious, personal act which has as its aim love and surrender to God" ("Paenitemini" chapter 1). Of course Scripture is clear as well that the rending of our hearts is the sacrifice the Lord desires. The various acts of penance put into physical reality what should be happening in our hearts. Of course, in the season of Lent it all works together to prepare for the passion of our Lord that will lead to resurrection.

### Q. When we abstain, what does that include?

A. All Catholics 14 years of age and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and each Friday of Lent. This is an act of penance in keeping with the Lenten season and Fridays are given special attention because it is the day of our Lord's death. In fact each Friday of the year retains a penitential character according to Church rules and some form of penance, such as abstaining from meat, should be practiced year round. The rule of abstinence from meat includes all flesh and organs from mammals and fowl. This also includes soups and gravies made from them. By-

products such as eggs and cheese are permitted. Fish and other cold-blooded animals have traditionally been the acceptable substitutes on days of abstinence.

**Q. Why can't we eat meat on Fridays?**

A. This practice is one of the disciplines of Lent that has the goal of love and surrender to God. It requires a break in the normal routine of our day and serves as a reminder that the basic needs of life should point us to the goodness of God. Scripture has a long record of abstaining from certain foods as part of religious practice. In our day that practice continues, not because eating meat is bad, but as a discipline to turn the mind more consciously to God.

**Q. Why we do not sing "alleluia" during Lent?**

A. There are several reasons. One of them is to "fast" of this joyful acclamation, so it can resound more loudly during Easter. We can also say that this is a kind of exile. While the event of the resurrection has occurred in history, the days of Lent serve as a reminder that we do not yet experience the kingdom in its fullness. We live in the hope of the resurrection, but the weakness of human existence is all too evident in this life. The omission of the alleluia is one symbolic way to enter into the spirit of the season of Lent. The days of Lent are days of penance and recollection of human weakness but also days of anticipation and so we long for the day when the kingdom is fully realized. To be deprived of certain things during the days of Lent is designed to create a longing for the realization of all that the life of Jesus promises.

**Q. What is the significance of the color purple during Lent?**

A. The color purple is an additional symbol of penance. The Scriptures tell us that a purple garment was placed on Jesus during his passion as a mockery. It is fitting that the color be maintained during the days in which we focus on our own reality of sin that continues to be a mockery of the love and goodness of God. The color purple and the days of penance themselves will eventually give way to the color white and celebration of Christ's victory over sin. In humility we acknowledge our sin in penance so that we may share fully in the celebration to come.

**Q. What determines the date of Easter or when Lent begins?**

A. The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the 14th day of the paschal full moon, which is the full moon whose 14th day falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. The reason was because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter was the Sunday after Passover.

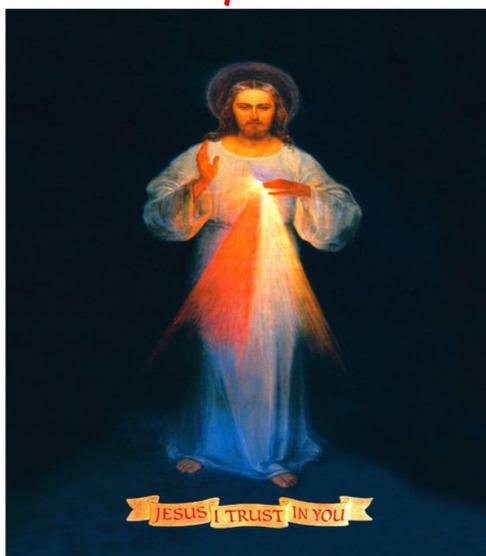
<u>WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE</u>		
<b>Mon. 2/27</b>	7pm	Religious Education
<b>Tues. 2/28</b>	7pm	CH: Divine Mercy Presentation
	7:30pm	K of C Meeting
<b>Wed. 3/1</b>	5pm	P#2: Legion of Mary
<b>Thurs. 3/2</b>	7pm	CH: Divine Mercy Group
	7pm	H: Columbiette
	7-8:30pm	H: RCIA
<b>Fri. 3/3</b>	7pm	P#1 Hispanic Choir
	7pm	
<b>Sat. 3/4</b>	9-10:30am	Religious Education
	4pm	Bingo

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE</u>
<b>MARCH 1, 2017</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>7:30PM SPANISH MASS IN THE HALL</b>



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