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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 26, 2017

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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.

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St. Vincent de Paul

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 27

7:30 am Johnny Bautista

Tuesday, March 28

7:30 am Mariano Cabrestante

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 am Edgar & Rebecca Flores

Thursday, March 30

7:30 am Monette Celestino

Friday, March 31

7:30 am Phanxico Xavie Ky Nguyen

Saturday, April 1

8:00 am Peter & Maria Nguyen

5:00 pm Venancio Querubin

7:00 pm (SP) Manuel Hernandez

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am Dorothy Rogue

10:00 am April Dalmacio

12:00 pm Ambrosia Nilo

4:00 pm (VIET)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 9:6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Legion of Mary

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Vietnamese Association

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

March 19, 2017: \$ 5,241

Parish Assessment: \$1,585

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.**

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-lent-cvcle-a-sundav-connection>

HOW TO FIND TIME IN THE DAY FOR LENT

The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here's how to think about them in a new way:

Praying Daily

If you make a habit of saying a little prayer whenever someone irritates you, cuts you off in traffic, or makes life difficult; when someone does you a favor, you experience great and friendly service, or when something joyful happens to you—you will soon find yourself praying your way through the day. Try this simple practice and you will be observing the Catholic Church's call for greater prayer during the Lenten season. You will also find that this habit makes your life flow smoother, yourself more centered, and your Spirit more aware of God's presence.

A Different Type of Fasting

There are many ways to fast. Why not fast from criticism, gossip, judging others, or passing on rumors? Why not abstain from unwarranted fear and anxiety? You can also tell that inner voice inside your head that criticizes you to abstain from eroding your ability to be the confident, blessed person God calls you to be. These are beautiful ways to observe the Lenten call to fasting and abstinence. In the book, Praying Lent, the authors offer suggestions on different ways to fast during Lent.

Give of Yourself

Daily life also offers countless opportunities to give of yourself to others (alms), and most don't involve dipping into your wallet. Give encouragement to the doubting, give a word of praise to the insecure, show kindness to someone who could use a friend, and offer a word of thanks to those whose service of others often goes unappreciated. Give the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed. Tell your children stories about people whose values you admire when you gather at mealtime. Don't be stingy with your smiles—give them freely to everyone you meet. And most important, give your love to those close to you. Hug them, hold them, and tell them what they mean to you. In this way you open your heart to God and others. So no matter how busy you are in life, with some greater awareness and new perspectives you can consciously pray, fast, and give of yourself this Lent—and you will be ready to celebrate when a joyful dawn breaks upon you Easter morning.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/articles/how-to-find-time-in-your-day-for-lent>

EIGHT WAYS TO PRAY DURING LENT

What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer. There are as many ways to pray as there are pray-ers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.

As Catholics we are called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you're giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up. Thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this and, at the same time, acknowledge the gift of its existence in the world.

2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life. A few such resources are Loyola Press's popular 3-Minute Retreats and Seven Last Words of Christ guided meditation, or try the prayer reflections offered by the Irish Jesuit site Sacred Space. If you're seeking more traditional support for your personal reflective prayer, consider a book specially designed to nourish you during Lent, such as *Praying Lent*.

3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.

One of the most common traditions of Lent is to pray the Stations of the Cross. This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration. Check your local parish Web site or bulletin for listings of when a Stations of the Cross prayer service is being offered, or try one of the many online resources available.

4. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina.

Perhaps the oldest method of scriptural prayer known to Christians is lectio divina or "holy reading." This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases. Lectio divina is rooted in the belief that the scriptural

word speaks in the human heart as the word of God and can reveal the thoughts of our hearts in response to God. In this way, lectio divina leads to a deeper communion with the Divine.

5. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.

When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, the highlight of each Mass, has special significance during Lent. After receiving communion, you may want to sit and reflect more deeply on this great prayer of the Church.

6. Join or start a prayer group.

There are many benefits to praying with others. In group prayer you're able to offer and experience a positive example, needed support and encouragement, different perspectives, and the inspiration to grow in the Christian life. A simple way to get started is to invite your spouse, a family member, or close friend to pray with you on a regular basis throughout Lent. You can also contact your local parish and inquire about prayer groups or prayer circles being sponsored. Or start your own communal prayer group. For example, the *Meeting Christ In Prayer kit* offers step-by-step instructions, guides, and all the necessary resources so even a beginner can start praying with others.

7. Pray with children or as a family.

Being a parent, guardian, or teacher is a holy ministry and a sacred promise. Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together. *Guided Reflections for Children: Praying My Faith, Praying with Scriptures*, and *52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith* are all practical, realistic resources to help you make the most of your prayertime with children. And don't forget about family dinners. Dinnertime is a great opportunity to start or enliven a tradition of family prayer during Lent. For more children's prayer resources, click here.

8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.

Perhaps the best prayer advice is to use Lent as a time to instill prayer habits that will last long after Lent has concluded. Resources such as yearly prayer guides—for example, *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions* can get you started and help you stay consistent.

So enjoy your Lenten prayer. And don't think you have to do all the above. Perhaps choose one or two of these prayer methods to concentrate on—and then you can more fully experience the pilgrim journey toward Easter that is Lent.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/len/articles/8-ways-to-pray-during-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, April 1 at 9:30am. Come join the 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.

PARISH EVENTS

LENTEN SOUP



Come join the Parish Community every Monday during Lent for a simple Lenten soup dinner. This Monday, March 13, the dinner will be hosted by the Vietnamese Community.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Our Lenten tradition of praying The Stations of the Cross will continue every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church. All are invited to come and enter into the

Passion of our Lord.

DIVINE MERCY PLAY

Save the date! St. Luke Productions presents:



FAUSTINA, MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY

April 28, 2017

7:00pm

Our Lady Queen of the World Church Hall

Tickets: \$15adults

\$5 youth

\$25 front row

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or online at tinyurl.com/OLQWplay. Tickets will also be sold after all masses the weekend of April 1st & 2nd. For more information, contact Katt Embody at kattembody@gmail.com or 925-439-7246.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT



As we journey through the days of Lent and move closer to Holy Week, prepare yourself for Easter by attending our Parish Retreat on Friday, April 7 at 7 PM. Father Anthony Le will guide us in entering more deeply into Christ's Passion through the Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Prepare your heart for the celebration of Easter by attending our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service on Monday, April 10 beginning at 7PM. Priests will be available to hear confession in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

RCIA

Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A PASSION PLAY

Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Ministry invite youth groups and church members to the opening ceremony of the "Passion Play," to share in this unique way of reliving Christ's passion, and to celebrate 25 years of telling the story.

The opening performance is scheduled for:

Sunday, April 2, at 7:00 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg

There will be an informal reception following the reception to greet the cast and crew.

Other performances:

Saturday, April 8- 7:00PM
Palm Sunday- April 9-1:30PM
Holy Wednesday, April 12-6:00PM
Good Friday, April 14-7:00PM

CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION SUPPORT NETWORK

The Catholic Immigrant Support Network (CISN) creates open, common spaces for learning, preparation, protection and advocacy. Both immigrant and non-immigrant parishioners are called to participate in this effort to help build a resilient and strong faith community that honors and supports one another. Find resources for your parish and parishioners in both English and Spanish at oakdiocese.org/immigration.

Need a starting place? Register for one of our parish leader workshops, which will include detailed "Know Your Rights" information and additional ways to help educate those in your community about the resources available for them.

The following workshops are available:

March 28, 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Rosary
703 C St., Union City

March 29, 7:00 pm St. Lawrence O'Toole
3695 High St., Oakland

April 7, 7:00 pm St. Francis of Assisi
860 Oak Grove Rd., Concord

ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL FALL ENROLLEMNT

St. Peter Martyr School is accepting applications for 3 yr.-old Preschool, 4 yr.-old PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. In addition to our strong academic program, students receive spiritual knowledge of our Catholic faith, morals, and values. Extended Care and extra curricular programs are also available. Applications are available at the school and on our website www.stpetermartyrschool.org. St. Peter Martyr School is located at 425 West Fourth St. in Pittsburg. We are fully accredited and invite you to become part of our Catholic school family. For further information about our affordable rates call the school at 925-439-1014 or visit www.stpetermartyrschool.org.

BIBLE QUIZ

Judith is known for what action?

- A. Propheying in the court of Nebuchadnazzar
- B. Saving the Jewish people by killing Holofernes
- C. Giving birth to Solomon
- D. Writing a book of religious poetry

Last week's answer: Elijah defended the Lord against the prophets of which pagan god? A. Baal

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Mon. 3/27	5pm 7pm	H: Lenten Soup Religious Education
Tues. 3/28	7:30pm	H: K of Columbus
Wed. 3/29	5pm 7:30pm	P#2: Legion of Mary CH: Choir Practice
Thurs. 3/30	7pm 7-8:30pm 8:30pm	CH: Divine Mercy Group H: RCIA CH: Choir Practice
Fri. 3/31	7pm 7pm	P#1 Hispanic Choir CH: Stations of the Cross
Sat. 4/1	9-10:30am 6pm	Religious Education Bingo



St. Patrick's Day Dinner- March 18, 2017