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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: APRIL 2, 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.

Tel:(925) 458-4574 *Website: olqwr.olqw.org

Email: director@olqwr.olqw.org

St. Vincent de Paul

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 3

7:30 am Juanita Briones-Querubin

Tuesday, April 4

7:30 am Joseph Le Ngoc Dinh

Wednesday, April 5

7:30 am Elias & Sons

Thursday, April 6

7:30 am Alexander & Clarisa Hall

Friday, April 7

7:30 am Inez & Felix Macpagal

Saturday, April 8

8:00 am Vicente Family

5:00 pm Purificacion Tapia

7:00 pm (SP) Maria Inola

Sunday, April 9

8:00 am Leo De Marco

10:00 am Emilia & Antonio Jayin's Int.

12:00 pm Kevin Joe Dalmacio

4:00 pm (VIET)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association

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Patsy Welty, President 925-458-6787

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Louise Salazar, President

Legion of Mary

Rick Belza 925-261-0283

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 26, 2017: \$ 5,089

Maintenance Fund: \$2,203

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.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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

WASHING FEET-SERVING OTHERS DURING LENT

You would think that, in the days leading up to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, he would have wielded as much power as he could to get his followers into shape for the challenging times ahead. Instead, he talked a lot about serving one another. On the night before he died, Jesus acted like a servant, washing his followers' feet. His message was loud and clear: think of others, make their needs your priority.

Serving Others First

Lent—a time set aside by the Catholic Church for spiritual renewal and reflection on Christ's passion and resurrection—is the logical liturgical season to explore what it means to serve others. Rather than concentrating on ourselves ("Should I give up chocolate for Lent or coffee?"), why not walk around the neighborhood and pay attention to what we see? Are there elderly neighbors who need help with their houses or yards? Are there youngsters in our circle of influence who could benefit from organized sports or after-school tutoring? Are there service programs within a few miles of our home that need volunteers? Today the Internet makes it possible for us to do a simple search to find where we

can take our extra clothes and furniture, where we can help distribute food, and where faith-based programs provide social services and support. Websites, such as Catholic Relief Services—the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community—can provide other opportunities to get involved on a more global scale. And if you are a teen, young adult, or the parent or teacher of teens and young adults, consider print resources like Raising Kids Who Will Make Difference that offer more ideas and faith-based support for helping others. All the above types of action are known in the Catholic faith as acts of Christian charity or service and are common Lenten disciplines.

Following Jesus' Example

Another way to help us emulate Christ's humility and service during Lent is to renew our friendship with Christ through scripture reading, prayer and reflection. The guided prayer program, Meeting Christ In Prayer, helps us to do just that. "The next eight weeks are an opportunity for us to meet Christ anew," write the program authors. "Gradually, our efforts at imitating Christ will allow us to see that we actually participate in his life and in his ongoing work in the world. This is the goal of Christian faith and witness—to participate in the life and work of Christ." This eight-week group prayer program is ideally suited to Lent and can be run throughout the seven weeks of Lent, concluding on or after Holy Week. Opportunities to share with and support others in the Christian life fill the program.

Putting Others First

Through the reflection and repentance that mark Lent, we hope to clear out our personal clutter and start fresh with Easter, to become more whole and more holy. All of this requires that we step back from ourselves and get a clearer perspective. Nothing helps us step back better than focusing on someone besides ourselves.

Humility Benefits Everyone

Finding the means to serve other people, we benefit those people in the help we offer them. We benefit ourselves in balancing our interests and energy. And we benefit the Kingdom of God, simply by living more as Jesus did. When we follow Jesus' example of humility during Lent—everyone wins.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/articles/washing-feet-serving-others-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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Hispanic Community would like to announce their new Board Members:

- President:** Rosie Estrada
Vice-President: Hilda Avelar
Secretary: Gladys Giron
Treasurers: Carmen Hernandez
 and Carmen Montufar
Auditor: Leslie Zelaya

PARISH EVENTS

LENTEN SOUP



Come join the Parish Community every Monday during Lent for a simple Lenten soup dinner. This Monday, April 3, the dinner will be hosted by the Filipino 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.

The Legion of Mary is asking for donations of Sago Palms for Palm Sunday and flowers (roses or any garden flowers from your garden). Please drop them off Friday evening, April 7, and Saturday morning, April 8 in the Hall.

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

**Friday – Sunday, April 28 - 30
Gloria Maldonado 510-384-6875
chernandez@oakdiocese.org
gloriamaldonado375@sbcglobal.net**

The Diocese of Oakland will host a Rachel's Vineyard weekend healing retreat the weekend of April 28 - 30. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats and Post-Abortion Healing groups offer hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving, supportive environment, and result in life-changing transformations. Confidential sign-ups for women, men, and couples are happening now. Don't delay your healing and renewal in Christ any longer! To register or find out more, contact Gloria Maldonado, see above, or visit AfterTheChoice.org

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK

April 2-8, 2017

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) was established in 1981 to inspire the community, raise awareness of victims' rights, and address unmet needs. Sadly, the needs of many crime victims and survivors, including some who worship in our faith community, remain unaddressed and many feel abandoned by our Church. Americans are victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and the resulting trauma has long-lasting impact on individuals, their families and communities. Unaddressed trauma resulting from the criminal actions of others may lead to depression, hopelessness, and despair. This year's theme, "Strength. Resilience. Justice," April 2-8, 2017, provides us with an opportunity to reach out to crime victims and survivors with a willingness to minister to their needs. For more information, contact your local Diocesan Restorative Justice Director or visit the California Catholic Conference website at www.cacatholic.org or www.restorejustice.com

**ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL FALL
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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.

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

BIBLE QUIZ

Whose fidelity to the Lord did Satan test by a series of trials?

- A. Abraham
- B. Job
- C. Moses
- D. David

Last week's answer: Judith is known for what action? B. Saving the Jewish people by killing Holofernes

PRIEST DISCERNMENT GATHERING

Friday, April 7, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
The Cathedral of Christ the Light Parish Hall
2121 Harrison St., Oakland
Cielo Branco 510-267-8356 Cbranco@oakdiocese.org

The Office of Vocations with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Christ the Light council will be hosting a Priesthood Discernment gathering with Bishop Michael Barber at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. There is no cost to attend this gathering. Dinner is included. If you know of someone who might be interested, please invite him and ask him to RSVP with Cielo Branco, see above.

RCIA

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

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Mon. 4/3	5pm	H: Lenten Soup
	7pm	Religious Education
	7:30pm	CH: Choir Practice
Tues. 4/4	6:45pm	CH: K of Columbus Rosary
	7:30pm	H: K of Columbus
Wed. 4/5	1pm	H: RMG
	5pm	P#2: Legion of Mary
	7:30pm	CH: Choir Practice
Thurs. 4/6	7pm	CH: Divine Mercy Group
	7pm	H: Columbiette Mtg
	7-8:30pm	H: RCIA
	8:30pm	CH: Choir Practice
Fri. 4/7	7pm	P#1 Hispanic Choir
	7pm	CH: Stations of the Cross
Sat. 4/8	9-10:30am	Religious Education
	1pm	Legion of Mary

Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

Monday of Holy Week, April 10

7:00pm- Communal Reconciliation Service

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:30pm -Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

After mass, there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Church to the hall for adoration.

Adoration will follow until midnight. Everyone is invited to spend time with the Lord.

Good Friday, April 14

12:15pm- Seven Last Words

A reflection of the seven last words of Jesus will be led by Fr. Peter and leaders of each organization or community

3:15 pm- Divine Mercy Novena

4:00pm- Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm- Stations fo the Cross (English)

**7:00pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion &
Veneration of the Cross**

**9:00pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion &
Veneration of the Cross (Vietnamese)**

Holy Saturday, April 15

7:30pm- Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon

2:00pm (Spanish)

4:00pm (Vietnamese)