# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: APRIL 9, 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: olqwre.olqw.org Email: director@olqwre.olqw.org

### St. Vincent de Paul

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, April 10

7:30 am Leonila Enrique

Tuesday, April 11

7:30 am Deceased members

of Diokno family

Wednesday, April 12

7:30 am Phero

Thursday, April 13

7:30 pm Julia Burns

Friday, April 14

7:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 9:00pm(VIET) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 15

7:30 pm Lilia & Romualdo Catapusan

Sunday, April 16

8:00 am Wilfred Olivia 10:00 am Elena Villena 12:00 pm Howard Tilton

2:00 pm (SP)

4:00 pm (VIET) Phero & Maria

# PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association** 

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**Hispanic Association** 

Rosie Estrada, Coordinator 925-639-7946 Gladys Giron, Secretary 925-334-9873

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Regina Mundi Guild

Patsy Welty, President 925-458-6787

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Louise Salazar, President

Legion of Mary

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**Vietnamese Association** 

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When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

April 2, 2017: \$5,286 Building Fund: \$2,525

2015 Assessment: Owe \$30,000

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**

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion-cycle-a

### 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**

### **NO CLASSES**

There will be no Religious Education classes on April 15 and April 17. Classes will resume on April 22.

### **REGINA MUNDI GUILD**

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**Bake Sale-** April 30 after the 8am & 10am masses. Proceeds go to replace our pavement project.

**Drop off** your gently used, clean items on Sunday, April 30 & Monday, May 1 for the Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale-Monday, May 1- Thursday, May 4

### **PARISH EVENTS**

## 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 individual confessions in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

### **GOOD FRIDAY ABSTINENCE & FASTING**

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, contact Katt Embody at kattembody@gmail.com or 925-439-7246.

We are looking for sponsors to help with the expenses of the play. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Katt Embody at 925-439-7246.

### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 14. Below is the schedule for the Novena. All are invited to come join in prayer.

Friday, April 14 at 3:15pm Saturday, April 15 at 8:30am Sunday, April 16 at 1:00pm Monday, April 17-Friday, April 21 at 8:00am Saturday, April 22 at 8:30am

### **VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY**

### **FOOD FUNDRAISER**

The Vietnamese Community will begin selling food after all masses on the fourth Sunday of every month, starting April 30. Stop by the hall for delicious food or order to go. All proceeds go to the Church.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

### A PASSION PLAY

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

Holy Wednesday, April 12-6:00PM Good Friday, April 14-7:00PM

## 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.



Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Vigil.



RCIA students & their sponsors

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE				
Mon. 4/10	7pm	CH: Communal Reconciliation Service		
Tues. 4/11	7:30pm	CH: Choir Practice		
Wed. 4/12	5pm 7:30pm	P#2: Legion of Mary CH: Choir Practice		
Thurs. 4/13	8:00am 7:30pm	CH: Moring Prayer CH: Mass of the Lord's Supper		
Fri. 4/14	8:00am 12:15pm 3:15pm	CH: Morning Prayer CH: Seven Last Words CH: Divine Mercy Novena		
	4:00pm	Parking lot: Stations of the Cross (Spanish)		
	6:00pm	CH: Stations of the Cross (English)		
	7:00pm	CH: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)		
	9:00pm	CH: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Vietnamese)		
Sat. 4/15	8:00am 9am-2pm	CH: Moring Prayer H: Easter Basket Pick Up		
	7:30pm	CH: Easter Vigil		

### **BIBLE QUIZ**

The Book of Proverbs advises its readers to seek what thing of value?

- A. Popularity
- B. Riches
- C. Wisdom
- D. Serenity

Last week's answer: Whose fidelity to the Lord did Satan test by a series of trials? B. Job



### SPRING PARISH RUMMAGE SALE

May 1, 2, 3, & 4

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD 3155 Winterbrook Drive, Bay Point, CA

You may bring your CLEAN and GENTLY USED articles to the parish hall on:

Sunday, April 30 - 9 am – 12 pm

Monday, May 1 - 9 am - 2 pm

### DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS PRIOR TO THESE DATES!

Items accepted: <u>CLEAN & USEABLE</u> clothing, shoes, linens, jewelry, white elephant items, workable small appliances, china/dishes, glassware, games, toys, books etc. (*NO encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines*)

<u>NO</u> large furniture items, large appliances, computers, TV's, electrical fixtures or building materials will be accepted.

**PLEASE,** we accept an abundance of clothing. It is a huge task to go through these items piece by piece. For this reason we ask that you only bring clothing that is in **VERY GOOD "GENTLY USED".** Do not bring your "garbage" items (broken and/or dirty to us; we do not have the funds to haul your garbage to the dump.

### Regina Mundi Guild & Church members we need your help!

\*\*Especially on Monday, 9am to 2pm, to set up, mark prices and arrange goods on tables, etc. & Thurs. for Clean-Up at 11:30am. If you are able to volunteer, (even for short periods of time), please call the rectory office at 458-4718 any weekday, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. This information will be passed on to the Chairperson, Barbara Middleton (458-4487)

Selling hours:	Mon.	May 1	6:30pm to 8:30pm
	Tues.	May 2	9:00am to 2:00pm
	Wed.	May 3	9:00am to 2:00pm
	Thurs	May 4	9:00am to 11:30am "\$5 RAV DAV"

PARISH COMMUNITY and ORGANIZATIONS - CAN YOU HELP US?

BAKE SALE HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30 — AFTER 8 & 10am mass.
FUNDS GO TO PARISH PARKING LOT PROJECT.

# Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

## Monday of Holy Week, April 10

7:00pm- Communal Reconciliation Service

### **Holy Thursday, April 13**

8:00am- Morning Prayer

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

8:00am- Morning Prayer

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 of the Cross (English) 7:00pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion &

**Veneration of the Cross (English)** 

9:00pm- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion &

**Veneration of the Cross (Vietnamese)** 

## Holy Saturday, April 15

8:00am- Morning Prayer & Divine Mercy Novena

7:30pm- Easter Vigil Mass

## Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon (English masses)

1:00pm- Divine Mercy Novena

2:00pm (Spanish)

4:00pm (Vietnamese)