

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 11, 2018

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

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

### 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: 7:30PM

### 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)  
Email: [director@olqwre.olqw.org](mailto:director@olqwre.olqw.org)

### St. Vincent de Paul

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, March 12**

7:30 am Jeanine Hampton

### **Tuesday, March 13**

7:30 am Antonio & Jovila Santos

### **Wednesday, March 14**

7:30am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores

### **Thursday, March 15**

7:30am Edgar & Rebecca Flores

### **Friday, March 16**

7:30am Luisa Servigon

### **Saturday, March 17**

8:00 am Catalina Bautista

5:00pm Wendy Rabang-Funiestas

7:00pm (SP) Concepcion Hernandez

### **Sunday, March 18**

8:00 am Elisa & Jonah Ngo

10:00 am Julian Dalupan

12:00 pm Eddy Hampton

4:00pm (VIET)

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Jn 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,

that the light came into the world,

but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light,

so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,

so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

### **Filipino Association**

*Lourdes Servigon* 925-334-9111

### **Hispanic Association**

*Rosie Estrada, Coordinator* 925-639-7946

*Gladys Giron, Secretary* 925-334-9873

### **Columbiettes**

*Columbiettes08@gmail.com*

### **Knights of Columbus**

*gk7164@yahoo.com*

### **Regina Mundi Guild**

*Patsy Welty, President* 925-458-6787

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

*Esther Tilton, President*

*SVDPOLQW@gmail.com*

*Lina Ramon, Treasurer*

*Katt Embody, Secretary*

### **Legion of Mary**

*Rick Belza* 925-261-0283

### **Vietnamese Association**

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Ed Plaza, German Duarte, Mai Dinh, Doug Parker, Kathy Nebel, Michelle McLaughlin, Liliana Baltar, Jovita Domingo, 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 4: \$5,140**

**Building Fund: \$2,189**

**Tax statements are being mailed out. On your contribution envelopes, please indicate that you need a statement or call the rectory.**

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



The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-lent-cycle-b-sunday-connection>

## ST. PATRICK – MARCH 17



St. Patrick of Ireland was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in *Confessions*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=89](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89)

## 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

### EASTER EGG HUNT



The Youth Group of OLQW will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 at the parish grounds. The Youth group asks for donations of candies and gift baskets or toys for the children. Donations can be dropped at the rectory or at the CCD office. Checks can be made payable to OLQW.

### RCIA MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 11, 2018 – Second Scrutiny at 8:00am Mass
- Saturday, March 17, 2018 – Third Scrutiny at 5:00pm Mass
- Thursday, March 22, 2018 – Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland at 7:00pm
- Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 – 10:00am Mass with procession at 9:30am

### RELIGION QUIZ

Which devotion has special place during Lent?

*Last week's answer:* St. Joseph's Feast always comes during Lent.

## PARISH EVENTS

### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday during the season of Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. On Friday, March 16, the Youth Group and Confirmation Class will lead the Stations of the Cross.

### LENTEN SOUP

During Lent, different organizations and associations will be serving soup on Mondays at 5pm in the hall. The Hispanic Community will serve soup on Monday, March 12. All are welcome.



### 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, March 23 at 7 PM. Father Gerald will guide us in entering more deeply into Christ's Passion.

### LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Prepare your hearts for the celebration of Easter by attending our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 26 beginning at 7PM. Priests will be available to hear confessions in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF FR. CULVER



As many of you know, Father Culver LOVED movies. He had a large collection of movies that will be listed on Ebay. More than 56 listings of his DVDs have already been posted and more will be added everyday. What a lovely way to remember him while enjoying one of his movies. Just go to [tinyurl.com/FatherCulver](http://tinyurl.com/FatherCulver) and it will take you to his Ebay listings. All proceeds will go back to our parish.

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Mon. 03/12</b>	5:00pm	H: Lenten Soup Dinner
	7:00pm	H: Religious Ed.
	7:30pm	CH: Choir Practice
<b>Tues. 03/13</b>	7:00pm	H: Hispanic Meeting
	7:00pm	H: Pre-Baptism Class
<b>Wed. 03/14</b>	9:15am	CH: Legion of Mary
	7:30pm	H: St. Patrick Dinner Meeting
<b>Thurs. 03/15</b>	7:00pm	H: RCIA
	7:00pm	P#2: Divine Mercy
	7:30pm	CH: Choir Rehearsal
<b>Fri. 03/16</b>	5:00pm	CH: Adoration
	7:00pm	CH: Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	P#1: Hispanic Choir
<b>Sat. 03/17</b>	9:00am	H: Religious Ed.
	3:00pm	H: Region of Mary
	6:00pm	H: St. Patrick Dinner

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

### CELEBRATING 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FILIPINO CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION

The Filipino clergy, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Oakland will be embarking on a 4-year spiritual journey to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Centenary of Philippine Evangelization. This Jubilee celebration bears the theme: "Celebrating 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Filipino Catholic Evangelization: Our Faith, Our Journey, Our Mission." While this is a Filipino celebration, this is not exclusively for Filipinos. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, who envisions this as a Diocesan celebration, will officiate the Kick-Off Mass on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral of Christ the Light.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY – STAND TOGETHER CONTRA COSTA

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the lead agency for **Stand Together Contra Costa**; a rapid response, legal services, and community education project to support safety and justice for immigrant families in Contra Costa County.

The mission of this new network is to ensure that all people in Contra Costa County, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay, are afforded the due process rights established by the United States Constitution, and are protected from actions or policies that result in disparate, discriminatory, or unlawful treatment. For more information visit the **Stand Together Contra Costa** website at

<https://standtogethercontracosta.org/>, or call **925-900-5151** (region covered: Contra Costa County).

Additional East Bay/Bay Area/NorCal networks:  
**Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership**

Region covered: Alameda County

**510-241-4011**

<http://centrolegal.org/acilep/>



# 11th Annual Parish St. Patrick's Dinner

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

## Saturday March 17th



Doors open at 6pm Dinner 7pm

Our Lady Queen of the World Parish Hall

3155 Winterbrook Dr. Bay Point, CA 94565

### The Menu Includes

Corn Beef or Chicken, Potatoes, Cabbage

Beer, Wine and soft drinks will be available

Raffles Prizes and a Cake Auction

### Tickets for sale through March 11th

No tickets sold at the door

Adults \$12.50 Youth 10 and under \$6.00



Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.

Tickets sold after all masses

Starting Feb 24th

Or buy online at

[tinyurl.com/StPat-OLQW](http://tinyurl.com/StPat-OLQW)

# *Holy Week Liturgy Schedule*

## Monday of Holy Week, March 26

7:00pm – Communal Reconciliation Service

## Holy Thursday, March 29

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, March 30

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*

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

6:30pm – 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, March 31

8:00am – Morning Prayer

7:30pm – Easter Vigil Mass

## Easter Sunday, April 1

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

2:00pm (Spanish)

4:00pm (Vietnamese)