

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

- Jn 12:24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 18, 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
Email: director@olqwre.olqw.org

St. Vincent de Paul

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 19

7:30 am Benjamin Catalya Sr.

Tuesday, March 20

7:30 am Gregorio Mandap Jr.

Wednesday, March 21

7:30am Vicente Family

Thursday, March 22

7:30am Faylin & Leslie Paciski

Friday, March 23

7:30am Inosencia Frijas-Rabang

Saturday, March 24

8:00 am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores

5:00pm Venancio B. Querubin

7:00pm (SP) Carlota Molina

Sunday, March 25

8:00 am Patience Odiase

10:00 am Pedro & Gloria Franco

12:00 pm Earl Anthony Bulygo

4:00pm (VIET)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association

Lourdes Servigon 925-334-9111

Hispanic Association

Rosie Estrada, Coordinator 925-639-7946

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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 11: \$6,306

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,400

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



Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus. Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – MARCH 19



This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being an upright man and wanting to spare her disgrace, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: Look! The virgin is with child and will give birth to a son whom they will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us." When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home; he had not had intercourse with her when she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus. (Matthew 1:18–25 NJB)

A few verses in Matthew and Luke tell us all we know about St. Joseph. They provide just enough information to demonstrate why he was the divine choice to become the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was genealogically perfect for these roles. A distant descendant of King David, he gave Christ the King his royal lineage. Joseph also came from the right hometown. He was from Bethlehem, the city that Scripture predicted would produce the messiah. And as a carpenter, Joseph was poor—Christ's condition of preference.

Scripture portrays Joseph as open to God, obedient, upright, and, above all, kind. The saint displayed all of these qualities in his handling of Mary's surprise pregnancy. Imagine the confusion of emotions that must have flooded him when Mary confided that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit! As a devout observer of the law, Joseph knew that he might have to repudiate his betrothal. But his kindness and confidence in Mary prevented his taking such a harsh step, which would have shamed her. It may have even put her in danger of capital punishment. Joseph must have agonized over his decision, praying intently about it. Finally he decided to divorce Mary quietly. But Joseph was open to God, and in a dream a divine messenger told him to take Mary home as his wife. Joseph did exactly as he was told.

Joseph's wise dealing with Mary is a model for us when we face complex moral and personal issues. He subordinated his feelings to do what God required. He was open to whatever God wanted, and when he sensed the divine will, he obeyed.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/saint-joseph>

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

- 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

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 and it will take you to his Ebay listings. All proceeds will go back to our parish.

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 23 at 6:30pm in the church, led by the Morning Ladies. All are invited to come and enter into the Passion of our Lord.

LENTEN SOUP

During Lent, different organizations and associations will be serving soup on Mondays at 5pm in the hall. The Filipino Association will serve soup on Monday, March 19. 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.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Mon. 03/19	5:00pm	H: Lenten Soup Dinner
	7:00pm	H: Religious Ed.
	7:30pm	CH: Choir Practice
Tues. 03/20	7:00pm	CH: Vietnamese Retreat
	7:00pm	H: Meeting for all Liturgical Ministers
Wed. 03/21	9:15am	CH: Legion of Mary
	7:00pm	CH: Vietnamese Retreat
	7:00pm	H: Filipino Meeting
Thurs. 03/22	6:30pm	Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
	7:00pm	P#2: Divine Mercy
	7:30pm	CH: Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 03/23	5:00pm	CH: Adoration
	6:30pm	CH: Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	CH: Parish Retreat
	7:00pm	P#1: Hispanic Choir
Sat. 03/24	9:00am	H: Religious Ed.

RELIGION QUIZ

On which day is Chrism Mass?

Last week's answer: Which devotion has special place during Lent? Stations of the Cross

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASSION PLAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Ministry will present their 26th annual Passion Play, an original adaptation by one of the parishioners. Performances are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, March 18th – 7:00PM

Saturday, March 24th – 7:00PM

Palm Sunday, March 25th – 5:00PM

Holy Wednesday, March 28th – 6:00PM

Good Friday, March 30th – 7:00PM

All are invited and welcome!



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/>



PARISH CAMPUS CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018



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

7:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1

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

2:00pm (Spanish)

4:00pm (Vietnamese)