

# *Our Lady Queen of the World Church*

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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: MARCH 04, 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 5**

7:30 am Manuel & Angela Bernardo

### **Tuesday, March 6**

7:30 am Peter Martha

### **Wednesday, March 7**

7:30am Solis – Intentions

### **Thursday, March 8**

7:30am James Philip

### **Friday, March 9**

7:30am Howard Tilton

### **Saturday, March 10**

8:00 am Rian Delos Santos

5:00pm Arrivas Family Intentions

7:00pm (SP) Rosita Escobar

### **Sunday, March 11**

8:00 am Elias & Sons

10:00 am Fred Gatmaitan

12:00 pm Gloria Nilo

4:00pm (VIET)

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Jn 2:13-25**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

## **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**

**February 25: \$4,947**

**St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,426**

**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



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax. Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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

## STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY – MARCH 7



St. Perpetua kept a diary during her last days, while she awaited her execution. Her diary, along with an eyewitness's account of her death, is one of the oldest, most reliable histories of a martyr's sufferings. This account was passed down to encourage other Christians to witness to the world with their lives—to teach others that greater than life itself is knowing Jesus and being loyal to him.

Perpetua's account records the events that took place in Carthage, Africa, in the year 202, when the Emperor Severus issued an anti-Christian law forbidding anyone to be baptized and become a Christian. At that time twenty-two-year-old Perpetua was a catechumen, studying to become a Christian. She was also the mother of an infant son. Perpetua was arrested along with four other catechumens, including Felicity, her slave woman, who was about to give birth to a child. All were tried and sentenced to be thrown to the wild beasts in the amphitheater during a national holiday. Their deaths would be scheduled along with sports events and various games.

During the days before their execution, their teacher Saturus voluntarily joined the catechumens so that he might die for Christ with them. Perpetua's father, a wealthy pagan, pleaded with her to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods so she could be free, but she refused. She said, "Father do you see this water jar, or whatever it is, standing here? Could one call it by any other name than what it is? Well, in the same way I cannot be called by any other name than what I am—a Christian."

While they were awaiting death, Perpetua and her companions were baptized. Shortly before the scheduled execution, Felicity gave birth to a baby girl. During childbirth, she had cried out in pain. Someone hearing her asked her how she would ever endure the suffering of martyrdom. She replied, "Now it is I who suffer what I am suffering; then, there will be another in me who will suffer for me, because I will be suffering for him."

On the day of their execution, the martyrs left their prison "joyfully as though they were on their way to heaven" and entered the arena, where they were killed before the cheering crowd. Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded; the others were killed by wild beasts. Today these women are mentioned in the first Eucharistic Prayer.

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



## 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**

## 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 9, the Regina Mundi Guild 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 Vietnamese Community will serve soup on Monday, March 5. All are welcome.



### PARISH CAMPUS CLEAN-UP



Saturday, March 10 will be our parish campus clean-up day. Bring your gloves and basic yard tools. Clean up starts at 9am, so come with your work jeans on and join us in giving our beloved space a bit of spring cleaning.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

On Monday, March 5, there will be a mandatory meeting for all Confirmation Parents in the church from 7pm to 8pm.

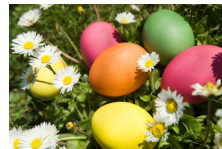


### PAN DE VIDA CONFIRMATION RETREAT



OLQW Confirmation students in attendance at the Pan De Vida retreat, February 9-11, 2018 at IHM in Brentwood. Students of RCIA and Confirmation had a great weekend of camaraderie and prayerful sharing with other young men and women in the area.

### 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.

### RELIGION QUIZ

\_\_\_\_\_ Feast always comes during Lent.

*Last week's answer:* Lent is said to be of 40 days even though from Ash Wednesday to last Saturday of the season it is 46 days. Why? Sundays are not included.

## RITE OF ELECTION FOR RCIA STUDENTS



RCIA students with their sponsors at OLQW attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland after their services at the parish level.

### RCIA MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 4, 2018 – First Scrutiny at 12:00noon Mass
- 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

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

### THE LAY PASTORAL VISIT

Learn about diocesan resources to help prepare parishioners to offer pastoral visits to the sick, elderly and homebound. This workshop is for lay people and parish staff with leadership responsibilities for parish pastoral ministries. To register or find more information, visit [www.oakdiocese.org/catholics-care](http://www.oakdiocese.org/catholics-care) or call 510.267.8392. Workshops will be offered as follows:

March 15, 7 p.m. – Good Shepherd, Pittsburg  
 March 24, 10 a.m. – St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon  
 April 12, 7 p.m. – St. James the Apostle, Fremont  
 April 21, 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph, Pinole

## END-OF-LIFE ISSUES WORKSHOP

March 10, 10am - noon – St. Joseph Basilica, Alameda  
 Learn how to navigate end-of-life issues through your Catholic faith, including healthcare forms, choosing a healthcare decision maker, how to find practical living advice and knowing when to request the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. To register or find more information, visit

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/ministriesformation/marriage-and-family-life/catholics-care/catholics-care-workshops> or call 510.267.8392.

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Mon. 03/05</b>	5:00pm	H: Lenten Soup Dinner
	7:00pm	H: Religious Ed.
	7:00pm	CH: Confirmation Parents Meeting
<b>Tues. 03/06</b>	7:00pm	H: K of C Rosary & Meeting
<b>Wed. 03/07</b>	9:15am	CH: Legion of Mary
	1:00pm	H: RMG Meeting
<b>Thurs. 03/08</b>	7:00pm	H: RCIA
	7:00pm	P#2: Divine Mercy
<b>Fri. 03/09</b>	5:00pm	CH: Adoration
	7:00pm	CH: Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	P#1: Hispanic Choir
<b>Sat. 03/10</b>	9:00am	Parish Campus Clean-up
	9:00am	H: Religious Ed.



# **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



Tickets sold after all masses

Starting Feb 24th

Or buy online at

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



# 24 Hours for the Lord

**March 9-10, 2018**

Pope Francis is calling on Catholics worldwide to participate in 24 hours of eucharistic adoration and reconciliation, March 9-10, 2018. The theme of this year's "24 Hours for the Lord" is Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness."

The Diocese of Oakland will celebrate this sacred 24 hours in four parishes, joining our brothers and sisters around the world. In each parish, eucharistic adoration will be available beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, March 9, continuously until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10. At the same time, priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

Security will be provided from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at each location.

## 24 Hours for the Lord Locations

### **The Cathedral of Christ the Light**

2121 Harrison St. (at West Grand Ave.)  
Oakland

### **St. Mark**

159 Harbour Way  
Richmond

### **St. John the Baptist**

264 E. Lewelling Blvd. (near Meekland Ave.)  
San Lorenzo

### **St. Joan of Arc**

2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. (between Crow  
Canyon and Bollinger Canyon Roads)  
San Ramon

All are welcomed – whether eucharistic adoration is already familiar to you or not! For many of you, the practice of eucharistic adoration is a major part of your spirituality. If you would like to sign up for a particular time, please visit <http://bit.ly/24Hours4LORD>. Advance registration is not required!

"I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew." –

*Message of the Holy Father for Lent 2018*