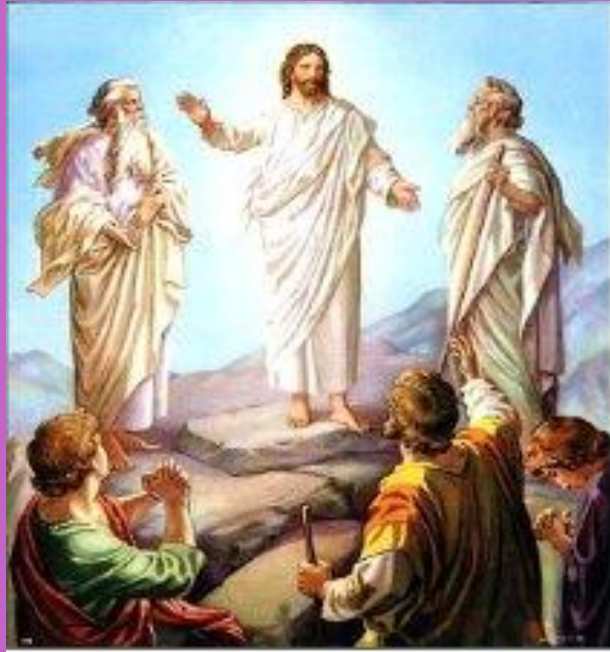


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*“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”
(Luke 9: 35)*

March 17, 2019

Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung, Pastor
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 6PM- 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

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.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.

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- **Religious Education**
- **RICA** Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church.

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Mar. 18

7:30 am Teresa Mai Dinh

Tuesday, Mar. 19

7:30 am Elisa & Jonah

Wednesday, Mar. 20

7:30 am Felipe & Elvira Enrique

Thursday, Mar. 21

7:30 am Vicente Family

Friday, Mar. 22

7:30 am Theresa Mai Nguyen

Saturday, Mar. 23

8:00 am Anna Tran Hang

5:00 pm Maximo Sebastian

7:00 pm (SP)

Sunday, Mar. 24

8:00 am Fr. Richard Culver

10:00 am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores

12:00 pm Conrado & Crisencia Magante

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Lourdes Servigon,
Coordinator (925-334-9111)

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Coordinator (925-639-7946)

Columbiettes Patsy Welty, 925-458-6787

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St. Vincent de Paul Society: Esther Tilton,
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Legion of Mary: Rick Belza (925-261-0283)

Vietnamese Association

GOSPEL READING

Lk 9:28b-36



Jesus took Peter, John, and James
and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and
Elijah,

who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,
but becoming fully awake,

they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,

"Master, it is good that we are here;

let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking,

a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,

and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

They fell silent and did not at that time

tell anyone what they had seen.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michelle McLaughlin, Liliana Baltar, Jovita Domingo, Eden Capistrano-Rosete, Joseph Do, Bertha Baldauf, Monica Aviles, Epifania and Abraham Nacnac, Pauline Pangila, Virginia Quesada, Beverly Cawley and 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 458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Plate Mar. 10: \$ 5,869.00

Catholic Relief: \$ 1,565.00

*Thank you for your contribution support to sustain
the ministries & ongoing needs of our parish.*

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.

REFLECTION ON GOSPEL

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Lenten Schedule for RCIA

March 24, 2019

8:00 am 2nd Scrutiny (OLQW)

March 30, 2019

5:00 pm 3rd Scrutiny (OLQW)

April 11, 2019

6:00 pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

April 14, 2019

10:00 am Procession of Palms
(OLQW)

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



POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2019

Each year, through Mother Church, God “gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ” (Preface of Lent I). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ’s paschal mystery – “for in hope we were saved” (Rom 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God” (Rom 8:19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

1. The redemption of creation

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. Rom 8:29) is a priceless gift of God’s mercy.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 8:14) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God’s law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus’ paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the “Canticle of the Creatures” by Saint Francis of Assisi (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 87). Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death.

2. The destructive power of sin

Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to those untrammelled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future (cf. 2:1-11). Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans “I want it all and I want it now!” and “Too much is never enough”, gains the upper hand.

The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live, so that the garden has become a wilderness (cf. Gen 3:17-18). Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by

the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God’s law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. Mk 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip.

3. The healing power of repentance and forgiveness

Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made “a new creation”. For “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Cor 5:17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a new heaven and a new earth (cf. Rev 21:1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

This “eager longing”, this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the “travail” that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth “from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the “lenten” period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be “set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

From the Vatican, 4 October 2018,

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISM CLASS



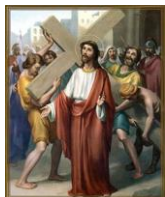
Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, April 10, 2019 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office. **We will not schedule any baptisms during the season of Lent.**

LENTEN SOUP

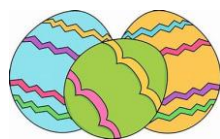
Every Monday during Lent come join the Parish Community for a simple Lenten soup dinner. March 18th will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes.



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.



The Youth Group will sponsor an Easter Egg hunt after the 12:00 pm mass on Easter Sunday April 21, 2019. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

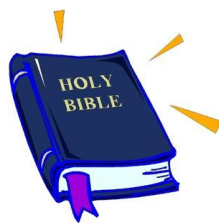
CONFIRMATION 3 PARENTS

There will be a **MANDATORY** Meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

MONDAY NIGHT PARENTS: Grade 6 to Confirmation 2

There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

BIBLE CLASS



Father Peter will be offering a Bible class for all adults interested in refreshing your knowledge of Scripture. Classes will be on Third Tuesday night from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The next Class will on Tuesday March 19th. For more information or to sign up, contact Rene Asuncion at 925-458-4574 or director@olqwre.olqw.org.

Bibles are available for purchase at the Rectory office or Religious Education office.

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!



E-MAIL SCAM

Please be aware of an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Oakland seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do not respond to the email or text. For more information on phishing scams and email security, review this attached handout. The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, Mar. 18

5:00 pm Lenten Soup: K of C & Columbiettes
7:00 pm Religious Education
7:00 pm CH: Gr 6- Conf. 2 Parent Mtg

Tuesday, Mar. 19

7:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday, Mar. 20

9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Filipino Assoc. Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 21

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy
7:00 pm RCIA Class

Friday, Mar. 22

6:00 pm Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, Mar. 23

9:30 am Religious Education

Sunday, Mar. 24

1:00 pm Vietnamese School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

AROUND DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

TAIZE

Taizé - Prayer around the Cross will be offered from 8-9 p.m. on Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, and May 17 at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont. For more information call 510.657.2468.

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER

San Damiano Retreat Center located , 710 Highland Dr., 925-837-9141, ext. 315 katerik@sandamiano.org, SanDamiano.org offers the following retreats:

- March 5 – April 9 (Tuesdays): Spring Book Series “The Soul’s Slow Ripening: 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred” by Christine Valters-Painter led by Kathy Miranda
- March 6: Ash Wednesday Day of Renewal with the Franciscan Friars of San Damiano, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (includes lunch), \$45
- March 6: Ash Wednesday Evening of Renewal with the Franciscan Friars of San Damiano, 5-8 p.m. (includes dinner), \$30
- March 9 - April 13 (Saturdays): Lenten Stations of the Cross with Jan Stegner 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- March 13 - April 10 (Wednesdays): Lenten Taizé Prayer, 7-8 p.m.
- March 14 – April 11 (Thursdays): “Facing the Love of God” Lenten Contemplative Prayer with Sr. Celeste Crine OSF & Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy OFM 7-8 p.m. March 16: Christian Meditation Day with Claire La Scola, Donna Lack & June Pangelinan
- March 29-31 Lenten Retreat: “All Shall Be Well” A Retreat with the Revelations of Julian of Norwich with Veronica Mary Rolf

Bishop’s Appeal

This year’s theme, Rebuild My Church, was the message Jesus Christ spoke to St. Francis. At first, Francis took the assignment literally, physically restoring the abandoned chapel at San Damiano. Later, he came to understand his mission in a more spiritual sense: to return the church to the radical simplicity of the Gospel, the spirit of poverty, and the image of Christ in the poor. Soon other people joined Francis in his life of poverty, dedicating their lives to the teachings of Christ and by doing so, “Rebuilding Christ’s Church.”

As our shepherd for almost six years, Bishop Barber’s mission is to build up Christ’s Church in the Diocese of Oakland by focusing on three pillars: the Sunday Mass experience; practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy; and helping people become missionary disciples.

2019 Bishop's Appeal Prayer

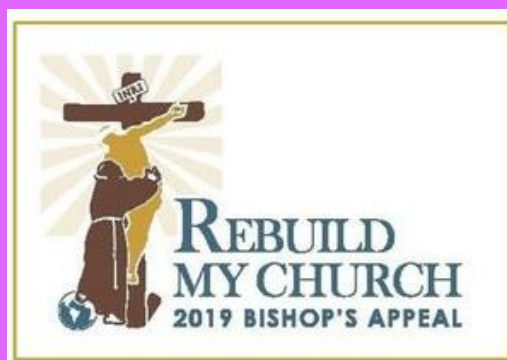
Lord Jesus Christ, as St. Francis of Assisi responded to your call to "Rebuild My Church," may we also respond as you call us to rebuild your Church today in the Diocese of Oakland. It is the Church you built through the gift of your own Body and Blood. We come before you humbly today, grateful for that gift and for all the blessings you continually bestow upon us.

All of us, laity, religious brothers and sisters, deacons and priests, understand the challenges ahead in building and renewing your kingdom in our Diocese. We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, calling forth within us the same courage and passion St. Francis felt when he heard Your call at San Damiano.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life and example of St. Francis of Assisi, whom you blessed with a deep love for you and your people and a humble attitude of self-sacrifice. We thank you for raising up those same gifts within us as we discern our commitment to offer you our time, talents and treasure in response to this annual Bishop's Appeal.

Grant us compassionate hearts to touch our brothers and sisters in need, grateful hearts to provide care for our retired priests, hopeful hearts to support those You have called to serve You in the priesthood, and zealous hearts to support the works of evangelization in our parishes and schools.

Under the protection of our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World, we entrust all our humble efforts to You, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



For further information on this year's Bishop's Appeal and how to help, contact Giles Miller, Office for Mission Advancement, at 510-628-2156 or gmliller@oakdiocese.org.