

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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*“We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us fight against our faults.” - Pope Francis*  
*March 31, 2019*

**Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo**, 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.

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- **Religious Education**
- **RCIA** 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

**Monday, Apr. 1**

7:30 am Marjorie Lombardi

**Tuesday, Apr. 2**

7:30 am Venancio Querubin

**Wednesday, Apr. 3**

7:30 am April Gem Dalmacio

**Thursday, Apr. 4**

7:30 am Eddy Hampton

**Friday, Apr. 5**

7:30 am Esther Bruno

**Saturday, Apr. 6**

8:00 am Anna Lam

5:00 pm Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

7:00 pm (SP)

**Sunday, Apr. 7**

8:00 am Maximo Sebastian

10:00 am Pedro & Gloria Franco

12:00 pm Emilia & Antonio Jayin

4:00 pm (VN)



**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

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

**Hispanic Association** Rosie Estrada,  
Coordinator (925-639-7946)

**Columbiettes** Patsy Welty, 925-458-6787

**Knights of Columbus** Adrew Trias  
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**Regina Mundi Guild** Leah Abejuela,  
President([labejuela@gmail.com](mailto:labejuela@gmail.com))

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Esther Tilton,  
President [SVDPOLOW@gmail.com](mailto:SVDPOLOW@gmail.com)

**Legion of Mary:** Rick Belza (925-261-0283)

**Vietnamese Association**

**GOSPEL READING**

**LK 15:1-3, 11-32**

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Michelle McLaughlin, Liliana Baltar, Jovita Domingo, Eden Capistrano-Rosete, Joseph Do, Monica Aviles, Abraham Nacnac, Pauline Pangila, Virginia Quesada, Beverly Cawley, Mario and Emma Dolor, Sylvia Ho, Kathy Nebel 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. 24: \$ 5,949.00**

**Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,213.00**

*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

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in [Mark 12:13-17](#). Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See [Luke 18:9-14](#)).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.



### *Lenten Schedule for RCIA*

*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

### PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

The schedule for our Annual Lenten Retreat is as follows: (All will be held in the Church)

- **Monday, April 8** at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm will be in English. "Looking Beyond Shame, Guilt & Ugliness to embrace Happiness and Joy"
- **Tuesday, April 9** at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm will be in English. "Envy, the Enemy of Mercy"
- **Wednesday, April 10 & 12** at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, in Vietnamese. Chủ đề Tĩnh tâm Mùa chay 2019 vào ngày 10 và 12 tháng 4 "Biến đổi và Chấp nhận" do linh mục Bùi Đại thuyết trình. On Friday, April 12, the retreat will start after the Station of the Cross.

### LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE

**Our Lenten Communal Penance will be on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

### 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.

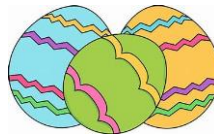
- April 1<sup>st</sup>: Vietnamese Community
- April 8<sup>th</sup>: Filipino Association



### 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.

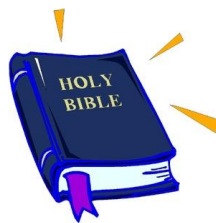


### BINGO

Come join us for our monthly Bingo, Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Palis Hall.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### 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 April 23.

For more information or to sign up, contact Rene Asuncion at 925-458-4574 or [director@olqwre.olqw.org](mailto: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!



## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, Apr. 1

5:00 pm Lenten Soup: Vietnamese Community  
7:00 pm Religious Education

### Tuesday, Apr. 2

7:00 pm K of C Rosary  
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

### Wednesday, Apr. 3

9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary  
1:00 pm RMG Meeting

### Thursday, Apr. 4

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy  
6:00 pm Columbiettes Meeting  
7:00 pm RCIA Class

### Friday, Apr. 5

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

### Saturday, Apr. 6

9:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday CCD Mass  
6:00 pm Bingo

### Sunday, Apr. 7

9:00 am K of C Breakfast  
1:00 pm P#3: St. Joseph Group Meeting  
1:00 pm VN School  
2:00 pm P#2: VN Choir

## AROUND DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS

St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco will be having Sunday afternoon concerts. All concerts begin at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral, 1111 Gough St. (at Geary) in San Francisco, and are open to the public.

A free will offering will be requested at the door. There is ample free parking at the Cathedral.

- March 31: The Munich Trio: Friedrich Ebelmann (Germany), Bassoon; Rebecca Rust, Cello; and Monica Chew, Piano. Works by Schiffelholz, Shostakovich, and Glinka
- April 7: Lyle Sheffler, Classical Guitar

- April 14: Thomas Mellan, Organ, and Espen Aas, Clarinet. Works by Webern, Bach, Berg, and Liszt
- April 21: Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, Piano
- April 28: David Ball (Orange, CA), Organ

### 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 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

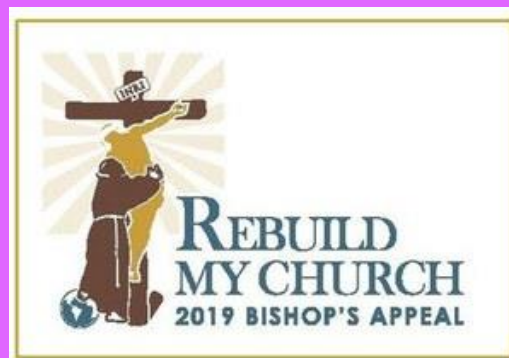
*Lord Jesus Christ, as St. Francis of Assisi responded to your call to "Rebuild My Church," may we also respond as you call us to rebuild your Church today in the Diocese of Oakland. It is the Church you built through the gift of your own Body and Blood. We come before you humbly today, grateful for 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](mailto:gmliller@oakdiocese.org).*