# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 14, 2019

Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo, Pastor Deacon Loc Nguyen

#### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday: 9:00ам - 1:00рм

#### 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. 15

7:30 am Mercedes M. Trompeta

Tuesday, Apr. 16

7:30 am Perito Reyes

Wednesday, Apr. 17

7:30 am Perfecto Rabang

Thursday, Apr. 18

8:00 am

Friday, Apr. 19

8:00 am

Saturday, Apr. 20

8:00 am

Sunday, Apr. 21

8:00 am Deceased Members of RMG

10:00 am Ebias Family 12:00 pm Wilfreado Rabang 2:00 pm (SP) † Paula Zelaya

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 (Andrew.trias@gmail.com)

**Regina Mundi Guild** Leah Abejuela, President(<u>labejuela@gmail.com</u>)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Esther Tilton, President SVDPOLOW@gmail.com

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

**Vietnamese Association** 

# **GOSPEL READING**

# LK 22:14—23:56

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.

"And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed." And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." He said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you." But he replied, "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."

He said to them, "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?" "No, nothing," they replied. He said to them, "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, *He was counted among the wicked;* and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment." Then they said, "Lord, look, there are two swords here." But he replied, "It is enough!"

Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"
And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of dark-

After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the an, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him." But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not." About an hour later, still another insisted, "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean." But Peter said, "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us, " but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth." Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "I find this man not guilty." But they were adamant and said, "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here."

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So, no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore, I shall have him flogged and then release him."

But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. —Again, Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore, I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So, he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyreni-

him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine, they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this, he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.



# **REFLECTION ON GOSPEL**

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by

noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

# **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Michelle McLaughlin, Nora Guevara, 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 Apr. 7: \$ 5,613.00 Building Fund: \$ 2,285.00

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.

# **PARISH EVENTS**

#### LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE

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

Las Confesiones por el tiempo de la cuaresma seran el lunes, Abril 15, a las 7:00 pm.

Giải Tội Mùa Chay vào thứ Hai ngày 15 tháng 4, lúc 7:00 tối

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 18th: Mass at 7:30 pm (Mass of the Lord Supper, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Hall then Adoration until midnight.) 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm the whole community; 10:00 pm to 10:30 pm Filipino Association; 10:30 pm to 11:00 pm Hispanic Community; 11:00 pm to 12:00 am Vietnamese Community.

# Good Friday, April 19th:

- Seven Last Words at 12:15 pm
- 1st day of Divine Mercy Novena (right after the Seven Last Words)
- Stations of the Cross (Spanish) at 4:00 pm
- Divine Mercy Novena (Spanish) in the Hall after Stations of the Cross
- Stations of the Cross (English) at 6:30 pm
- Veneration of the Cross (English) at 7:00 pm
- Veneration of the Cross (Vietnamese) at 9:00 pm

**Easter Vigil**, **April 20th:** Mass will begin at sundown (7:30 pm) **Easter Sunday**, **April 21st:** Regular Sunday mass schedule, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm in Vientnamese. Spanish mass will be at 2:00 pm.

#### **BAPTISM CLASS**

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.





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.

# **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

The Novena to the Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday after the Seven Last Words. On Sunday, April 21, the celebration will begin with a procession from the hall to the church for the 10:00 am and 12:00 pm masses. For 10:00 am, please assemble at the hall at 9:30 am. For 12:00 pm, please assemble at the hall at 11:30 am.

# **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 May 21. 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 or Religious Education office.

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

# **FOOD DRIVE**



We will maintain a donation barrel for nonperishable 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!



Lenten Schedule for RCIA

April 20, 2019

7:30 pm Reception of Sacraments -Easter Vigil (OLOW)

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

# **WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Monday, Apr. 15

7:00 pm Lenten Communal Penance 7:00 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, Apr. 16

7:30pm

CH: Triduum Choir

Wednesday, Apr. 17

9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary 7:30 pm CH: Triduum Choir

Thursday, Apr. 18 12:00 pm

(Holy Thursday)

K of C Easter Basket Pick up

Friday, Apr. 19

(Good Friday)

**Saturday, Apr. 20** 5:00 pm

(Easter Vigil)

P#2:Divine Mercy (SP)

Sunday, Apr. 21

(Easter Sunday)

1:00 pm 1:00 pm P#3: St. Joseph Group

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

# **AROUND DIOCESE OF OAKLAND**

# **DIVINE MERCY MISSION**

St. Michael Parish, 458 Maple St., Livermore, welcomes Fr. Wade L. J. Menezes, CPM, Catholic author, speaker, TV and radio host for a 3-Day Divine Mercy Mission April 26, 29 and 30. Sin, conversion and our call to holiness will be covered. Evening programs on April 26, 29 and 30, will include presentations by Fr. Wade, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for confession. Father Menezes will deliver homilies at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on each of these days.



For further information, visit https://stmichaellivermore.com/calendar/3-daydivine-mercy-mission?date=2019-04-26 or contact Tina Gregory at 925-667-4051 or Tinagregory@stmichaellivermore.com.

# **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.

April 14: Thomas Mellan, Organ, and Espen Aas, Clar-

inet. Works by Webern, Bach, Berg,

and Liszt

April 21: Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, Piano April 28: David Ball (Orange, CA), Organ

# CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY

Catholic Advocacy Day, April 30, is an annual event organized by the California Catholic Conference that provides an opportunity to visit the Capitol offices of California's elected legislators and influence them on pending bills of concern to the Catholic Church. This year's theme, "Serving the Poor, Lifting Up Families," emphasizes legislation relating to respect for life, economic justice, restorative justice, immigration and education. The day begins with a morning session devoted to briefing participants on the issues and coaching them on how to be effective advocates. Then, in the afternoon, participants walk over to the Capitol building in small groups to visit their legislators. For more information and if you want to be part of our diocesan delegation, please email Christina Hernandez at chernandez@oakdiocese.org with your name, address, parish and phone number.

# **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.

The second collection on **Easter Sunday**, **April 21st** will be for the Bishop's Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the pews and at the entrance of the Church.

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 evange-lization 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 gmiller@oakdiocese.org.