THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 2020

“Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 5: 19)

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, 12:00 Noon
4:00PM (Vietnamese)
Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM
First Friday: 7:30PM

Deviations
Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00PM- 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 925-642-3058.
* Vietnamese baptisms, contact Fr. Peter Dung D. Ngo at the parish office.

Marriage
Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.
Tel:(925) 458-4574-Website: olqwre.olqw.org
Email:director@olqwre.olqw.org

• 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, February 17
7:30 am Gregorio Mandap

Tuesday, February 18
7:30 am Adrian & Katrina Adriano

Wednesday, February 19
7:30 am Vicente-Ebias Family

Thursday, February 20
7:30 am Pepito Reyes

Friday, February 21
7:30 am Peter Luong

Saturday, February 22
8:00 am Maria Bui Thi Men
5:00 pm Presentacion Zablan Soberon

Sunday, February 23
8:00 am Zenaida Santos
10:00 am Errol & Kathy Asuncion
12:00 pm Manuel Gatmaitan
2:00 pm (SP) Ramon Gutierrez
4:00 pm (VN)

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray, President (nriray@comcast.net)

Hispanic Association Antonio Renteria, President (antonio.renteria201@yahoo.com)
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Columbiettes Cara Wahl, Vice President (lavignetoo@comcast.net)

Knights of Columbus Andrew Trias (Andrew.trias@gmail.com)

Regina Mundi Guild Alicia Belza, President 925-261-0283

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

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

Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President (Davidvu207@gmail.com)

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**GOSPEL READING**


Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.

But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery.

But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.

But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the evil one.”

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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Beverly Cawley, Kathy Nebel, Sylvia Ho, Conception Huezo, Ray & Alice Conner, Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Amy Kueck, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin 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.

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**STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE**

Sunday Plate February 9: $6,572.00

Catholic Charities: $1,300.00

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 for both first and second collections. Also please put your envelope number on the Memo line.
Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today’s reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord’s Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of “the Law and the prophets” he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew’s Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew’s community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through “the Law and the prophets.” But God’s work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Maybe because he was orphaned and had been treated shabbily by one of his brothers, Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was the ordinary thing for him to have a poor person or two with him at table and he liked to minister personally to their needs. Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor. Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible. The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or trouble-shooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome. Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony—the buying of church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office.

He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin. He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Peter was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-peter-damian
PARISH EVENTS

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 be on February 18th, 2020. For more information, contact [Contact Information].

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2020
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 7:00 pm (SP) Hall and 7:30 pm

LEGION OF MARY
The Legion of Mary meets to say the Rosary for the souls on the first Saturday of each month at Holy Cross Cemetery in Antioch, followed by Mass. We welcome all who would like to join us.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY
Tenemos estudio de la Biblia cada tercer jueves del mes. La próxima clase es el jueves, febrero 20, de las 7 a las 8:30 pm, en el portable #2.

El Sabado, Marzo 21, el Padre Luis Lopez nos dara una clase para Lectores y Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunion aqui en la iglesia, de las 9 de la mañan a las 12 pm. Toda la comunidad estamos invitados, no tienen que ser lectores o ministros para recibir esta informacion.

Tambien se les invita a una Charla de Cuaresma con el Padre Luis Lopez, el Miércoles, Marzo 25, de las 7 a las 9 de la noche.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RCIA SCHEDULE
March 1: 1st Scrutiny @ 10:00 am Mass
March 1: Rite of Election—Cathedral of Light @ 7:00 pm Mass
March 8: 2nd Scrutiny @ 12:00 pm Mass
March 15: 3rd Scrutiny @ 8:00 am Mass
March 21: Presentation of Creed @ 5:00 pm Mass
March 29: Mass @ 10:00 am
April 2: Chrism Mass @ Cathedral of Light @ 6:00 pm

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will be having a membership drive on February 22nd and 23rd after all masses.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, February 17
7:00 pm Religious Education

Tuesday, February 18
7:00 pm Bible Class

Wednesday, February 19
9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Filipino Assoc. Meeting
7:30 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, February 20
7:00 am RMG Casino Bus Trip
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy

Friday, February 21
5:00 pm Dinner with Amigos Prep
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, February 22
7:00 am Filipino Assoc. Casino Bus Trip
9:00 am Religious Education
11:00 am Dinner with Amigos Set up
3:30 pm Confession
6:00 pm Dinner with Amigos

Sunday, February 23
1:00 pm VN Fundraiser
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

On your contribution envelopes, please indicate that you need a statement or come by the rectory to pick up a copy.
Marriage Preparation is an intense time for engaged couples. Our programs include periods of deep couple conversations, reflection and prayer. Presenters share their faith and marriages, addressing important real-life topics from a Catholic perspective.

Register online for Marriage Preparation Programs at www.EastBayCatholic.com or call Laura Windham at 510-267-8395.

TAIZÉ - PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 2020, 8:00 PM—9:00 PM
Repeats every third Friday of the month until May 15, 2020
LOCATION: Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education and Spirituality

TAIZÉ Prayer is an ecumenical service, open to all faiths. This prayer and song around the Cross is held in the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel. In a spirit of peace and reconciliation, our TAIZÉ service is attended by people of all ages. For more information, please contact Sister Marcia Krause, OP at 510-502-5797. Please help us spread the word about this prayer service. Hope you are able to attend and bring a friend or two.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE KICK OFF VIGIL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 2020
Together we will save lives in Walnut Creek and Concord! Join us for the kick off of two vigils, each lasting 40 days, at two abortion clinics. Join Father James Moore, OP, at St. Mary Gym, 1198 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek, on Feb. 23 at 7 pm. See the flyer below for more details. Spanish flyer available by contacting CHernandez@oakdiocese.org.

2020 BISHOP’S APPEAL
The 2020 Bishop’s Appeal has begun. Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. decided to continue with the theme, Rebuild My Church, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us.

By embracing Rebuild My Church, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the East Bay. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, clergy, leadership, and those served by the ministries offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2020 Bishop’s Appeal. All gifts to the Appeal are equally important. As stewards of our faith we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond.

Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by Rebuild My Church and participated in our annual Bishop’s Appeal. While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to literally thousands of individuals each year.
Dinner With Amigos...

Date: Saturday, February 22\textsuperscript{nd}
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Palis Hall
Cost: $10 Adults - $5 Children (5-10 years old)

Join us for a night of dinner, relaxation, and conversation with family and amigos!

Serving: Pozole (Chicken or Pork) with chips and salsa
(Pozole, which means "homy", is a traditional soup or stew from Mexican Cuisine.)
SOLAR SYSTEM

The Maintenance Fund 2nd collection will be for the Solar System. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.