

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2020

*“During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.”*

*— Pope Francis*

**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

### Devotions

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.

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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

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Monday, March 2

7:30 am Douglas & Ruth Stanton

### Tuesday, March 3

7:30 am Louise Salazar

### Wednesday, March 4

7:30 am Faye & Leslie Paciski

### Thursday, March 5

7:30 am Natividad Garcia

### Friday, March 6

7:30 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

### Saturday, March 7

8:00 am Joseph Hoang Van Thanh

9:30 am CCD Family Mass

5:00 pm Ngan Vu

7:00 pm (SP) Miguel Botello Gomez

### Sunday, March 8

8:00 am Bienvenido Italia Rosaura

10:00 am James Philip Bautista

12:00 pm Ngan Vu

4:00 pm (VN)



### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
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**Vietnamese Association:** Hiep David Vu, President  
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## GOSPEL READING

### MT 4: 1-11



At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply,

"It is written:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city,

and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him,

"Again it is written,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain,

and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence,

and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you,

if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him,

"Get away, Satan!

It is written:

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold,

angels came and ministered to him.

### 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.*

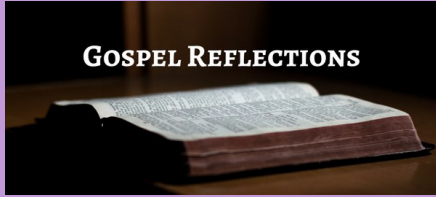
### STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

**Sunday Plate February 23: \$ 5,766.00**

**Parish Assessment: \$ 1,752.00**

*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.**



In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



### *Lenten Schedule for RCIA*

- March 1: Rite of Election—Cathedral of Light @ 7:00 pm
- 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

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





## PARISH EVENTS



### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.

### 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.



### LENTEN SOUP



Every Monday during Lent come join the Parish Community for a simple Lenten soup dinner. It begins on Monday, March 2nd, hosted by Regina Mundi Guild.

### BINGO

Come join us for our monthly Bingo, Saturday, March 7th at 6:00 pm in Palis Hall.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Knights of Columbus invite you to come join them for Pancake Breakfast at Palis Hall on Sunday, February 2nd at 9:00 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 be on March 17th, 2020. For more information , contact Rene Asuncion or the Parish office.

### CONFIRMATION 3 PARENTS

There will be a MANDATORY Meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

### First Holy Communion Parents

There will be a MANDATORY meeting on Monday, March 14 at 9:00 am in the Church.

## 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!

## 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.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Everybody wins  
when you **donate blood**



Our Lady Queen Of The World  
Sunday, March 15, 2020  
8:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Blood Drive Will Be Located Inside Parrish Hall  
3155 Winterbrook Dr, Bay Point CA

To schedule your appointment please visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and click donate. Use your unique sponsor code: **OLQW**



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The new name for Blood Centers of the Pacific

Contribution statements are now available.

On your contribution envelopes, please indicate that you need a statement or come by the rectory to pick up a copy.

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, March 2

5:00 pm Lenten Soup (RMG)  
7:00 pm Religious Education

### Tuesday, March 3

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

### Wednesday, March 4

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

### Thursday, March 5

6:00 pm Columbiettes Meeting  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SP)  
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy

### Friday, March 6

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir  
6:00 pm Adoration  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
8:00 pm Hospitality Movie Night

### Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Religious Education  
3:30 pm Confession  
6:00 pm **BINGO**

### Sunday, March 8

9:00 am K of C Pancake Breakfast  
1:00 pm Hall: VN School  
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



## 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.

The Bishop's Appeal provides funds to help offset some of the following programmatic expenses:

- Parishes & Schools in Need
- Clergy Formation & Support
- Religious Education & Faith Formation
- Pastoral Ministries & Services
- Priest Retirement & Care

Jesus Christ promised us at His Ascension: "I will be with you all days until the end of the ages." If Christ has helped you and your family, if He has been generous to you, will you consider sharing some of the blessings you have received with Christ and His Church?

Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

**Our Lady Queen of the World's 2020 goal is \$19,600.**

## 13th Annual Parish St. Patrick's Dinner

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

## Saturday March 14th



Doors open at 6pm Dinner 7pm

Our Lady Queen of the World Parish Hall

3155 Winterbrook Dr. Bay Point, CA 94565

### The Menu Includes

Corned Beef or Chicken, Potatoes, Cabbage

Beer, Wine and soft drinks will be available

Raffles Prizes and a Cake Auction

### Tickets for sale through March 8th

No tickets sold at the door

Adults \$12.50 Youth 10 and under \$6.00



Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.

Tickets sold after all masses

Starting Feb 22th 2019

## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020

**"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

### 1. *The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion*

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This *kerygma* sums up the mystery of a love "so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue" (*Christus Vivit*, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the "father of lies" (*Jn* 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" (No. 123). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

### 2. *The urgency of conversion*

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "who loved me and gave himself for me" (*Gal* 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. *Hos* 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

### 3. *God's passionate will to dialogue with his children*

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. *2 Cor* 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of *Pope Benedict XVI*, "turning of God against himself" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. *Mt* 5:43-48).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (*Acts* 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

### 4. *A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself*

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. *Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students*, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. *Mt* 5:13-14).

Francis

Rome, at Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019  
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary





## Spring Festival Queen

(Our Lady Queen of the World Solar Project)

Did you buy a raffle ticket yet? The second counting will be held on March 5, 2020. There will be 2 Early Bird Prizes that will be drawn on March 8 and each early bird prize is valued at no less than \$100.00. Get your raffle tickets now or buy some more to increase your chances. Aside from the cash prizes of \$1,000.00, \$600.00 & 400.00 we also have consolation prizes like a brand new BMW Folding Bike, a Nuwave 6 qt Nutri pot, etc. Help your favorite candidates win by purchasing the raffle tickets, Souvenir ads or coronation ball dinner tickets. Souvenir ad forms are available from each candidate and forms slots by the door of the church. Help us get to reach our goal. We'll be outside after every mass so get your tickets now.

### Spring Queen Festival Candidates



1st prize \$1,000.00



2nd prize \$600.00



3rd prize \$400.00



BMW folding bike



Nuwave 6 qt multi-pressure cooker

#### SOLAR SYSTEM

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