

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

*“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)*

**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 16

7:30 am Catalina Bautista

## Tuesday, March 17

7:30 am Antonio Santos Jr.

## Wednesday, March 18

7:30 am Dan Henson

## Thursday, March 19

7:30 am Gonzalo & Rosario Arrivas

## Friday, March 20

7:30 am Felipe & Elvira Enrique

## Saturday, March 21

8:00 am Henry Brodie Jr.

5:00 pm Vicente-Ebias Families

7:00 pm (SP) Maria Irma Mancia

## Sunday, March 22

8:00 am Elisa & Jonah Ngo

10:00 am Natividad Garcia

12:00 pm Domingo & Purita Quimbao

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

Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar,  
near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.  
Jacob's well was there.

Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.  
It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her,  
"Give me a drink."

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him,

"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"  
—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—

Jesus answered and said to her,

"If you knew the gift of God  
and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,'  
you would have asked him  
and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him,

"Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep;  
where then can you get this living water?"

Are you greater than our father Jacob,  
who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself  
with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;  
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him,

"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty  
or have to keep coming here to draw water.

"I can see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain;

but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her,

"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You people worship what you do not understand;

we worship what we understand,  
because salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here,

when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth;

and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him

must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him,

"I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ;  
when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus said to her,

"I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him.

When the Samaritans came to him,

they invited him to stay with them;

and he stayed there two days.

Many more began to believe in him because of his word,

and they said to the woman,

"We no longer believe because of your word;

for we have heard for ourselves,

and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

# RCIA

## A JOURNEY IN FAITH

### Lenten Schedule for RCIA

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.



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Miguel Ortiz and all those in the Parish who are sick, and all those listed in the Book of Intention.

### STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

**Sunday Plate March 8: \$ 5,849.00**

**Parish Assessment: \$ 1,757.00**

*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.



## PARISH EVENTS



### BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, April 14th 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. On Monday, March 16th, it will be hosted by the Vietnamese Community.

### SPRING FESTIVAL EARLY BIRD DRAWING WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Tere Elampero  
Eric Chin

Third Early Bird drawing will be on April 4th, make sure

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will be having a membership drive on March 28th and 29th after all masses.



### PALMS FOR PALMS SUNDAY DO YOU OWN A SAGO PALM PLANT?



We need donations of Sago Palms for Palm Sunday. If you own some and able to donate, please bring them to the church hall on April 3, 2020  
Friday morning 8 am.

### SOLAR SYSTEM

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

## 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!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



THE CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL BE SELLING GOODIES AFTER MASS ON THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 21 & 22 TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY.

PLEASE STOP BY AND CHECK OUT THEIR GOODIES, SAY HELLO TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS AND TOGETHER LET US DO OUR ACT OF ALMSGIVING THIS LENT.



### EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT



On Easter Sunday, April 12th, the Confirmation/Youth Group will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt after the 12 noon mass in the Parish Grounds. We need donation of Plastic Eggs in a variety of sizes and candies and prizes. Please bring them to the CCD Office during CCD hours on Saturday or Monday or bring them to the Rectory during Rectory Office hours no later than April 4, 2020.

Your donation is much appreciated by the Youth Group and the parish.

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



### 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

#### Monday, March 16

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

#### Tuesday, March 17

7:00 pm Hispanic Meeting  
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

#### Wednesday, March 18

9:15 am CH: Legion of Mary  
7:00 pm SM: Filipino Assoc. Meeting  
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

#### Thursday, March 19

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

#### Friday, March 20

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 21

9:00 am Religious Education  
11:00 am Kitchen: Youth Group  
3:30 pm Confession

#### Sunday, March 22

9:00 am P#3: St. Joseph's Group Retreat  
1:00 pm Hall: VN School  
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



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.**

### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BARBER: WINTER COLD AND FLU SEASON

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season.

If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

## 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

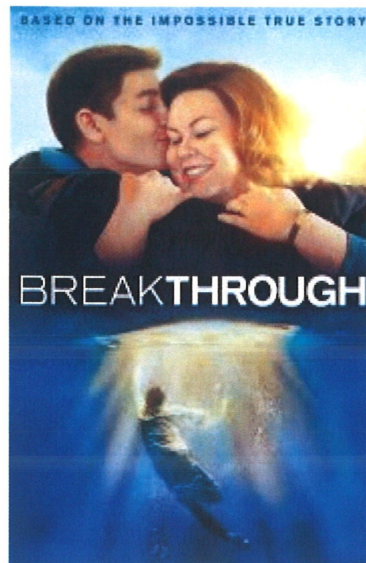




# LENTEN FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

(Free Admission)

FEATURING



## **BREAKTHROUGH**

PG - 90 minutes

When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost as John lies lifeless. In the face of every bleak medical case history and dire scientific prediction. Joyce's unwavering belief inspires her community to pray for John's recovery. Based on the incredible true story. This is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.

## **MARCH 20, 2020**

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Movie starts at 8 p.m.