THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2020

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”
(Matthew 17:5)

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.

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 mem-
bership in the Catholic Church.

• St. Vincent de Paul
Food pantry opens Mondays 9:30AM -11AM in the Parish hall
Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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.

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE
Sunday Plate March 1: $ 5,496.00
Building Fund: $ 2,338.00

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.
For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus’ retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus’ Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus’ first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus’ Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus’ glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today’s reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God’s Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus’ baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God’s relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God’s complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus’ disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew’s Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an “inner circle” among Jesus’ disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

---

**Lenten Schedule for RCIA**

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. On Monday, March 9th, it will hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes.

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

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 Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 am in the Church.

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

SOLAR SYSTEM

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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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 9
5:00 pm  Lenten Soup (KofC, Columbiettes)
7:00 pm  Religious Education

Tuesday, March 10
7:00 pm  Pre-Baptism class
7:00 pm  Hispanic Meeting

Wednesday, March 11
9:15 am  CH: Legion of Mary

Thursday, March 12
7:00 pm  Stations of the Cross (SP)
7:00 pm  P#2: Divine Mercy

Friday, March 13
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 14
9:00 am  Religious Education
11:00 am  St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Set-up
3:30 pm  Confession
6:00 pm  St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

Sunday, March 15
9:00 am  OLQW Blood Drive
9:00 am  P#3: St. Joseph’s Group Retreat
1:00 pm  Hall: VN School
2:00 pm  P#2: Vietnamese Choir

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.

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.
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 well as 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

© Copyright - Libreria Editrice Vaticana
MIRACLES IN HEAVEN

Anna Beam (Kylie Rogers) lives with a rare, incurable disorder that leaves her unable to digest food. Despite the dire diagnosis, devoted mom Christy (Jennifer Garner) relentlessly searches for a way to save her beloved daughter. Everything changes in an instant when Anna tells an amazing story of a visit to heaven after surviving a headlong tumble into a tree. Her family and doctors become even more baffled when the young girl begins to show signs of recovering from her fatal condition.

MARCH 13, 2020

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Movie starts at 8 p.m.