

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020

God will show us the path of life.

(Psalm 16: 11)

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, April 27

7:30 am Peter Lai

Tuesday, April 28

7:30 am Beryl Graham

Wednesday, April 29

7:30 am Aquilino Jayin

Thursday, April 30

7:30 am Gerino Monsanto Jr.

Friday, May 1

7:30 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

Saturday, May 2

8:00 am Paul Hoang Pham

5:00 pm Reschedule

7:00 pm (SP) Reschedule

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am Elias' Intentions

10:00 am Antonio Santos Jr.

12:00 pm Ricky Belza

4:00 pm (VN)

GOSPEL READING

LK 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.



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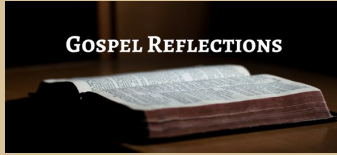
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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, victims of the Corona Virus 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)

PARISH EVENTS

CONFESSIONS:

**Father Peter will be offering
Outdoor Confessions on
Saturdays from 4:00 pm at the
Divine Mercy Statue.**

**Our Sunday Mass will be Live
Stream on our Facebook Page
at 10:00 am every Sunday until**

The shelter-in-place order has
been extended to April 30th.

Please keep all those in the
frontlines of this pandemic in
your prayers.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

**The Church will
remain open during these
difficult times to provide a
place of prayer and solace.
All public Masses and
Church activities are
suspended until
further notice.**

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!

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER:

Our Saint Vincent DePaul has tried to maintain our weekly giving food. However, the needs are increasing recently but the fund is decreasing. So on their behalf, I ask you all to give an extra hand and with our Saint Vincent de Paul to help our brothers and sisters. " For when I was hungry you gave me food, Thirsty....." Sharing food with our brothers and sisters is to share with Jesus.

Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please drop your monetary donation in the wooden box at the Church entrance or the rectory mailbox. Please make sure to make the check out to Our Lady Queen of the World and place on the memo line "SVDP."

CCD STUDENTS RICE BOWLS:

Please place them into the box at the
entrance of the Church.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Amounts will be posted in a later date.

*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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please drop your Sunday Envelopes in the wooden box in front entrance of the Church or the rectory mail box or mail it to the Church. You can also go online at <https://oakdiocese.org/parish-support> .



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.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BARBER:

I know that my Redeemer lives. (Job 19:25).

I've been holding onto that verse these past weeks. When I feel afraid, it gives me comfort and strength. By saying my Redeemer lives, it means that no matter what happens to us or our country in these weeks, Christ has risen. He overcomes all pain, suffering and uncertainty. He doesn't take it away, but He -- and all those who are His disciples -- will overcome.

What is the worst that can happen to us during this time? We could catch coronavirus and die. But is death the end? Not for those who believe in Christ and are baptized. I remember back to 1985, TWA Flight 847 was hijacked in Athens by terrorists. There were some U.S. soldiers and sailors among the passengers. They were beaten, and one of them, sailor Robert Stethem, was shot in the head, and his body dumped out of the plane onto the tarmac. A few weeks later at his funeral in the US, his brother, also a sailor, got up to speak. For as long as I live, I will never forget his words: "I know that if my brother were here today, he would want to say one thing. 'That no matter what happens, *God reigns.*'" Although that sailor was mourning the loss of his brother, his faith -- and his brother's faith -- was paramount.

I know that my Redeemer lives.

The next-worst thing that can happen to us in this crisis is losing our job. Then you can't pay the rent, feed your family, pay your bills, etc. Even with unemployment insurance, there will be significant hardship. I've seen this situation handled in two basic ways. One, a person goes into a depression, resulting in inaction. I had a Commanding Officer in the Navy once. He had been a submarine captain, and then was C.O. of the Navy base where I was serving. The Navy decided it had too many senior officers, and thinned the ranks. Through no fault of his own, he was involuntarily retired. With full pension and benefits. He was in his early 50s. Rather than look for a job, he sat home and sulked. His wife went to work as a school librarian to help pay the bills. She was frustrated. He felt worthless, even though he had a distinguished Navy career. And his faith was not very strong. No prayer.

Another case. A young man recently graduated with a good business degree. Put in applications at all the usual accounting firms. Presented well on his interviews. Yet no job offers. Undeterred, he kept applying. Kept interviewing. Still no offers. Yet he didn't give up. Went to daily Mass. Prayed that God would open a door for him. Trusted. Finally, being hungry and not having much money, he decided to have his lunch at a hospital cafeteria. He knew the food would be good and cheap. While dining, he struck up a conversation with a nurse at the table and revealed his situation. She told him that she didn't know if the hospital needed another accountant, but they were looking to hire someone to work with mothers who were drug addicts and their newborn children. The fellow interviewed and was hired on the spot. Weeks later he said he felt so much more fulfilled helping take care of "crack babies" than if he were working in a business office. He trusted, and the Lord put him in the right place.

I know that my Redeemer lives.

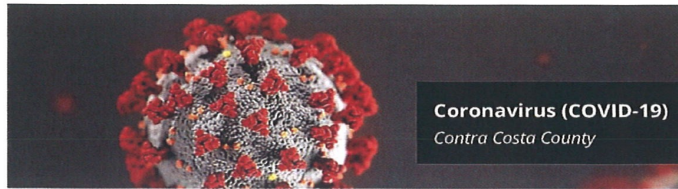
Being a Christian does not mean we will have a life devoid of suffering. But it does mean that the Lord's promises to us will be fulfilled. And the main promise is that He has overcome suffering and death. And He will lead all those who are joined to Him through baptism and the Eucharist to a Resurrection from the dead. And smaller resurrections here, during our earthly life.

I know that my Redeemer lives. And He will never let you down.

*Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus
Pandemic*

**O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.**

**Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not
disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.**



The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.
- Contra Costa Health Services does not recommend wearing a mask to avoid becoming infected with a respiratory disease. Masks can be effective when worn by someone who is already sick to prevent the spread of their disease.

Take Steps to Protect Yourself



Clean Your Hands Often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take Steps to Protect Others



Stay home if you're sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. [Learn what to do if you are sick.](#)



Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



If you are sick, wear a facemask

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. [Learn what to do if you are sick.](#)
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

Content source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH](#)

Alameda and Contra Costa counties have updated their requirements for people wearing face coverings in public or in business or other settings. Please be sure your staff are following the requirements. Alameda County's requirements are available at <https://bit.ly/OAK-Alameda> and Contra Costa County's can be found at <https://bit.ly/OAK-ContraCosta>.