

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2020

Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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, August 3

7:30 am Maria Juong Nguyen

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 am Rosalina & Gina Masangcay

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 am Guise Doan Nguyen

Thursday, August 6

7:30 am Sixta Rivera

Friday, August 7

7:30 am Mary Bautista

Saturday, August 8

8:00 am Basilio & Juana Flores

5:00 pm Reschedule

7:00 pm (SP) Reschedule

Sunday, August 9

8:00 am Mai & Sean Tran

10:00 am Mai Dinh

12:00 pm Florence Pierce

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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GOSPEL READING

MT 14: 13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves."

But they said to him,

"Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."

Then he said, "Bring them here to me,"

and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,

he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

They all ate and were satisfied,

and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Wesceslao C. Solomon Jr., Michael Regello, Adele Discipulo, Robert Angelito, victims of the Coronavirus, 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

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

ST. SIXTUS AND HIS COMPANIONS

Feast Day: August 7



Pope St Sixtus, (a Latinisation of the Greek Xystos, meaning “polished”) was ordained bishop of Rome in 257 and was pope from August 257 to August 258 – during the time of the persecution of the Emperor Valerian (253-260). He is the Sixtus mentioned in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer). Paddy Duffy writes:

A more conciliatory approach to the “lapsed” and the baptism of heretics

During the pontificate of Sixtus's predecessor, Pope St Stephen I (253-257), a sharp dispute had arisen among the Christian churches about the attitude to be taken to those who had lapsed from the faith during persecution (should they be kept out or re-admitted?) and the attitude to be taken towards those who had been baptised by heretics (was that baptism valid or should they be re-baptised?). St Cyprian in Africa and the churches in Asia favoured a stricter approach while Rome in the person of Popes St Stephen I and Pope St Sixtus II favoured a more conciliatory approach which eventually won the day.

Martyred at the catacombs of St Callistus

When the Emperor ordered the persecution of Christians, Sixtus was with four deacons at the cemetery of Saint Callistus when the soldiers came to take him to his execution. He was buried at the catacombs of Saint Callistus.

Inscription of Pope Damasus

Pope Damasus (366-384) wrote an inscription in Sixtus's name which was placed on his tomb:

At the time when the sword pierced the bowels of the Mother, I, buried here, taught as Pastor the Word of God; when suddenly the soldiers rushed in and dragged me from the chair. The faithful offered their necks to the sword, but as soon as the Pastor saw the ones who wished to rob him of the palm (of martyrdom) he was the first to offer himself and his own head, not tolerating that the (pagan) frenzy should harm the others. Christ, who gives recompense, made manifest the Pastor's merit, preserving unharmed the flock (PL 13:383-4).

The next year, while saying Mass in the cemetery of Saint Callistus, Sixtus's was seized by soldiers on the orders of the Emperor Valerian and along with four deacons was put to death. He was buried in the same cemetery

Every Pope up to and including Sixtus II was a martyr.

<https://www.catholicireland.net/saintoftheday/st-sixtus-ii-pope-257-258-and-his-companions-martyrs/>

PARISH EVENTS

CONFESSIONS:

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

All indoor services are cancelled until further notice from the CCHS and the Diocese. Our weekday masses will be held outdoors until further notice.

We will still have our outdoor parking lot mass on Sundays @ 9:00 am .The outdoor mass will also be LiveStream on our Facebook page.

The list of readings and songs for the Mass may be seen on our Facebook Page.

Adoration and Benediction are ongoing at 6:00 pm every Friday. There will be Mass on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 pm.

REGISTRATION FOR CCD 2020-2021

Registration for CCD school year 2020-2021 is ongoing. Please stop by the CCD office or the Rectory to register. For new students, please bring a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate.

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!

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

August 13: Our Lady of LaVang

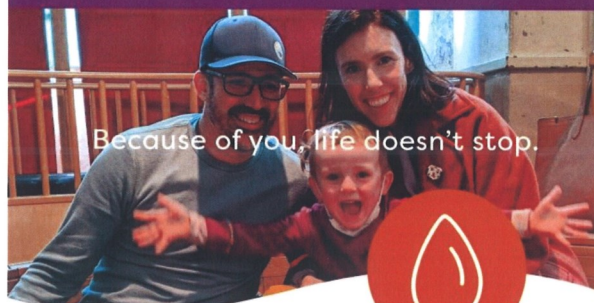
September 14: Our Lady of Guadalupe

October 13: Our Lady Queen of the World

ALL DEVOTIONS WILL START AT 7:00 PM WITH A PROCESSION FROM THE HALL TO THE CHURCH FOLLOWED BY MASS.



BLOOD DRIVE



Because of you, life doesn't stop.

Our Lady Queen of the World Community Blood Drive

**Thursday, September 3, 2020
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Our drive will be located inside Parrish Hall

3155 Winterbrook Dr, Bay Point, CA 94565

To schedule your appointment please visit vitalant.org and click donate. Use your unique sponsor code: **OLQW**
Or call 877.258.4825

"You're not just doing something good, you are potentially saving a life like mine. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the help of 32 strangers who donated blood, plasma and platelets back in 2016."
-Emily

Questions, please contact **Becky Trombley** at kipbeck@yahoo.com



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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> .



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY SPONSORS NEW PODCAST.

Charting Toward Intimacy is a new podcast sponsored by the Marriage and Life Ministry. The launch is timed to introduce the 2020 Natural Family Planning Week.

Follow the podcast at www.oakdiocese.org/family-planning, facebook.com/chartingtowardintimacy and on Instagram @chartingtowardintimacy.

With new episodes launching *every other Monday*, expect real conversations about Natural Family Planning with host Ellen Holloway. Episode topics range from interviews with couples and individuals using NFP to deeper more theological discussions on the concept of Natural Family Planning and the Catholic Church.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES (VIRTUAL) COMING IN JULY AND AUGUST



The Office of Marriage & Family Life is still providing Marriage Preparation (16 hours) virtually at least through July in both English (July 11-12) and Spanish (July 17-18). August 2-3 will be an English Prep for couples who are remarrying (widowed or recently annulled) or having

their civil marriage blessed in the Church.

Register now at www.EastBayCatholic.com or call Jean at 510-267-8357.

CATHOLICSCARE SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, CatholicsCare provides opportunities for Caregivers to receive support and spiritual nourishment.

To learn more and join the daily LIVE Zoom calls, please visit <https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care>.



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.

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)

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PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I pray for the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly on earth and in eternity. Amen!

*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.**