

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 11, 2021

**Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo, Pastor**  
**Deacon Loc Nguyen**

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

### Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English Indoor)  
7:00 pm (Spanish Indoor)

Sunday 9:00 am (English Outdoor)  
12 noon (English Indoor)  
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Indoor)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM  
First Friday:

### 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 12

7:30 am Inez & Felix Macapagal

### Tuesday, April 13

7:30 am Benjamin A. Santos

### Wednesday, April 14

7:30 am Pham's Intentions

### Thursday, April 15

7:30 am Maria & Joseph

### Friday, April 16

7:30 am Benjamin A. & Zenaida Santos

### Saturday, April 17

8:00 am Nancy Anderson

5:00 pm Benjamin A. Santos

7:00 pm (SP) Prudencia Avelar

### Sunday, April 18

9:00 am Deceased Members of RMG

Jose T. Masangcay

12 noon Maria Le Thi Quy

4:00 pm (VN)



### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
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**Legion of Mary:** Rick Belza (925-261-0283)

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

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin, Miguel Ortiz, Michael Regello, Adele Discipulo, Virgilio Constantino, Francisco Arias, Pacita Grabek, Rosalina Masangcay, Carmelo Cecilio, Lynn Anderson, victims of the Coronavirus, all those in the Parish who are sick and all those listed in the Book of Intention.

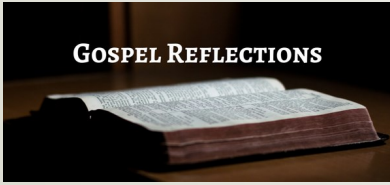
*If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.*

### 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

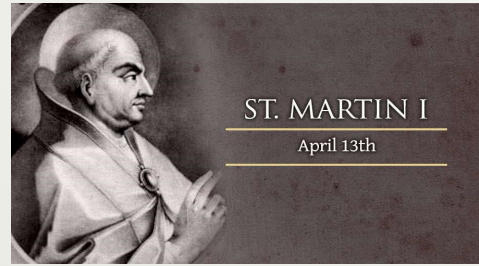


Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



When Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

A teaching, strongly supported in the East, held that Christ had no human will. Twice, emperors had officially favored this position: Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith, and Constans II by silencing the issue of one or two wills in Christ.

Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy—which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor—Martin held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. In response, Constans II first tried to turn bishops and people against the pope.

Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Martin and to bring him back to Constantinople. Already in poor health, Martin offered no resistance, returned with Calliopas, the exarch of Constantinople, and was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures, and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the imposed torture already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who was himself gravely ill.

Tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll, Martin died shortly thereafter. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.

## PARISH EVENTS

### CONFESSIONS:

**Father Peter will be offering  
Outdoor Confessions on  
Saturdays from 3:30 pm at the  
Divine Mercy Shrine.**

**Indoor mass schedule:  
Saturdays at 5:00 pm in English  
and 7:00 pm in Spanish; Sundays  
at 12 noon in English and 4:00 pm  
in Vietnamese. No registration re-  
quired. We will still observe social  
distancing protocols.**

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

### NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Novena to the Holy Spirit will begin on Wednesday, April 14th to Thursday, April 22nd . The following will be the schedule times:

April 14th: 8:30 am	April 19th: 8:30 am
April 15th: 8:30 am	April 20th: 8:30 am
April 16th: 8:30 am	April 21st: 8:30 am
April 17th: 9:00 am	April 22nd: 8:30 am
April 18th: 7:45 am	



**ALL NOVENAS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH.**

### 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> .

## 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!



*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
of Contra Costa County*

*St. Vincent de Paul's branch, "Conference" at Our Lady Queen of the World is Seeking a few Interested Volunteers*

*Here at Our Lady Queen of the World, the SVdP branch helps neighbors in need who call our parish for help. Due to the COVID crisis, we need more helpers at this time than ever before!*

*We assist our neighbors by providing food, rental assistance, furniture, clothing, referral to other services and more. Volunteering can be provided virtually such as returning phone calls for assistance and connecting people in need to resources or in person, which requires training, but is very personally rewarding.*

*This is the most fulfilling volunteer work you will ever experience! Consider joining the SVdP team at Our Lady Queen of the World by contacting SVdP Conference President Esther Tilton, [SVDPOLQW@gmail.com](mailto:SVDPOLQW@gmail.com)*

*"What God asks of us in particular is to have great care to serve the poor."*

*Vincent DePaul*



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## REGINA MUNDI GUILD

Regina Mundi Guild Membership Drive will be held on April 17th and 18th after each mass. Stop by the table and speak to one of the members to learn more about the Guild.

## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Knights free membership drive will be held on April 18th, May 16th and June 20th after each mass. For additional information contact Brother Andrew Trias 510-719-0834.

### SOLAR SYSTEM

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



## 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>.

### SAN DAMIANO EVENT "CALLED: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SAYING YES TO GOD"

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 , 6:30 pm—8:00 pm  
VIRTUAL EVENT

Casey Cole, OFM works extensively on social media, evangelizing and catechizing through YouTube videos, podcasts, and blog posts. Check out his engaging website and videos at [breakinginthehabit.org](http://breakinginthehabit.org). Fr. Casey will join us from Atlanta via Zoom to present insights from his book *Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God*. Those signing up for the retreat will receive a free copy of Fr. Casey's book. Whether you're considering a religious vocation or simply trying to lead a Christ-centered life, Fr. Casey has news: Christian life doesn't end with a profession of faith or hearing of God's call. To register, please go to: <https://sandamiano.org/events/father-casey-2021/>

### SAN DAMIANO: FRATELLI TUTTI 3-PART SERIES

Thursday, April 22, 2021, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Repeats every Thursday until May 6, 2021  
VIRTUAL EVENT

Join us for three one-hour sessions on the encyclical where we will discuss the Pope's reflections on the negative trends in our world and his vision for how we can reverse these negative trends and restore hope in our future. In short, his message is that, as one big human family sharing the same planet together, it is time to start viewing our relationship with one another- individually and globally – in a new way.

To register, please go to: <https://sandamiano.org/events/fratelli-tutti/>

## *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.

## 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.

## What is Divine Mercy Sunday?



The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.”

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina’s visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus’ own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: “I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy.”

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina’s diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come.”

**The Hispanic community will be selling a plate of Barbacoa with rice and beans it will tortillas, cilantro, onions, and salsa Verde.**



***When: April 18th  
Time: from 10am-1am  
please preorder until  
April 16th***

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