# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **APRIL 25, 2021**

## "I am the good shepherd."

(John 10: 11)

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

#### Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00ам - 1:00рм

#### 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.

**Rene Asuncion**, Director of Rel. Ed. Tel:(925) 458-4574-Website: olqwre.olqw.org Email:<u>director@olqwre.olqw.org</u>

#### • 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





Monday, April 26 7:30 am Virginia Jimenez Tuesday, April 27 Iluminada Reves 7:30 am Wednesday, April 28 7:30 am Peter Lai Thursday, April 29 7:30 am All Souls in Purgatory Friday, April 30 7:30 am Aquilino Jayin Saturday, May 1 8:00 am Guise Khang Nguyen 5:00 pm Felix Ysturiz Loila Rosales 7:00 pm (SP) Sunday, May 2 9:00 am Benjamin A. Santos Asuncion Family Thanksgiving Marino Cachola Sr. 12 noon4:00 pm (VN)



#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray, President (nriray@comcast.net)

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**Regina Mundi Guild** Leah Abejuela, 925-300-7081 (labejuela@gmail.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** *Esther Tilton, President* <u>SVDPOLQW@gmail.com</u>

Legion of Mary: *Rick Belza (925-261-0283)* Vietnamese Association: *Hiep David Vu, President* (*Davidvu207(@gmail.com*) Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own. sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

#### **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.



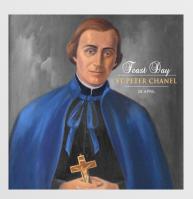
The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.



Anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel.

Born in France, Peter's interest in the missions began in school, when he read letters missionaries to America sent back home. As a young priest, Peter revived a parish in a "bad" district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Obediently, he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years. Meanwhile, Peter struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death.

Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-chanel

### 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 required. 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 Facebook page.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS**

Envelopes for Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet are available at the entrance of the Church.

Please drop off your Mother's Day intentions in the wooden box at the entrance of the Church or in the mailbox at the rectory.

This is the special time of the year to remember our mothers. All your intentions will be placed in the Altar for the week of May 8 to May 15.

#### **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.

#### NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT CORRECTED DATES

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

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



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

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

#### FOOD DRIVE



We will maintain a donation barrel for nonperishable 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!

#### **REGINA MUNDI GUILD**

RUMMAGE SALE MAY 3-MAY 6, 2021 At Palis Hall

Date of Sale: May 3 (Monday) - 6:30pm-8:30pm May 4 (Tuesday) - 9:00am-2:00pm May 5 (Wednesday) - 9:00am-2:00pm May 6 (Thursday) - 9:00am-11:30am

(May 6 is BAG DAY. Fill a brown bag for only \$6.)

\* Please drop off your gently used donations (clothing, small kitchen appliances, books, knick-knacks) at the hall after the 9 AM mass on Sunday, May 2, and Monday, May 3, for the Rummage Sale.

#### 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.

#### ST. MARY'S COLLEGE VIRTUAL SPRING MUSICAL (MAY 11-23)

When a group of young strangers join a new online meeting space during a once-in-a-lifetime mystical event and a-once-in-a-century pandemic, will they find the connection they seek, and will they unravel the mysteries of love, life and adulting before the stars appear to collide? With a soaring score and intimate stories, gather 'round is a musical film for this most singular of times.

E-tickets: \$8 SMC students; \$12 SMC faculty and staff, non-SMC students; \$15 general

Information: 925-631-4670



### **COVID VACCINATION**

### **SOLANO PHARMACY**

Solano Pharmacy in Concord has a drive thru vaccination on Fridays. For appointments please call 925-332-5141.

#### **2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although we have not been able to gather in person as we normally do for nearly a year, I am eager for the day when we can open the doors to our beautiful Cathedral of Christ the Light and all our churches, to celebrate Holy Mass together.

The challenges of the past year bring sharply into focus the need for spiritual strength. For some time now, I have been reflecting on this Scripture verse:

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121

When we are seeking help, consolation, and encouragement, we turn to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Today, for so many, that prayer is made in your home. As children, we learned to pray first with our parents. Now, even more so, we are experiencing church at home, through our parish's livestream Masses, spiritual and social online gatherings.

While some of the ways we gather have changed, the work of the Church has stayed strong. The ministries of our Diocese have found creative and new ways to reach out and connect with everyone. We have all used technology, creativity, and ingenuity to keep the work of the Diocese available, accessible and meaningful. We are here and not just ready to serve; we are serving.

It is the time of year when I come to each of you and seek your financial support to maintain our vital diocesan services and programs. Our religious education and faith formation, pastoral ministries, clergy support, seminarian formation and care for our retired priests all rely on your gifts to keep going. Will you please help me assure that the resources are provided to continue the care and outreach that is so important to our collective spirit?

We continue with the theme Rebuild My Church for a third year. It seems more appropriate than ever. With your gifts, and prayers, we will meet the challenges and opportunities ahead, together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J. Bishop of Oakland

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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

## 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.



## **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** 

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



Vincent DePaul

Parish Contact at OLQW: rectory@olqw.org or call 925-458-4718