

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.” (John 3: 16)*

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.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.

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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, March 15

7:30 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

Tuesday, March 16

7:30 am Catalina Bautista

Wednesday, March 17

7:30 am Anna Nguyen Chi Huan

Thursday, March 18

7:30 am Edgar & Rebecca Flores

Friday, March 19

7:30 am Felipe & Elvira Enrique

Saturday, March 20

8:00 am Kim Tran's Intentions

5:00 pm Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

7:00 pm (SP) Ysabel Vazquez

Sunday, March 21

9:00 am Vicente & Ebias Families

Lynn Anderson

Deceased Members of Cristobal Family

12 noon Leonidas Tubis

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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GOSPEL READING

John 3: 14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the
world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,

that the light came into the world,

but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,

so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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, Jeremy Gallegos Walker, 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.

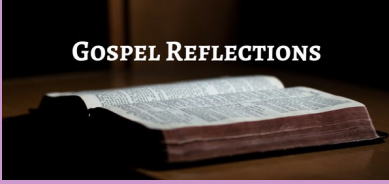
If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.

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



The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

ST. JOSEPH: HUSBAND OF MARY

FEAST DAY: MARCH 19



The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-joseph-husband-of-mary>

PARISH EVENTS

CONFESSIONS:

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

**Indoor mass have resumed at 25%
capacity. Indoor mass schedule:
Saturdays at 5:00 pm. Starting on Sunday,
March 7th, there will be indoor mass at 12
noon. 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**

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.



PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Monday, March 22: Vietnamese Retreat
@ 7:00 pm Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony**

**Tuesday, March 23: Parish Retreat @ 7:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony**

**Monday, March 29: Communal Penance
@ 7:00 pm**

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> .

LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR RCIA



March 21: Presentation of Creed @ 9:00 am Mass
March 28: Mass @ 9:00 am
March 29: Communal Penance @ 7:00 pm

Holy Week Tridium

April 1: Holy Thursday Mass @ 7:00 pm
April 2: Good Friday @ 8:00 am
April 3: Holy Saturday @ 8:00 am
April 3: Easter Vigil Mass @ 6:30 pm
April 4: Easter Sunday Mass @ 9:00 am

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.



Every Monday during Lent, different Parish communities will be providing Lenten Soup Curbside Pickup.

The schedule is as follows:

March 15: Vietnamese Community
March 22: Filipino Association

Pick up time will be between 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

SOLAR SYSTEM

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The CCD will sponsor an Easter Egg grab and go event on Easter Sunday April 4, 2021. They are asking for donations of plastic eggs, baskets and prizes or cash donations. Donations can be brought to the CCD office or the Rectory.



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**

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*

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS PER MONTH TO HELP OUR

MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS?

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



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>.



WHO IS YOUR SPIRITUAL EYE DOCTOR?

On Saturday, March 20th at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, join Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy and Margaret Riley. During this on-line retreat, we will explore the Lenten practices, rituals and traditions that can help restore our spiritual vision and connection with the God of Love, mercy and forgiveness.

Register at <http://https://sandamiano.org/events/zoom-online-who-is-your-spiritual-eye-doctor> or email Katerik@sandamiano.org.

HOLY TRIDUUM RETREAT AT SAN DAMIANO

On Thursday, April 1st at 3:00 pm, San Damiano will be hosting a Holy Triduum Retreat. Friars Rusty Shaughnessy and Charlie Smiech, musicians Laura & Jim Gibson, and the San Damiano team invite you to live into the Easter mystery. This is an in-person, on-site retreat. No Zoom. Due to Covid guidance, attendance will be limited to 25. The retreat begins on Holy Thursday and continues through Easter. Register at <https://sandamiano.org/events/triduum/> or email Katerik@sandamiano.org.

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.

Easter!

Coloring Contest

Ages 3 - 12

**ENTRIES DUE BY MARCH
28TH**

**FORMS AVAILABLE BY MARCH 14
ON THE TABLE BY THE ENTRANCE
OF THE CHURCH & ALSO CAN BE
DOWNLOADED FROM THE CHURCH
WEBSITE.**

COME & CELEBRATE EASTER!

**EASTER EGG GRAB & GO!!!
FOR KIDS AGES 0 TO 12**

Sunday April 4 | 11 AM | OLQW Palis Hall

Sponsored by CCD