

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

*“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit. ” (John 12: 24)*

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



GOSPEL READING

John 12: 20-33

Monday, March 22

7:30 am Natividad Garcia

Tuesday, March 23

7:30 am Arrivas Family Intentions

Wednesday, March 24

7:30 am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores

Thursday, March 25

7:30 am Grajo Family Thanksgiving

Friday, March 26

7:30 am Mary Bobadilla

Saturday, March 27

8:00 am Johnny Bautista

5:00 pm Lolita Romano

7:00 pm (SP) Linda Giron

Sunday, March 28

9:00 am Benjamin A. Santos

Pedro & Gloria Franco

12 noon Maria Irma Mancias

4:00 pm (VN) Joseph Duoc Le

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President
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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



Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25th



The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/annunciation-of-the-lord>

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 proto-
cols.**

**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.**

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

HOLY WEEK

April 1: Holy Thursday (Outdoor Mass) @ 7:30 pm: Procession
and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the hall after the
mass.

9:30 pm—10:15 pm Filipino Association
10:15 pm—11:00 pm Hispanic Community
11:00 pm—Midnight Vietnamese Community

April 2: Good Friday (Indoor Mass)

12:15 pm : Seven Last Words
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross in Spanish in the Hall
6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross in English
7:00 pm: Veneration of the Cross in English
9:00 pm: Veneration of the Cross in Vietnamese

April 3: Easter Vigil (Outdoor Mass) @ 7:30 pm: Will be
Livestream on our Facebook Page.

April 4: Easter Sunday (Regular Mass Schedule)
9:00 am Outdoor Parking lot Mass
12:00 noon Indoor Mass
2:00 pm Spanish Mass
4:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

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

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

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.



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

The schedule is as follows:

March 22: Filipino Association

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

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,



REBUILD
MY CHURCH
2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

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>.

SAN DAMIANO: SISTERS IN SPIRIT

San Damiano has a continuing series called Sisters in Spirit (SIS), on Tuesday, March 30: Live Zoom from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The topic will be: *Miriam and Mary* – Support, Leadership, and Guidance.

We will look at these women scripturally, historically, and spiritually and find our similarities and or differences. No Bibles or books required, simply your presence and your thoughts and experiences. We will have time to take a break and time for discussion and sharing too. For more information and to register, please go to <https://sandamiano.org/events/zoom-online-sisters-in-spirit-2/>.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL - FIRST SATURDAY MASS

On Saturday, April 3rd at 11:00 am, an online remembrance Mass of those in our faith community who have been laid to rest in Catholic Cemeteries over the past month. Visit cfcsoakland.org for more information

HOLY TRIDUUM RETREAT AT SAN DAMIANO

On Thursday, April 1st at 3:00 pm, San Damiano will be hosting a Holy Tridium 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