

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

(John 4: 15)

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)

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 8

7:30 am James Philip Bautista

Tuesday, March 9

7:30 am Guise Lam Dao

Wednesday, March 10

7:30 am Guise Nguyen Van Quat

Thursday, March 11

7:30 am Manuel de Vera

Friday, March 12

7:30 am Howard S. Tilton

Saturday, March 13

8:00 am Antonio & Jovita Santos

5:00 pm Pascual & Gertrudes Flores

7:00 pm (SP) Maria Irma Mancias

Sunday, March 14

9:00 am Romi & Dori David Thanksgiving

Art Asuncion Sr.

12 noon Benjamin A. Santos

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Legion of Mary: Rick Belza (925-261-0283)

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(Davidvu207@gmail.com)

GOSPEL READING

Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed here two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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.

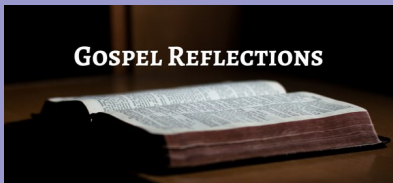
If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.

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



On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

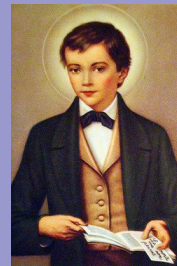
The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

FEAST DAY: MARCH 9



So many holy persons seem to die young. Among them was Dominic Savio, the patron of choirboys.

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members save one, Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 9.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic-savio>

PARISH EVENTS

CONFESSIONS:

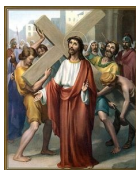
**Father Peter will be offering
Outdoor Confessions on
Saturdays from 3:30 pm at the
Divine Mercy Shrine.**

**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

**Thursday, March 11: Spanish Retreat
@ 7:00 pm Guest Speaker: Fr. Luis**

**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 14: 3rd Scrutiny @ 9:00 am Mass
March 21: Presentation of Creed @ 9:00 pm
Mass
March 28: 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 8: Hispanic Community
March 15: Vietnamese Community
March 22: Filipino Association

Pick up time will be between 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

La sopa de la cuaresma sera servida por la comunidad hispana el lunes, Marzo 8, de las 5 a las 6 de la tarde. Si usted quiere llevar sopa de tortillas para usted y su familia, por favor llame a Gladys al (925) 334-9873. No es permitido comer adentro. La fecha limite para hacer su reservacion es el viernes, Marzo 5. Su cooperacion sera apreciada.

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.

EASTER COLORING CONTEST

CCD is also sponsoring an Easter Coloring Contest. Coloring Forms will be available starting March 14 on the table near the entrance of the church, or it can be downloaded from the church website. Entries may be submitted to the CCD Office or Rectory Office. Entries must be submitted no later than March 28.

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



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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**

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>.



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.

DSMSJ EVENT: "COME...BE INSPIRED" WITH MICHAEL COLLOPY

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose invite you to participate on March 14th at 2:00 pm, in a virtual event about St. Teresa of Calcutta and her example of listening to the call and tending in love of the poor. For more information and to register, please go to <https://ces-event.myshopify.com/products/come-be-inspired>

COME...BE INSPIRED
Speaker: Michael Collopy *Virtual Presentation*

St. Teresa of Calcutta: Example Listening to the Call and Tending in Love the Poor

Works of Love are Works of Peace
Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the Missionaries of Charity

St. Teresa continues to inspire all who are called to compassionate care of the poor in the footsteps of Jesus. She recognized the face of Christ in the "poorest of the poor," and brought hope to the abandoned and hopeless. We are all called to the margins to the needs of the poor: a call that St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta took courageously and selflessly. Even though she experienced the dark night of the soul for so long, she pursued her vocation to the poorest of the poor. Mother Teresa discerned a vocation within her vocation. She discerned that her call to love Jesus was embodied in people. This is our call to respond to the global needs today.

Photo-journalist Michael Collopy first encountered Mother Teresa in San Francisco and photographed her over several decades in India. He has produced a highly acclaimed photo book that captures much of her deep love of God.

Join Us Online
Sunday March 14, 2021 2-4pm \$20

During these uncertain times, we are offering a sliding scale. When you are registering, please choose the cost that best suits your needs.

RSVP by March 13, 2021
<https://ces-event.myshopify.com/products/come-be-inspired>

14th Annual Parish St. Patrick's Dinner

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday March 13th



To Go Box Pick Up 4pm - 530pm

Our Lady Queen of the World Parish Hall

3155 Winterbrook Dr. Bay Point, CA 94565

The Menu Includes

Corned Beef or Chicken, Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage

Dessert cake sold separately

Tickets for sale through March 7th

Single dinner \$14 , dinner for 2 \$26, dinner for 4 \$50

Dessert single \$3, half cake \$6 , Whole cake \$10



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

Contact Becky Trombley

To reserve your pick up order

925-285-4947