

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”

(John 15: 12)

Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo, Pastor
Deacon Loc Nguyen
Sister Elizabeth Diep Huynh, Bookkeeper
Maria Faye Dolor, Secretary

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: 7:30 pm

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

Jn 15:9-17



Monday, May 10

7:30 am Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 11

7:30 am Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 12

7:30 am Mother's Day

Thursday, May 13

7:30 am Mother's Day

Friday, May 14

7:30 am Mother's Day

Saturday, May 15

8:00 am Mother's Day

5:00 pm Eleanor Catalya

7:00 pm (SP) Vince "Sonny" Genilla

Sunday, May 16

9:00 am Virginia Morales

Yolanda Nimes Altares

12 noon Roland Santos' Birthday

4:00 pm (VN)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,

to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another."



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, 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.

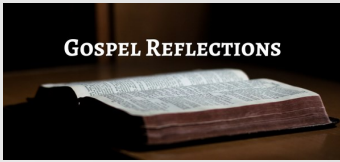
If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Thank you for your contribution support to sustain the ministries & ongoing needs of our parish.

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Feast Day: May 13



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-fatima>

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.

First Friday Masses will resume on May 7th after Adoration.

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.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

June 14: Our Lady of Manaog

July 13: Our Lady of Lourdes

August 13: Our Lady of Lavang

September 13: Our Lady of Guadalupe

October 13: Our Lady Queen of the World



ALL DEVOTIONS WILL START AT 7:00 PM AT THE HALL FOR PROCESSION WITH ROSARY, FOLLOWED BY MASS.

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

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



ALL NOVENAS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation 3 : Right to Life Essay Winners

1st Place: Vanzelle Cabinta

2nd Place: Joseph Nguyen

3rd Place: Calvin Cueva

4th Place: John Paul Quezada

REGISTRATION FOR CCD SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

Registration for the upcoming CCD school year is now open.

Please see Rene Asuncion at the CCD office for more

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

CONFIRMATION WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6
AT 5:00 PM.

Celebrant will be

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FOOD DRIVE



We will maintain a donation barrel for canned 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!

SOLAR SYSTEM

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



2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL



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 adulthood 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**.

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

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.**

BLOOD DRIVE



Because of you, life doesn't stop.

Our Lady Queen of the World

Sunday, May 23, 2021

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Hall

3155 Winterbook Drive, Bay Point, Ca 94565

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