

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

*“Lord, if my brother sins against me,  
how often must I forgive?”*

*(Matthew 18: 21)*

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

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

### Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM (English)  
7:00PM (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon  
4:00PM (Vietnamese)  
Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM  
First Friday: 7:30PM

### 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



## Monday, September 14

7:30 am Paula Marina Zelaya

## Tuesday, September 15

7:30 am Le & Nguyen Family  
Thanksgiving

## Wednesday, September 16

7:30 am Kalani Andrade

## Thursday, September 17

7:30 am Mae Ngo

## Friday, September 18

7:30 am Aidan Lacanlale

## Saturday, September 19

8:00 am Anna Lan

5:00 pm Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu

7:00 pm (SP) Elias' Intentions

## Sunday, September 20

8:00 am Flavia Bartolussi

10:00 am Gonzalo & Ernesta Asuncion

12:00 pm Roman & Frank Arias

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
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**Legion of Mary:** Rick Belza (925-261-0283)

**Vietnamese Association:** Hiep David Vu, President  
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## GOSPEL READING

MT 18: 21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ray & Alice Conner, Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Amy Kueck, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin, Miguel Ortiz, Wesceslao C. Solomon Jr., Michael Regello, Adele Discipulo, Robert Angelito, Virgilio Constantino, Jeremy Gallegos Walker, George Agcaoli, victims of the Coronavirus, all those in the Parish who are sick and all those listed in the Book of Intention.

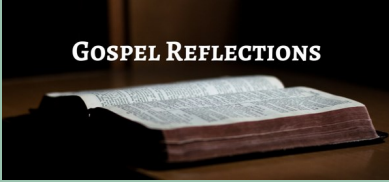
*If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.*

## 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 directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

## ST. JANUARIUS Feast Day: September 19



St. Januarius was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocletian persecution. Bishop Januarius went to visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquefies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St. Januarius lived and died around 305 A.D. and his feast day is September 19th. Saint Januarius is famous for the miracle of the annual liquefaction of his blood, which, according to legend, was saved by a woman called Eusebia just after the saint's death. A chronicle of Naples written in 1382 describes the cult of Saint Januarius in detail, but mentions neither the relic nor the miracle. The first certain date is 1389, when it was found to have melted. Then, over the following two and a half centuries official reports began to appear declaring that the blood spontaneously melted, at first once a year, then twice, and finally three times a year. While the report of the very first incidence of liquefaction did not make any explicit reference to the skull of the saint, soon afterwards assertions began to appear that this relic was activating the melting process, as if the blood, recognizing a part of the body to which it belonged, "were impatient while waiting for its resurrection". This explanation was definitively abandoned only in the eighteenth century. Thousands of people assemble to witness this event in Naples Cathedral three times a year: on September 19 (Saint Januarius's Day, commemorating his martyrdom), on December 16 (celebrating his patronage of Naples and its archdiocese), and on the Saturday before the first Sunday of May (commemorating the reunification of his relics). The blood is also said to spontaneously liquefy at certain other times, such as papal visits. It supposedly liquefied in the presence of Pope Pius IX in 1848, but not that of John Paul II in 1979 or Benedict XVI in 2007. On March 21, 2015, Pope Francis venerated the dried blood during a visit to Naples Cathedral, saying the Lord's Prayer over it and kissing it. Archbishop Sepe then declared that "The blood has half liquefied, which shows that Saint Januarius love our pope and Naples." The liquefaction sometimes takes place almost immediately, but can take hours or even days. Records kept at the Duomo tell that on rare occasions the contents fail to liquefy, are found already liquefied when the ampoules are taken from the safe, or liquefy outside the usual dates.

## PARISH EVENTS

### CONFESSIONS:

**Father Peter will be offering Outdoor Confessions on Saturdays from 4:00 pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine.**

**All indoor services are cancelled until further notice from the CCHS and the Diocese. Our weekday masses will be held outdoors until further notice.**

**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.**

**The list of readings and songs for the Mass may be seen on our Facebook Page.**

### DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

**September 14: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**October 13: Our Lady Queen of the World**



**ALL DEVOTIONS WILL START AT 7:00 PM WITH A PROCESSION FROM THE HALL TO THE CHURCH FOLLOWED BY MASS.**

### SOLAR SYSTEM

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

## 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!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE



The First Holy Communion Liturgy will be September 20th for FHC 2 during our 9:00 am outdoor mass. For any questions, please contact Rene Asuncion, DRE at 925-458-4574.

### CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation Liturgy will be on September 26th at 9:00 am. Please observe social distancing. For any questions, please contact Rene Asuncion, DRE at 925-458-4574.



### RCIA



RCIA classes will begin on Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 pm. Please arrive on time in the hall. Any questions, please contact Rene Asuncion, DRE at 925-458-4574.

### REGISTRATION FOR CCD 2020-2021

Registration for CCD school year 2020-2021 is ongoing. Please stop by the CCD office or the Rectory to register. For new students, please bring a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate. **Tentative start date for classes is October 3rd, please register soon.**

### 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> .**



## 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 SERIES"

Join Jan Stegner's monthly series for women: Sisters In Spirit (SIS). All meetings will be live on Zoom from 11:00 to 12:30pm.

Note the following 2020 dates:  
September 29, Thea Bowman  
October 20, Women Mystics

For more information and to register for this free event, visit [https://sandamiano.org/events/sisters\\_in\\_spirit/](https://sandamiano.org/events/sisters_in_spirit/)

## PRIVATE RETREATS AT SAN DAMIANO

A personal retreat provides an opportunity to get away from hectic life. All rooms equipped with WiFi. Special retreat events on October 9-11, November 6-8 and December 4-6 with Sr. Celeste Crine with contemplative prayer, reflection and Tai chi. For more information visit <https://sandamiano.org/retreats-programs/personal-retreats/>

## 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL



The 2020 Bishop's Appeal has begun. Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. decided to continue with the theme, *Rebuild My Church*, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us.

By embracing *Rebuild My Church*, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the East Bay. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, clergy, leadership, and those served by the ministries offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. All gifts to the Appeal are equally important. As stewards of our faith we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond.

Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by *Rebuild My Church* and participated in our annual Bishop's Appeal. While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to literally thousands of individuals each year.

The Bishop's Appeal provides funds to help offset some of the following programmatic expenses:

- Parishes & Schools in Need
- Clergy Formation & Support
- Religious Education & Faith Formation
- Pastoral Ministries & Services
- Priest Retirement & Care

Jesus Christ promised us at His Ascension: "I will be with you all days until the end of the ages." If Christ has helped you and your family, if He has been generous to you, will you consider sharing some of the blessings you have received with Christ and His Church?

Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

**Our Lady Queen of the World's 2020 goal is \$19, 600.**

# 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.

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O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)

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## 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.**