

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

*“Your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.” (Luke 15: 32)*

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Loc Nguyen
Sister Elizabeth Diep Huynh, Bookkeeper
Maria Faye Dolor, Secretary

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon (English)
4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM
First Friday: 7:30 am

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 Gladys Giron 925-334-9873.

* **Vietnamese** baptisms, contact Fr. Thomas Khue 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, March 28

7:30 am Letecia Eroja †

Tuesday, March 29

7:30 am James Leonas

Wednesday, March 30

7:30 am Constantino Villanueva †

Thursday, March 31

7:30 am Letecia Eroja †

Friday, April 1

7:30 am Giuse Khhang Nguyen †

Saturday, April 2

8:00 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu †

9:30 am CCD Family Mass

5:00 pm Maria Macabagdal

7:00 pm (SP) Pedro & Basilio Aguilar †

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am Most Rev. Michael Barber, SJ
Intentions

10:00 am Malachy Oheagbulem Anyanwu †

12 noon Constantino Villanueva †

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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GOSPEL READING

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.

But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Plate March 13: \$ 6,900.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,335.00

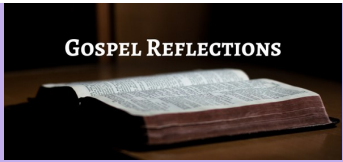
2022 Insurance: Total: \$ 19,319.00 Paid: \$ 4,844.00

2022 Assessment: Total: \$ 44,795.70 Paid: \$ 7,466.00

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 Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday in English during Lent at 7:30 pm in the Church.

Every Thursday in Spanish during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Parish Lenten Retreat

English: Monday, April 4th

Spanish: Thursday, April 7th

Vietnamese: Friday, April 8th

All retreat will begin at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Palm Sunday: April 10th

Communal Penance: Monday, April 11th @ 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday: April 14th

Multi-Cultural Mass @ 7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Hall:

9:00 pm—9:30 pm: Parish Community

9:30 pm—10:15 pm: Filipino Community

10:15 pm—11:00 pm: Hispanic Community

11:00 pm—12:00 am: Vietnamese Community

Good Friday: April 15th

Seven Last Words: 12:15 pm—3:15 pm

Stations of the Cross in Spanish: 4:00 pm in the Hall

Stations of the Cross in English: 6:30 pm in the Church

Veneration of the Cross:

7:00 pm in English; 9:00 pm in Vietnamese

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16th

Liturgical Celebration will begin at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: April 17th

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm: English

2:00 pm: Spanish

4:00 pm: Vietnamese



Here are some more of my scattered thoughts...

My Dear Parishioners,

1. I love this week's Gospel parable! Especially in this season of Lent! I can relate to the Prodigal Son...Jesus' telling of the story of a man who has two sons...This story never loses its power to affect me deeply, no matter how often it is repeated.
2. Sinful though we are, if we come back to the Lord with our whole heart, convert our lives, God will always forgive us and welcome us home.
3. I invite you to focus on the father in this parable. What can we learn from him? He had already generously given to the youngest son what he wanted. In the end, he welcomed him back after the son had squandered his entire inheritance. The father not only welcomed him, but forgave him freely, lavishly, and lovingly.
4. The father also reached out to the other son and taught him how to forgive.
5. During this season of Lent—whom do I need to forgive? Is there someone in the family with whom I have not spoken to? Is there someone at work who has wronged me? A spouse who had betrayed me? Is there a child who has rebelled?
6. Can we be as generous as our Merciful God? Is there anything more like God than forgiveness? One aspect of Jesus' ministry was about forgiveness—eating with sinners, forgiving sins publicly, and preaching about God's unending mercy. Jesus gave his life for forgiveness of our sins. How can we possibly be grateful enough for such mercy? The salvation history is all about forgiveness.
7. The second reading today reminds us that God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Let us resolve to be ambassadors and share God's message of love and forgiveness.
8. The father reaches out with a deeply tender embrace. As we read the Scriptures the image and the lines in the parable are compelling, so strong, so inviting to us to come home to receive the gift of forgiveness, peace, love! Can you imagine the meeting of the father and the repentant son...and the tenderness of mercy, the caress of the mercy Jesus on our sins!
9. Some of you have asked about Financial reports and about our hall expansion. Yes, the Finance committee, Building Committee, and I will provide the 2021 OLQW Financial Update soon. Thank you for your patience and continued generous financial support of our parish, Our Lady Queen of the World.

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom

PARISH EVENTS

EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of your loved ones, envelopes for your donations are available at the table inside the church. Put your donation in the envelope and complete the information on the front and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Your donation will be used to make our altar look beautiful as we celebrate the risen Lord.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY, APRIL 9 2022 AT 10 AM

The Church encourages all the faithful, especially the elderly, those seriously ill or anticipating surgery to attend this Holy Mass.

The Mass with the Anointing of the Sick is not only for the elderly or sick, but for all of us, so that we too may receive Healing spiritually and/or physically from our merciful God.

In this mass, we can also pray for our relatives and friends to receive healing too.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgilio Constantino, Francisco Arias, Pacita Grabek, Lynn Anderson, Helena Magante, Betty Tecson, Victoria Lapid, Bert Tomas, Po Hyun Cho, Henry Rodgers, Trinidad Crockett, Luz Valenzuela, Viet Anh Le, Patrick Kenney, Logan Kenney, Claire F. Luna, Bertha Baldauf, Ginger Lopez, Nadine Jerez, Carolyn Hoppenhauer, Mario Dolor, Paul Lapid, Daniel Muly, Michelle McLaughlin, Joe Quizon, Dave Lantz, Leah Abejuela, 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.



Every Monday during Lent, different Parish communities will be providing Lenten Soup at the hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The schedule is as follows:

March 28th: Vietnamese Community
April 4th: Filipino Association

EASTER FOOD BASKETS SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights Of Columbus will be distributing Easter Food Baskets on Thursday, April 14, 2022, from 10am – 12noon to all Bay Point pre-registered families at the church hall. To register, please contact the rectory at 925-458-4718 or any Knight.

For additional information please call Steve Carstensen 925-458-6148 or Manuel Rosario at 925-595-4358 or mnrosario@comcast.net.

Donations will be greatly appreciated.

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT



On Easter Sunday, April 17th, the Religious Education will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt at **11:30 am** on the Parish Grounds. We need donation of Plastic Eggs in a variety of sizes and candies and prizes. Please bring them to the CCD Office during CCD hours on Saturday or Monday or bring them to the Rectory during Rectory Office hours no later than April 11, 2022.

Your donation is much appreciated by the Religious Education Department and the parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

2022 Schedule



April

April 2nd: 3rd Scrutiny @ 5:00 pm Mass
 April 10th: Palm Sunday @ 10:00 am Mass
 April 11th: Communal Penance @ 7:00 pm
 April 12th @ 10:00 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light
 April 14th: Holy Thursday @ 7:00 pm Mass
 April 15th: Good Friday morning events and 7:00 pm Veneration
 April 16th: Holy Saturday 8:00 am morning prayers then practice

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 28

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
 5:00 pm Lenten Soup: Vietnamese Community
 7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, March 29

7:30 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, March 30

Thursday, March 31

7:00 pm Church: Stations of the Cross (SP)

Friday, April 1

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
 7:30 pm Church: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 2

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
 11:00 am Parking Lot:
 3:30 pm Hall: BINGO

Sunday, April 3

7:00 am Hall: Pancake Breakfast
 1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese
 2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

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>.

PALMS FOR PALMS SUNDAY

DO YOU OWN A SAGO PALM PLANT?



We need donations of Sago Palm leaves for Palm Sunday. If you own some and able to donate, please bring them to the hall on Monday, April 4, 2022.

BINGO



Come join us for our monthly Bingo, Saturday, April 2nd at 6:00 pm in Palis Hall.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 3rd, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 am to 10:00 am in the hall. Please contact Kip Trombley at 925-285-5118 or kat_services@yahoo.com or Manuel Rosario at 925-595-4358 or mrosario@comcast.net to pre-order.



St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady Queen of the World Church



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Saturday, April 2

11:00 am—3:00 pm

or until supplies last

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**DRIVE UP
OR WALK UP**

St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa in partnership with Our Lady Queen of the World Church, the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano

Contra Costa Health will also be offering Free Flu shots and/or COVID 19 vaccination on Saturday, April 2nd at OLQW from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please bring your vaccination cards.



*"Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep"*

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,

It is time once again to ask for your help in carrying out our mission of service in the Diocese of Oakland. The annual Bishop's Ministries Appeal helps with the expenses of vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. With your support, we are making a difference, even in these challenging times.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is *Feed my Lambs, Feed My Sheep*, which was Jesus's command to baptized Christians, to serve and care for his flock, helping more people to come to know God's love and mercy. We cannot complete this work God has given us without your support.

Again this year, I ask you to consider making a special commitment – a one-time gift or a p over a period of time – to help us minister to the needs of those in our Diocese. May I cou sacrificial support once again?

With gratitude for your love and support of Christ and his Church,

+ Michael Barber S.J.

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

Bishop's Ministries Appeal Prayer

*Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with
the mission of your Church in the Diocese of Oakland.*

*We call upon our blessed Mother, Queen of the World and patroness of our Diocese, to guide us as a
people committed to serving the needs of all God's people, to tend the flock entrusted to our care.*

Look upon us, loving Shepherd, the sheep you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.

We offer you our grateful prayer and ask your blessing on all our endeavors.

Amen.

"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" is the title of the 2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parishioners who have given to the Bishop's Appeal in the past, as well as those who also gave and continue to be generous to our parish, OLQW. This is a yearly appeal that assists our diocese in supporting a variety of ministries, services and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. We haven't achieved our goal in the past, but I do hope we, together, as a parish, do our best to make the goal this time. Our overall parish goal this year is \$19,600. Donations can be made online at www.oakdiocese.org/giving or a check can be made to OLQW and on the memo line write "Bishop's Appeal."

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom