# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 6, 2022** 

"Lent comes to reawaken us."
-Pope Francis

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

#### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday: 9:00ам - 1:00 рм

#### Masse

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



Monday, March 7

7:30 am Douglas Bautista

Tuesday, March 8

7:30 am James Philip Bautista

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu <sup>†</sup>

Thursday, March 10

7:30 am Thomas G. Solis

Friday, March 11

7:30 am Vicky Osorio Intentions

Saturday, March 12

8:00 am Bernadette Osorio

5:00 pm Gary & Betsy Samson's Intentions 7:00 pm (SP) Marco & Martina Ramos Rosales <sup>†</sup>

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am Antonio & Jovita Santos 10:00 am Mai Dinh & Ngan Vu <sup>†</sup>

12 noon Elena Villena

4:00 pm (VN)



#### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray, President (nriray@comcast.net)

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Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written

You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,

and:

With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Adele Discipulo, Virgilio Constantino, Francisco Arias, Pacita Grabek, Carmelo Cecilio, 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, Alina Romero, 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

Sunday Plate February 27: \$7,517

Parish Assessment: \$ 2,000
2022 Insurance: Total: \$

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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.



In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

# POPE FRANCIS LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2022



"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all."

(Gal 6: 9-10)

The Vatican released Pope Francis' Lenten message Thursday in which the pope recommended that Lent 2022 can be a time to put down the smartphone and encounter those in need face to face.

"Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin," Pope Francis said in the message published Feb. 24.

"One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication made up of 'authentic encounters,' face to face and in person."

The liturgical season of Lent begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday. Catholics traditionally mark the 40 days of Lent with the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many choose to abstain from sweets, social media, alcohol, or other luxuries.

"Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin," Pope Francis said.

"Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving."

"While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life," he said.

"Lent is a favorable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized."

For Pope Francis' 2022 Lenten message full text, please go to https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2022/02/24/0134/00272.html#en.



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 pledge payable over a period of time – to help us minister to the needs of those in our Diocese. May I count on your sacrificial support once again?

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

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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.



# My Dear Parishioners,

Here are some of Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

- 1. Whether we are ready or not, Lent is already here. Our Lenten journey begins. Lent is not something we do for God, but we are invited by God in a deeply personal way, "Come back to me with all your heart." This is God's loving invitation to each one of us each day of Lent. Will you accept it? It is a way of opening our hearts for God for what He wants to give us.
- 2. When we receive the ashes, we enter upon the season of spiritual purification. In this sign of receiving the ashes, we outwardly profess our guilt before God hoping that our Lord, who is so kind and compassionate, patient and abounding in mercy will bring about our inward conversion. So, Ash Wednesday was the beginning of our conversion journey.
- 3. Lent is a time to go to the desert as Christ did, time to improve our relationship with God and with one another...time to experience that conversion. Let God speak to our hearts in the stillness of the desert. Be vigilant and listen to Him.
- 4. Lenten season is an invitation to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, to make room for God. If you want that relationship to be most important, then you have got to pray to maintain and to grow in the relationship with Jesus. Lent is also the time to remind us that we are not God and remember we are dust and to dust we shall return. I hope and pray that this Lent will be the best Lent for all of us after what we have gone through the last couple of years.
- 5. Bishop's Appeal. It is that time of the year again...to start thinking of the Bishop's Appeal. This year our goal as a parish is also set at \$19,600 like many years in the past. We have not made our goal for a number of years! I do hope we will make our goal this year! We need to support the Bishop's Appeal which enables so many ministries to help those who help others, who spread the Word of God in their actions and who share the faith that is in their heart. Thank you in advance for giving generously to the Bishop's Appeal. Please remember the only gift too small is the one never given!

Thank you & God bless Father Tom

#### **PARISH EVENTS**

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Stations of the Cross:
Every Friday in English during Lent at 7:00
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. Speakers will be announced at a later date.

Palm Sunday: April 10th

**Communal Penance: Monday, April 11th** 

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



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 7th: Regina Mundi Guild March 14th: K of C & Columbiettes March 21st: Hispanic Community March 28th: Vietnamese Community April 4th: Filipino Association

#### **FAST & ABSTINENCE IN LENT**

We fast in Lent to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger and our need for God.

- Fasting is one full meal (with minimum food at other mealtimes) and no food in between meals for people 18-59 years of age.
- Abstinence is not eating meat for 14 years old and older.
- All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence
- Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of Fasting.

# PALMS FOR PALMS SUNDAY DO YOU OWN A SAGO PALM PLANT?



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

Please do not bring flowers the Church during the Lenten season.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



## March

March 2nd: Ash Wednesday: 1st day of Lent

March 6th: 10:00 am Mass March 13th: 12:00 pm Mass

March 20th: 1st Scrutiny @ 10:00 am Mass March 26th: 2nd Scrutiny @ 12:00 pm Mass

# **April**

April 3rd: 3rd Scrutiny @ 10:00 am

Mass

April 7th: (Tentative) Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light



#### **WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

Wednesday, March 9

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

7:00 pm Church: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, March 13

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese

1:00 pm P#3: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

\*\* Daylight Savings time will begin on March 13, 2022.

#### **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 <a href="https://oakdiocese.org/parish-support">https://oakdiocese.org/parish-support</a>.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### 14th Annual Parish St. Patrick's Dinner

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

# Saturday, March 12th

This event will be for takeout only.

For more information, please contact

Manny Rosario at 925-595-4358 or Kip Trombley at 925-285-5118.



# LENTEN RETREAT





THEME: OUR FAITH AND COPING WITH LOSS

When: Saturday, April 2-- 9 am to 3 pm

Where: St. Anthony Catholic Church, Padua Hall

971 O'Hara Ave., Oakley, CA 94561

For: All Christian Women

**Pre-Register today** – 925-848-8925 (Libby)

Cost: FREE FREE FREE FREE

Join us for a day of sharing and growing in your faith. Father Mac Lingo, Parochial Vicar, will be our main speaker. Brother Juan Carlos Ponce, our Pastoral Year Intern and St. Anthony Columbiettes will also be a part of the Team

We will start registration at 8 am and start retreat at 9 am to 3 pm in Padua Hall, located on Cypress Rd. side of parking lot. <u>Bring your lunch</u>, refreshments will be provided.

Don't miss this great opportunity to engage with others and reenergize your faith.