

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12, 2023

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator
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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 13

7:30 am Antonio & Jovita Santos +

Tuesday, March 14

7:30 am Rebecca & Edgar Flores

Wednesday, March 15

7:30 am Ngan Vu; Mai Dinh; Tinh Pham +

Thursday, March 16

7:30 am Catalina Bautista

Friday, March 17

7:30 am Elisa & Jonah Ngo

Saturday, March 18

8:00 am Luisa R Servigon +

5:00 pm Arrivas Family intentions

7:00 pm (SP) Aurora Vazquez +

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am Roni & Dori (50 wedding Anniversary)

10:00 am Natividad Garcia +

12:00 noon Inosencia Frijas Rabang +

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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925-339-8662

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Portrait on the cover:
https://www.traditionalcatechism.com/matthew_4_1_11_jesus_temptation.php

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 there 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."



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

My dear OLQW Family,

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal has already kicked off through out diocese. The theme of this year is "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS." This theme reminds us that Jesus Christ is always with us. It renews our focus on the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It renews our connection to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament which allows God's love to flow through us to those served by this worthy cause supports a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many through out the East Bay.

For the first time in a long time, the past year 2022, thank to your generosity, we not only achieved our goal, but exceeded it. We achieved 108.52%. On behalf of our Bishop Barber and all those who are benefited from this gift, I thank you very much. May God bless you abundantly.

Our overall parish goal this year is \$19,600.00. Funds raised by this Annual Bishop's Ministries and Services: Religious Education and Faith Formation, Pastoral Ministries and Services, Clergy Formation and Support Priest Retirement and Care, and Support for Catholic School and Parishes in Need. Be assumed that none of these funds are ever directed to any other use!

Please be our best to support this Annual Bishop's Ministries Appeal.

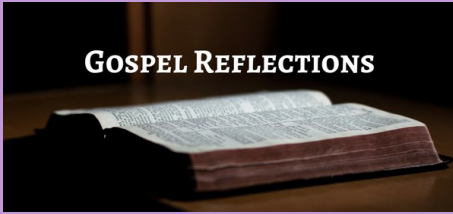
Please remember that no gift is too small! Together as a parish, we can again reach our goal this year. Thank you in advance for your generous support to this worthy cause. God bless.

With a grateful heart,

Fr. Tom



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 worshiping 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.

PARISH EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:30 PM
AFTER ADORATION IN THE CHURCH

The schedule of leaders will be:

Mar 17: Columbiettes
Mar 24: Hispanic Community
Mar 31: Vietnamese Community

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA Schedule

Sunday, March 19th @ 12:00 noon:
3rd Scrutiny
Sunday, March 26th @ 10:00 am:
Lord's Prayer Presentation

EASTER FLOWER FOR ALTAR

Would you like an East Lily on our altar in memory of a loved one or to represent your family? We are in need of donations to make our altar more festive as we welcome the Risen Christ once again into our hearts.

Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Lily" with the name of the person or family you want represented. Drop your envelope in the collection basket. All donations must be received by March 22nd

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nadine Jerez, Carolyn Hoppenhauer, Mario & Emma Dolor, Daniel Muly, Joe Quizon, Dave Lantz, Jasmin B. Toledo, Thomas Solis, Anecito Montecillo, Fr. Tom, Katt Embody, Rosie Lapointe, Raul Gonzalez, Narciso Fontecha, Victoria Lapid, Danilo Henson, Eduardo Sahulga, Eva Panugaling, Edgar Villacorta, Lisa Jott, Betty Tecson, Eleccion & Amante Elevazo, Victor Mendoza, Rosalina Masangcay, 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.

Lenten SOUP Suppers

Every Monday during Lent, different Parish communities will be providing Lenten Soup at Palis Hall from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The schedule is as follows:

March 13: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

March 20: Vietnamese Community

March 27: Filipino Association

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Communal Penance:
April 3rd at 7 pm

Lenten Retreat:
Dates and speakers to be determined

Palm Sunday: April 2, 2023

LENT

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

- Fasting— One full meal (with minimum food at other 2 mealtimes) and no food in between meals for people 18—59 years of age.
- Abstinence— Not eating meat (14 years and older).
- All Friday of Lent are days abstinence.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Plate March 5: \$ 6,666.00

Parish Building Fund: \$ 2,572.00

2023 Insurance: Total:\$19,534.00 Paid: \$4,909.00

2023 Assessment: Total: \$43,805.00 Paid: \$10,955.00

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.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community

Wednesday, March 15

Thursday, March 16

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)

Friday, March 17

5:00 pm Hall: Filipino Assoc. Fish Fry
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, March 18

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, March 19

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#3: St. Joseph Group
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

Decree from The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber's Office regarding the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17th

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Friday in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17th, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day, in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Given in Oakland, this seventh day of February, 2023

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

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD

3155 Winterbrook Dr., Bay Point, CA



March 17 & March 31

5 to 7 pm

Palis Hall

Sponsored by the Filipino Association of OLQW

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 church hall on Monday, April 3, 2023.

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday, April 9th, 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.



St. Patrick, Bishop—March 17th

Prayer

God our Father, you sent saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland

By the help of his prayers, many all Christians proclaim your love to all men. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: April 6th

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 7th

Seven Last Words: 12:15 pm—3:15 pm: Guest Speaker: Msgr. John McLaughlin

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 8th

Liturgical Celebration will begin at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: April 9th

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

2:00 pm: Spanish

4:00 pm: Vietnamese

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are not registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office or you may drop it in the collection basket so we may contact you.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip).

Email: _____