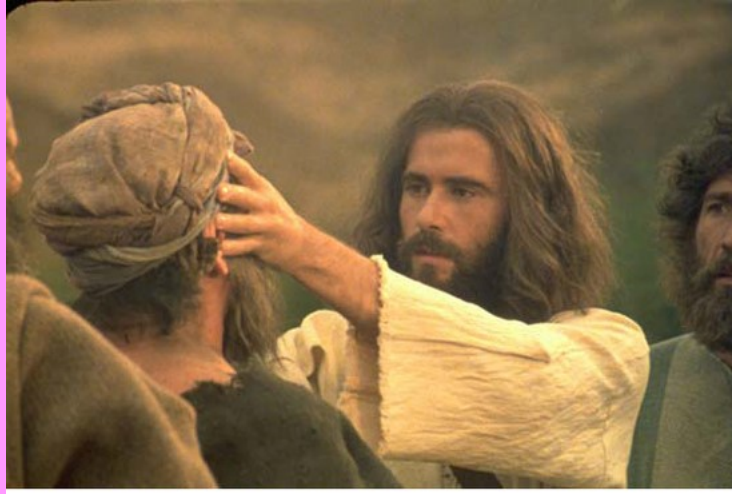


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 19, 2023

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 20

7:30 am Emilia & Juanito Lingasin +

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 am Victoria Lapid (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, March 22

7:30 am Parents & Benefactors of The Holy Cross sisters

Thursday, March 23

7:30 am Herad Nilo +

Friday, March 24

7:30 am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores +

Saturday, March 25

8:00 am Apolinar Lapid Jr +

5:00 pm Sotero & Teodora Cinco

7:00 pm (SP) Pedro & Francisca Aguilar +

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Marlene Serna

10:00 am Pedro & Gloria Franco +

12:00 noon Parishoners

4:00 pm (VN)



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GOSPEL READING

Jn 9: 1, 6-9, 13—17, 34—38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,
"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"
Some said, "It is, "
but others said, "No, he just looks like him."
He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."
So some of the Pharisees said,
"This man is not from God,
because he does not keep the sabbath."
But others said,
"How can a sinful man do such signs?"
And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again,
"What do you have to say about him,
since he opened your eyes?"
He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him,
"You were born totally in sin,
and are you trying to teach us?"
Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
He answered and said,
"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
Jesus said to him,
"You have seen him, and
the one speaking with you is he."
He said,
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

*Dear faithful of the
Diocese of Oakland,*



The annual Bishop's Ministries Appeal helps us with the expenses of vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. With your support, we are making a difference, even in these challenging times.

Each year, I come to you and ask you to make a special commitment, a one-time gift or a pledge payable over a period of time, so that I can maintain the vibrancy of our Catholic community and feed our sheep. May I count on your sacrificial support once again?

With assurance of my continual prayers,

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.

*Queridos fieles de la
Diócesis de Oakland,*



Nuevamente pedimos su ayuda para completar nuestra misión de servicio en la diócesis de Oakland. La Campaña anual de los Ministerios del Obispo nos ayuda a proveer ministerios y programas fundamentales en toda la Diócesis. Con su apoyo haremos la diferencia, incluso en estos tiempos desafiantes.

Cada año les pido que hagan un compromiso especial, una donación o una promesa financiera durante un lapso determinado, para que yo pueda conservar la vitalidad de nuestra comunidad católica y apacentar las necesidades de nuestras ovejas. ¿Puedo contar con su apoyo y compromiso una vez más?

Con la certeza de mis continuas oraciones,

Reverendísimo Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Obispo de Oakland

Oración por la Campaña de los Ministerios del Obispo

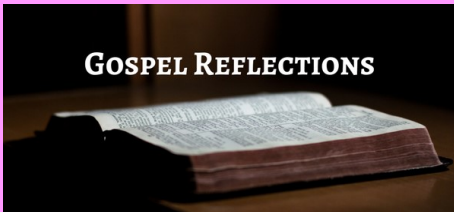
Dios amoroso y misericordioso, somos tu familia — hermanos y hermanas encomendados con la misión de tu Iglesia en la Diócesis de Oakland.

Le hacemos un llamado a nuestra Santísima Madre, Reina del Mundo y patrona de nuestra Diócesis, para que nos guíe como pueblo comprometido al servicio de las necesidades de todo el pueblo de Dios, y así apacentar el rebaño confiado a nuestro cuidado.

Oh Buen Pastor, vuelve tu mirada hacia nosotros, las ovejas que has redimido con tu Preciosa Sangre. Te ofrecemos nuestra oración en acción de gracias y pedimos tu bendición en todos nuestros emprendimientos y esfuerzos. Amén.



GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

St. Joseph



Being Righteous Is Demanding

It must have been very hard for Joseph to make the decision to divorce Mary, but given what he knew at the time, there was no other course of action. Joseph knew that a righteous person does not compromise when it comes to the will of God, no matter how difficult fidelity may be. This is why Jesus warns his disciples that they will be persecuted for the sake of righteousness (Mt 5:10). This is why many Jews and Christians have chosen to be martyred rather than be unfaithful to God. And this is why many modern-day Christians have bravely remained faithful in the face of relentless social pressure to speak or act in ways that conflict with the Gospels.

Righteousness is often costly, and sometimes that cost involves others. Jesus also insists, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:37). As much as Jesus teaches his disciples that righteousness requires a demanding faithfulness to God, even when it goes against our natural inclinations, he also teaches that mercy is demanded of God as well. He insists that "judgment and mercy and fidelity" are all "the weightier things of the law" (Mt 23:23).

Joseph knew this, too, and so he chose to send Mary away quietly in the hopes that it would minimize her pain and possibly save her life. Joseph realized, as Jesus would one day teach, that it is blessed to be merciful because it is God's will that we show as much mercy as we can even when we must do something very difficult. This is God's way, and so it must be ours too: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

In this one brief statement about Joseph, who decided to send Mary away without disgracing her, we find the essence of what it means to be righteous. It turns out that righteousness, far from being a cold, calculating devotion to justice, is a warm, faithful virtue that always seeks merciful justice and just mercy.

As we celebrate the saints who have shown us God's holiness in so many ways, may we be especially grateful to St. Joseph, the righteous man, whose example encourages us to seek always to "live the truth in love" (Eph 4:15).

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Communal Penance:
April 3rd at 7 pm

Lenten Retreat on Monday
March 27th, 2023
At 7pm - 9pm
By Fr. Fernando Cortez
Hispanic & English

Palm Sunday: April 2, 2023

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA Schedule

Sunday, March 19th @ 12:00 noon:
3rd Scrutiny

Sunday, March 26th @ 10:00 am:
Lord's Prayer Presentation

Mass with Anointing of the Sick Saturday, April 2, at 10:30 am

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

The Anointing Mass is not only for the elderly or sick but for all of us, so that we too receive HEALING spiritually or physically from our Merciful God.

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

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March 17 & March 31

5 to 7 pm

Palis Hall

Sponsored by the Filipino
Association of OLQW

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

Wednesday, March 22

Thursday, March 23

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)
7:00 pm Station of the cross (SP)
7:00 pm Hall - Hispanic Group

Friday, March 24

6:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, March 25

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, March 26

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

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.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Plate March 12: \$5769.00

Parish Assessment: \$2257.00

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.

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.

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 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

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.

MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
BISHOP OF OAKLAND



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October 7, 2022
Our Lady of the Rosary

To All the Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,

Our world is in need of renewal. Too many of our brothers and sisters are hurting and in need of healing - but too many of us are in turn separated from the very source of our strength: Our Lord Jesus Christ.

To revive our connection to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, I am calling for our Diocese to join in the National Eucharistic Revival to reflect upon the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives and to reaffirm our call to be a people nourished, fed, and renewed by the Eucharist itself.

The theme of the National Eucharistic Revival 2024 is "Behold, I make all things NEW." Christ Himself invites us to renew our personal encounters with Him in this Revival. It is my prayer that as we all reinvigorate our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and deepen our formation on the Real Presence, we will in turn be inspired to missionary action. Jesus is here and will renew us.

As part of this Revival, I am calling for a **Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Conference in 2023** with the theme: ***"I am with you Always!"***

Save the dates:

September 8-9 for the Spanish-language track
September 15-16 for the English-language track

More details are forthcoming.

I know these weekends will be a wonderfully renewing time of prayer, talks, discussion, Mass, Adoration, and a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament. My appreciation goes out to the Steering Committee guiding this Congress, a group of the faithful on fire for the Lord chosen from parishes across the Diocese.

It is time to revive and rekindle the fire of the Eucharist in our hearts. We are looking forward to collaborating with you to make this 2023 Diocesan Conference not only successful, but also fruitful and faithful.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessings, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Barber S.J.

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

For the greater glory of God