

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 16, 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.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.

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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



GOSPEL READING

Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 17

7:30 am Estella Sebastian⁺

Tuesday, April 18

7:30 am Domingo Quiambao⁺

Wednesday, April 19

7:30 am Perfecto Rabang⁺

Thursday, April 20

7:30 am Rose Lapointe⁺

Friday, April 21

7:30 am Joseph Nguyen Huynh Khang⁺

Saturday, April 22

8:00 am Rose Lapointe⁺

5:00 pm Sotero & Teodora Cinco⁺

7:00 pm (SP) Richard Corsa⁺

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am Emperatriz Nacional⁺

10:00 am Pedro & Gloria Franco⁺

12:00 noon Marlene Serna

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Knights of Columbus Kip Trombley
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Picture courtesy of Xavier Joseph

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to
them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands
and put my finger into the nailmarks
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside
and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have
seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples
that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe

that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Second Sunday of Easter: Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 16, 2023

Father Tom's scattered thoughts continue...

My dear OLQW Family,

I hope you all has a wonderful Easter celebration!

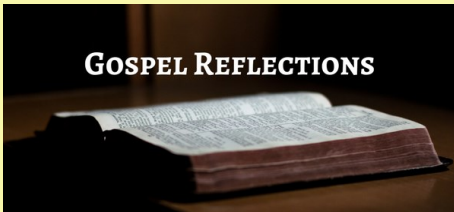
LORD, WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE. OPEN OUR HEARTS THIS EASTER SEASON AND INCREASE THE GIFTS OF YOUR LIFE WITHIN US. MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF THE RESURRECTION CARRY US INTO THE NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST.

1. The Easter Season has already begun. We need to ask ourselves: How can we witness the Resurrection of Christ in our lives? Can we live the Resurrection in the midst of a broken world as the reading challenge us? Hope and expectations of new life, and the promise and glory of the Resurrection, are often overpowered by the pain and suffering of many!
2. As Christians, as people of Easter, we are invited by Christ to witness and manifest the promise and joy of Easter in our daily encounter with others.
3. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a simple, uneducated nun from Poland, that the Lord chose to spread the Divine Mercy message and devotion. "My daughter, be at peace; do as I tell you. Your thoughts are to my thoughts, so write whatever comes to your mind. You are the secretary of My mercy. I have chosen you for the office and the next life. That is how I want it to be in spite of all that opposition they will give you. Know that My choice will not change." (Diary, 1605)
4. "There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy." These were the words that St. John Paul said at the grave of St. Faustina in 1979 when he visited Poland. He then dedicated the entire world to the Divine Mercy. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. Divine Mercy is the heart of the Gospel. If we really look at how God has revealed Himself in the Scripture and Church tradition, we discover afresh how mercy is essential to understanding His message of love and salvation. Divine Mercy is God's love reaching down to meet the needs and overcome the miseries of His creatures. Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that the other name of God is Mercy. "Mercy renews and redeems us because it is an encounter between two heart—the heart of God who comes to meet us and a human heart." (MM#18) As Christians, we are given opportunities daily to show God's mercy by words and deeds—everywhere and at all times! We are to be apostles of mercy, we must be instruments of mercy to others.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His love is everlasting!!!

Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:
"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:
"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times:
"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Absolution

The full text of the absolution given by the priest is: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Included in this text are several important messages:

1. Forgiveness comes from the mercy of God.
2. Reconciliation takes place through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
3. The presence of the Holy Spirit among us is a sign of God's forgiveness.
4. The Church plays a role in the extension of God's forgiveness to us.
5. The priest acts as judge of the person's sincerity in seeking forgiveness.
6. Forgiveness is granted in the name of the three persons of the Trinity.

PARISH EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Congratulations to the following
Conformadi Candidates who re-
ceived their Sacraments on Easter
Vigil:**

**Iban Aguilar-Moreno
Fabian Aguilar-Moreno
Cheyton Alvarez
Kevin Azanza
Brent Bonifacio
Dulce Duenas
Angel Flores
Hoang Garcia
Diego Guerrero
Deyhanara Lizarde
Joselyn Martinez
Catherin Perez**

CCD Classes:

**There will be no classes from April
8 to April 15. Monday night
classes will resume on April 17th.
Saturday classes will resume on
April 22nd.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



SAN PABLO 13901 San Pablo Ave, San Pablo, CA 94806 (510) 965-1507 Monday - Sunday 7:00 am - 9:30 pm	CONCORD 1725 Willow Pass Rd., Concord, CA 94520 (925) 687-7417 Monday - Sunday 7:00 am - 9:00 pm	CONCORD 2691 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94520 (925) 686-5123 Monday - Sunday 7:00 am - 9:00 pm
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you!**

**The Filipino Association
of Our Lady Queen of the
World Church is
extremely grateful for
the generous donation
of fish from Las
Montañas Supermarket!**

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Plate April 9: \$ 10,781.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$

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, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, April 19

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, April 22

10:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

Sunday, April 23

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

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

IN MEMORY OF

Natividad Garcia

Sheila Jaime Mansapit

Alejandro Jerez y Senora

Jose Leon Zapata y Senora

Giron-Zelaya-Butler Families

Pungyan Family



CASINO BUS TRIP

SPONSORED BY THE FILIPINO ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

\$40 PER PERSON

WITH \$20 CASH BACK FROM SKY RIVER

ASSEMBLE AT 7:00AM

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD
3155 WINTERBROOK DRIVE, PITTSBURG, CA 94565

EXPECTED RETURN: NO LATER THAN 7:00PM

FOR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT:

CATHY COLLADO (925) 759-2641, CATA080833@YAHOO.COM,
OR TERESA ELAMPARO (925) 726-1015, TELAM513@YAHOO.COM

*THE FEE MUST BE PAID IN FULL, TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE TRIP. WE ACCEPT CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO FIL ASSOC OF OLQW (CASH PREFERRED).

*THE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE IF YOU CANCEL LESS THAN A WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP.

NET PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OLQW 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 Congress 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 Congress not only successful, but also fruitful and faithful.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessings, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Barber S.J." with a small cross to the left.

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

For the greater glory of God