

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION APRIL 2, 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, April 3

7:30 am Master Cruz Thanksgiving

## Tuesday, April 4

7:30 am Antonia Cruz Thanksgiving

## Wednesday, April 5

7:30 am Parents & Benefactors of Holy Cross Sisters

## Thursday, April 6

7:30 am Leonila & Gloria Salazar<sup>+</sup>

7:30 pm Parishioners

## Friday, April 7

7:30 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh, & Tinh Pham<sup>+</sup>

7:00 pm Parishioners

9:00 pm (VN)

## Saturday, April 8

8:00 am Ebias & Vicente Families

7:00 pm Parishioners

## Sunday, April 9

8:00 am Herald Nilo<sup>+</sup>

10:00 am Bautista Family Thanksgiving

12:00 noon Juanita Briones Querubin<sup>+</sup>

2:00 pm (SP) Maria Flores<sup>+</sup>

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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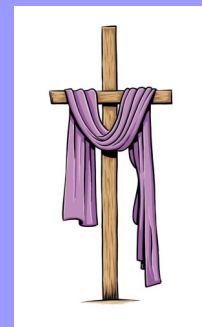
Here are some more of Father Tom's scattered thoughts for Palm Sunday...

My dear OLQW family,

1. I hope and pray that your Lenten season has been going well and that you are enjoying every moment of it.
2. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church's year. It highlights the peak moment of Christ's love for us, gives us an opportunity to look at our lives and accept the responsibility for our sins.
3. Holy Week begins with the celebration of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, where He will undergo suffering, death, be buried, and then be raised from the dead.
4. The Passion story clearly shows us the last events of Jesus' life and the price He paid for our sins. He was betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter and abandoned by all!
5. This final week of Lent offers us an opportunity to bring our hearts and minds into harmony with Christ. Make a special effort to attend all liturgical celebrations, especially The Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), which dramatizes the last agonizing moments of Jesus' life. Listen to the Passion story is a spirit of prayer. Each of us had a hand in Christ's death. Also, make an effort to go to Confession on Monday night, April 3rd, to get ready for Easter Celebration.
6. The road to eternal life will not bypass the Hill of Calvary. Easter cannot be celebrated without Good Friday. The truth is God loves us all with a love that cost Him death on the Cross.

Let us continue to walk with Jesus Christ...Pray for one another.

With a loving heart,  
Father Tom



## GOSPEL READING

Mt 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "You say so."

And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer.

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him."

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

They answered, "Barabbas!"

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?"

They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!"

When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children."

Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand.

And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull —,

they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.

But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.

After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Two revolutionaries were crucified with him,

one on his right and the other on his left.

Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

"You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,

save yourself, if you are the Son of God,

and come down from the cross!"

Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,

"He saved others; he cannot save himself.

So he is the king of Israel!

Let him come down from the cross now,

and we will believe in him.

He trusted in God;

let him deliver him now if he wants him.

For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

The revolutionaries who were crucified with him

also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

"This one is calling for Elijah."

Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge;

he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed,

gave it to him to drink.

But the rest said,

"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice,

and gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary

was torn in two from top to bottom.

The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

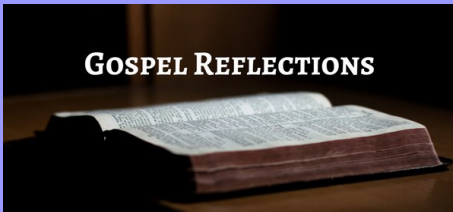
The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus

feared greatly when they saw the earthquake

and all that was happening, and they said,

"Truly, this was the Son of God!"

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death. Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that

those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

## 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, 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, 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.*

## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

**Sunday Plate March 26: \$ 5,855.00**

**Building Fund: \$ 2,589.00**

**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.**

## PARISH EVENTS

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Communal Penance:  
April 3rd at 7 pm**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**RCIA Schedule:  
RCIA Sacraments will be on Saturday,  
April 8th at 7:30 pm the Easter Vigil.  
Please pray for the students receiving  
their Sacraments.**

**Marcos Velez  
Corina Morales  
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.**

### Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick Saturday, April 15, 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.

(Please note there will be no 8 am mass this day)

**LAS MONTAÑAS  
SUPERMARKET**

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

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Novena to the Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday after the Seven Last Words.

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, April 3

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

### Tuesday, April 4

7:30 pm Hall: K of C Officer's Meeting  
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

### Wednesday, April 5

1:00 pm Hall: Regina Mundi Guild  
7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

### Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)  
6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes  
9:00 pm Hall: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Friday, April 7 Good Friday

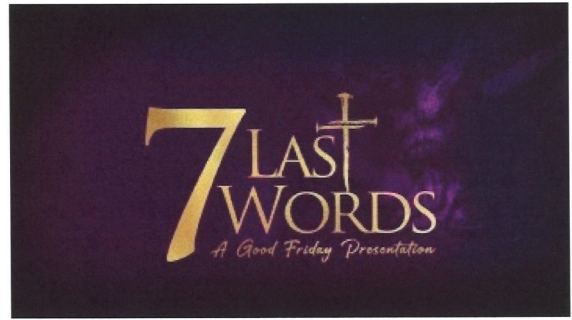
5:00 pm Hall: Filipino Association Fish - Fry  
4:00 pm Hall: Stations of the Cross (SP)  
6:00 pm Adoration - Station of the cross  
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

### Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday

2:00 pm Hall-Filipino Association

### Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

1:00 pm P#3: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers  
1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School  
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir  
5:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community



April 7, 2023

12:15 pm – 3:15 pm

As we enter Holy Week and observe the Passion of Christ. We encourage you to take some time off your work or routine and spend time this Good Friday to listen to the words of love spoken by our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the last hours of his life.



In the last Advent Retreat, Monsignor John McLaughlin presented the "Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist". This time, Monsignor John McLaughlin will guide us as we reflect on Jesus's seven last words.

Come, join us. Invite your friends, share this with others. Let us truly reflect on the love of God for us.

## 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 31st.

# Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the CCD

April 9, 2023  
At 11:30 AM

We are looking for donations of Plastic Eggs in a variety of sizes, as well as candies and prizes.

Please bring your donations 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 3, 2023.

## Chaplet for Priests



7:30 PM | 1st Tuesday of the Month  
For more information, kindly email:  
mmurray@slchurch.com  
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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_