

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 30, 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



Monday, May 1

7:30 am Virginia Morales⁺

Tuesday, May 2

7:30 am Rick Belza Thanksgiving

Wednesday, May 3

7:30 am Bishop Eugenio Ravignani⁺

Thursday, May 4

7:30 am Lilia Yang⁺

Friday, May 5

7:30 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh & Tinh Pham⁺

Saturday, May 6

9:30 am CCD Family Mass

5:00 pm Benedicta Ebias Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP) Linda Giron⁺

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am Benjamin Catalya⁺

10:00 am Dionisio Villaluz⁺

12:00 noon Gail Samson Thanksgiving

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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GOSPEL READING

Jn 10: 1-10

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

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 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 April 23: \$ 5,380.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,479.00

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter
4/30/2023

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

Dear OLQW family,

“I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord. I know My Sheep, and Mine know Me!”
John 10:11-18

Today is the Good Shepherd Sunday. The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter invites us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives, and that He knows us and loves individually. What does the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd mean to us today? He knows and loves each of us personally, individually, and intimately.

Jesus continues His mission here on earth by giving us religious leaders to shepherd us. We need to pray for them daily so that they can have the heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd and “smell the sheep” like Pope Francis has said. I ask you to join me, in particular, to pray for and support our local shepherd that God has given us, Bishop Michael Barber. His plate is full: providing good priests, deacons, and pastoral leaders to care for people who are hurting and to reach out to those who have fallen away from the faith.

This Sunday is also known as “Vocations Sunday.” We need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. **Without priests there is no Eucharist.** Since there are fewer priests there are fewer places that offer Sunday Mass! Without men and religious women the great witness of persons giving everything to follow the Lord is lost! This is why vocations are so important. Please remember the Catholic Church is a Eucharistic Church. Without priests there would be no Eucharist! Please pray harder and daily for more vocations!

May is around the corner and May is the month of flowers and honoring our Blessed Mother Mary. We will have the crowning of Mary at all masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 6th and 7th. Also, we will have a Novena of Masses to pray for our mothers here on earth. Please come to the Novena to pray for mothers. Thank God for motherhood.

Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am, we will have 39 children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray for them to become closer to Christ, to appreciate the Eucharist and to learn how to be Christ-like to one another. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rene Asuncion, our Director of Faith Formation, the volunteers that assist him to bring these children to know the faith and to the families that have supported their children!

We will start the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima this May and continue through October. The devotion will begin at 7:30 pm and conclude with a Holy Mass. The schedule will be as follows:

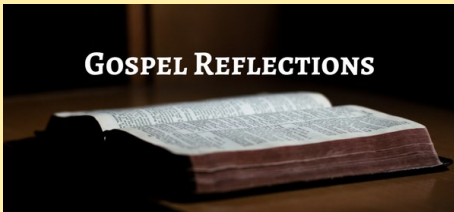
May 12th: Our Lady of Fatima
June 13th: Our Lady of Manaoag
July 13th: Our Lady of Lourdes
August 14th: Our Lady of LaVang
September 13th: Our Lady of Guadalupe
October 13th: Our Lady of the World

Please come to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. May our heavenly Mother intercede for us and for the needs of our parish.

Gratefully,

Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

ST. ATHANASIUS Saint of the Day: May 2



Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul. After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism.

Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-athanasius/>

PARISH EVENTS



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.

Holy Spirit Novena

May 19-27, 2023

Monday-Friday 7:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday 2:00 pm

Novena will be in the Church.

All Confirmation 3 Students will be required
to attend.

Speaker: Brother Peter Pius Chu

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, May 1

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Hall: RMG Rummage Sale
7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 am Hall: RMG Rummage Sale
7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, May 3

9:00 am Hall: RMG Rummage Sale
6:00 pm CH: Memorial Mass- Leonardo
Gutierrez Jr.
7:00 pm Hall: Funeral Reception

Thursday, May 4

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)

Friday, May 5

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, May 6

10:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
12:00 nn CH: 50th Wedding Anniversary:
Bobazilla (SP)

Sunday, May 7

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

Breakfast Burrito

Date: Sunday May 21, 2023

Time: 9:00-11:30

Place: Palis Hall

Menu: 2 burritos – 1 chorizo, eggs, and potatoes.
1 beans and cheese
Desert: Mexican pastry

Cost: \$10.00

Place your order
with
Silivia Hernandez
(925) 759-1298



RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 1 - 3, 2023

Sponsored by the
Regina Mundi Guild



MAY 1

(MONDAY)

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MAY 2

(TUESDAY)

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MAY 3

(WED) BAG DAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

DONATION DROP OFF | APRIL 30 & MAY 1 | 9 AM TO 5 PM

ITEMS ACCEPTED: **CLEAN & USABLE** CLOTHINGS, SHOES, LINENS, JEWELRIES, WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS, **WORKING** SMALL APPLIANCES, CHINA, DISHES, GLASSWARES, GAMES, TOYS & BOOKS

PLEASE NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TEXTBOOKS OR MAGAZINES.

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT: ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES THAT DON'T WORK; NO BABY FURNITURES LIKE CAR SEATS & STROLLERS OR ANY LARGE APPLIANCES & FURNITURES

MOTHER'S DAY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

May 14,
2023

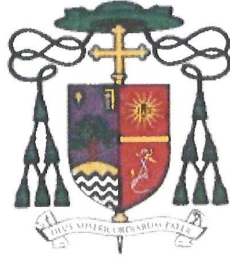
8:00 am
to 10:00
am

FREE-WILL
DONATIONS
ACCEPTED

PRE-REGISTER A
SEAT WITH ANY
KNIGHT

- *Pancakes
- *Eggs
- *Eggs with chorizo
- *Biscuits & Gravy
- *Bacon
- *Sausage
- *Ham
- *Fresh Fruit

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,

+Michael Barber S.J.

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

For the greater glory of God