

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments..” (John 14: 15)

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 14: 15-21

Monday, May 15

7:30 am Estela Sebastian⁺

Tuesday, May 16

7:30 am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores⁺

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 am Parents & Benefactors of Holy Cross Sisters

Thursday, May 18

7:30 am Haley Rose Bautista

Friday, May 19

7:30 am Eleanor Catalya Tecson⁺

Saturday, May 20

8:00 am Maria Vinh Dinh

5:00 pm Sotero & Teodora Cinco⁺

7:00 pm (SP) Jovita Gonzales⁺

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am Benjamin Catalya Sr.⁺

10:00 am Jacinto & Adoracion Santiago⁺

12:00 noon Rita M. Tan⁺

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Portrait on the cover:
<https://www.missale.net/ea/2023-05-14/en/>

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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 May 7: \$ 5,994.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,469.00

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter
5/14/2023

Some more of Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

1. Today, Sixth Sunday of Easter, readings remind us that God is always with us and always caring for us, no matter where we are or what the circumstances. As in the Gospel, Jesus tells us that he has not abandoned us. He has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always and forever.
 - As baptized Christians, we must share the Gospel with others, to be ambassadors of Christ to those who do not know him.
 - To be Christians is to obey God's commandments, to live out our faith and grow in our relationship with God.
 - To demonstrate our Love for Jesus by commitment to live a life that is pleasing to God, to follow Jesus' example.
 - Love is central to the Christian faith. Love for Christ should motivate and guide all our actions and decisions.
 - The Holy Spirit is important in the life of a believer, as the Holy Spirit guides and empowers us to live out our faith and remain united to Christ.
2. Today is also Mother's Day—To All of You Who Are Mothers and Grandmothers—Happy Mother's Day with God's choicest blessings upon you. Thank you for being Mothers!
3. Let us congratulate our 39 children who received Jesus in the Holy Communion for the first time in their lives this past Saturday. Please continue to pray for them to become closer to Christ, to love and to appreciate the Holy 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 who assist him to bring these children to know the faith and to the families that have supported their children!
4. For the past few weeks, we have been talking about the 2023 Bishop's Ministries Appeal throughout the Diocese of Oakland. This Annual Appeal helps provide the means to continue the mission that Christ has entrusted us: to serve, to educate, to care for the poor and to be a beacon of hope for people in the East Bay area. "I Am With You Always" was chosen as the theme for this year to mirror that of the Eucharistic Revival Congress in September. It is my hope our parish family, OLQW and everyone in our Diocese of Oakland will renew and develop a deep relationship, a great love and respect for Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. I do believe that if we have a great love, respect and devotion for the Blessed Sacrament that Jesus' love will shine to others through us, especially to those who will benefit from the Bishop's Ministries Appeal. As in the past, our parish's goal this year is \$19,600.00. I do hope that we will achieve our goal as we did (for the first time) this past year 2022, with the support from everyone in the parish. Please remember no gift is small. The smallest gift is the gift never been given! Please pray and be generous.

Bishop's Ministries Appeal Prayer

Loving and Merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with the mission of our Church in the Diocese of Oakland.

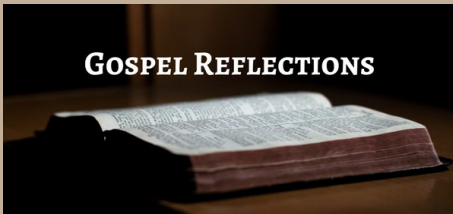
We call upon our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World, and patroness of our Diocese, to guide us as a people committed to serving the needs of all God's people, to tend the flock entrusted to our care.

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 endeavor. Amen.

With a grateful heart,

Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



How familiar are we with God's Presence in our lives ... I mean, really?!?! We say that we are because that's the right answer to the question.

Recently, I came across a story of an old man dying of cancer.

"The old man's daughter had asked the local priest to come and pray with her father. When the priest arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows and an empty chair beside his bed. The priest assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. 'I guess you were expecting me,' he said. 'No, who are you?' 'I'm the new associate at your parish,' the priest replied. 'When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up.' 'Oh yeah, the chair,' said the bedridden man. 'Would you mind closing the door?' Puzzled, the priest shut the door.

'I've never told anyone this, not even my daughter,' said the man, 'but all my life I have never known how to pray. At the Sunday Mass, I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it always went right over my head. Finally, I said to him one day in sheer frustration, 'I get nothing out of your homilies on prayer.' 'Here,' says my pastor, 'read this book by Hans Urs von Balthasar. He's a Swiss theologian. It's the best book on contemplative prayer in the twentieth century.' 'Well, Father,' says the man, 'I took the book home and tried to read it. But in the first three pages I had to look up twelve words in the dictionary. I gave the book back to my pastor, thanked him, and under my breath whispered, 'for nothin'.' 'I abandoned any attempt at prayer,' he continued, 'until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here's what I suggest. Sit down on a chair, place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because He promised, "I'll be with you all days."' Then just speak to Him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now.' 'So, Padre, I tried it, and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful, though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm.'

The priest was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the rectory. Two nights later the daughter called to tell the priest that her daddy had died that afternoon. 'Did he seem to die in peace?' he asked. 'Yes, when I left the house around two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me one of his corny jokes, and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange, Father. In fact, beyond strange — kinda weird. Apparently just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on a chair beside his bed.'"

—An excerpt from: *Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart* for *Intimate Belonging* (p. 106-107) by Brennan Manning

What if we were really attuned to God's Presence in our lives ... like this man in the story? What difference would it make given the realities of the world we live in? How do we even begin to be aware of it?

Let's start with this: Jesus never goes back on his word. So, when he says in today's Gospel, "I will come to you" and "I will love him and reveal myself to him," we can be sure that Jesus intends to do this. This is faith. But there is a qualifying clause, "If you love me" (verse 15). IF ... That's a sobering thought. Peter says to Jesus, "You know I love you" (Jn 21:15). We might say the same. But when pressed further, Peter becomes distressed. The same should be said of us. A careful examination of our conscience might reveal that we might love Jesus, but there are also other 'loves' in our lives which attract us. One of my former co-workers in evangelization was fond of saying, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." It's not that Jesus is a liar, it's that our faith can be flimsy, easily persuaded (or justified) by the ephemeral possession, the esteemed reputation, the novel commodity, the socially acceptable position, the polarizing ideology, the unexpected opportunity, the seductive relationship, or the alluring activity. These may have some value in the short term, but they are not the main thing. The main thing is Jesus, and this lesson is what the man in our story learned even later in life.

Perhaps, we can be honest with ourselves by saying that there are many loves that occupy our hearts and minds. And from that starting point, let's learn to have a conversation with Jesus about what — or who — the 'main thing' in our lives should be.

—Br. John-Marmion Villa

PARISH EVENTS

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

Friday, May 12: Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday, June 13: Our Lady of Manaoag
Thursday, July 13: Our Lady of Lourdes
Monday, August 14: Our Lady of LaVang
Wednesday, September 13: Our Lady of
Guadalupe



Friday, October 13: Our Lady Queen of the World

ALL DEVOTIONS WILL START AT 7:00 PM AT THE HALL
FOR PROCESSION WITH ROSARY, FOLLOWED BY MASS.

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

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Please pray for the 16 students that will be
receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
on June 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm.
Celebrant: Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ

Bui, Hoang Quan
Canas-Lopez, Gabriela
Corbin, Kaya
Doan, Jesse
Fernandez, Ethan
Garcia, Samantha
Guerrero, Sofia
Guillermo, Nico
Hernandez, Brandon
Hinojosa, Jasmine
Hooks, Jordan
Maglasang, Yanni
Manuguid, Mariella
Ngo, Thuy-An
Torres, Jason
Torwel, Chelsea

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 pm Hall: Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, May 18

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

Friday, May 19

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
7:00 pm CH: Rosary/Vigil: Mary Tran
7:30 pm Hall: Holy Spirit Novena

Saturday, May 20

1:00 pm CH: Funeral: Mary Tran
2:00 pm Hall: Holy Spirit Novena

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am Hall: Burrito Breakfast
1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#3: St. Joseph Group
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
5:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Teachers

Congratulations to all the students that
received their First Holy Communion
on May 13, 2023

Jacob Asuncion
Hunter Blackshear
Mariana Calderon
Bac Diamond Cordova
Cesar Cruz
Elijah David
Belinda Duenas
Emmanuel Gonzalez
Caleb Hoy
Guillermo Longoria
Arely Martinez
Josue Navarro
John Nguyen
Haylee Palomino
Jorge Perez
Jose Rios
Sophia Rios
Cainsley Torwell
Glenn Ceniza

Yarell Becerra
Andrei Calimbas
Gonzalo Canas-Lopez
Benedict Cordova
Millie Cruz
Timothy David
Christopher Gonzalez
Jose Hernandez
Alessandro Longoria
Georgina Majors
Kevin Martinez
Kimberly Navarro
Esperanza Palomino
Gabrielle Panaligan
Pablo Perez
Merydi Rios
Vera Riray
Brandon Vaquerano

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
Silvia Hernandez
(925) 759-1298



FILIPINO FOOD FESTIVAL

Sponsored by the Filipino Association

June 11, 2023
11:00 AM to
2:00 PM

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of the World**

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SCRIP TICKETS FOR FOOD
\$0.50 PER TICKET

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WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT**

