

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 2023

"I am with you always, until the end of the age."

(Matthew 16:20)

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 Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



GOSPEL READING

Mt 28: 16-20



Monday, May 22

7:30 am Eleanor Catalya Tecson⁺

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 am Living Members of the Laguardia Family

Wednesday, May 24

7:30 am Bella Soriano Reyes⁺

Thursday, May 25

7:30 am Cecilio & Saavedra Family
Thanksgiving

Friday, May 26

7:30 am Inocencio C. Servigon⁺

Saturday, May 27

8:00 am Mary Geringer & Antonion Solis⁺

5:00 pm Francisco "Angsel" Borja⁺

7:00 pm (SP) Jesucita Arroyo⁺

Sunday, May 28

8:00 am Amanda Graham

10:00 am Lynn Anderson

12:00 noon Androcles Alcantara⁺

4:00 pm (VN)



The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://www.chinakasreflections.com/reflection-homily-for-the-solemnity-of-the-ascension-of-the-lord/>

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 14: \$ 6,157.00

Catholic Charities: \$ 2,603.00

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.



The Ascension of the Lord
5/21/2023

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

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

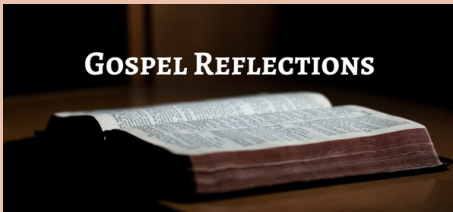
1. Ascension Day—40 days after Easter Sunday—honors Jesus' Ascension into heaven. It's filled with much joy, hope and peace. This is the beautiful mystery of our faith. During the days after Easter, Jesus made what we call Post Resurrection appearance. He showed Himself in several different ways—sometimes in His Resurrected Body other times as a gardener or a wayfarer. All of this was done to help the disciples to realize that even though they witnessed his horrible death, He had been raised from the dead and truly lives!
2. Jesus makes a promise, He says: "I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you." He says this in the context of preparation. He is preparing the disciples for His return to the Father, but also for the coming of the Holy Spirit whom He refers to as the Advocate.
3. Ascension is the Feast of Christ's return to His Father. The Feast is a challenge and a mandate for all of us about justice and peace. As He was about to take His leave, Jesus said to his disciples, "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." And at that moment as the disciples watched Him fade from their sight, they heard the words, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" - That says to me, now Jesus' work is in our hands and all of those who will come to believe in Christ. **Christ depends on All of Us!** Jesus' work then and now is summarized in His principal message: engagement in building the Kingdom of God on earth. Over and over He insisted that He had come to inaugurate the new creation of Justice, Peace, and Love; and that would be the task of all who come after Him.

Together we must work harder for justice, peace, and love. It is not only a call for individual conversion, but is a call for all nations of people and cultures. It is an obligation!

Please remember Jesus became our eternal Advocate. We are united with Him. In Him we find strength to live our Faith and have new purpose in life. Jesus is always with us even when He returns to the Father.

Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus." The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/ascension-of-the-lord-cycle-a/>

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

Feast Day: May 25



Mystical ecstasy is the elevation of the spirit to God in such a way that the person is aware of this union with God while both internal and external senses are detached from the sensible world. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi was so generously given this special gift of God that she is called the "ecstatic saint."

Catherine de' Pazzi was born into a noble family in Florence in 1566. The normal course would have been for her to have married into wealth and enjoyed comfort, but Catherine chose to follow her own path. At 9, she learned to meditate from the family confessor. She made her first Communion at the then-early age of 10, and made a vow of virginity one month later. At 16, Catherine entered the Carmelite convent in Florence because she could receive Communion daily there.

Catherine had taken the name Mary Magdalene and had been a novice for a year when she became critically ill. Death seemed near, so her superiors let her make her profession of vows in a private ceremony from a cot in the chapel. Immediately after, Mary Magdalene fell into an ecstasy that lasted about two hours. This was repeated after Communion on the following 40 mornings. These ecstasies were rich experiences of union with God and contained marvelous insights into divine truths.

As a safeguard against deception and to preserve the revelations, her confessor asked Mary Magdalene to dictate her experiences to sister secretaries. Over the next six years, five large volumes were filled. The first three books record ecstasies from May of 1584 through Pentecost week the following year. This week was a preparation for a severe five-year trial. The fourth book records that trial and the fifth is a collection of letters concerning reform and renewal. Another book, Admonitions, is a collection of her sayings arising from her experiences in the formation of women religious.

The extraordinary was ordinary for this saint. She read the thoughts of others and predicted future events. During her lifetime, Mary Magdalene appeared to several persons in distant places and cured a number of sick people.

It would be easy to dwell on the ecstasies and pretend that Mary Magdalene only had spiritual highs. This is far from true. It seems that God permitted her this special closeness to prepare her for the five years of desolation that followed when she experienced spiritual dryness. She was plunged into a state of darkness in which she saw nothing but what was horrible in herself and all around her. She had violent temptations and endured great physical suffering. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi died in 1607 at age 41, and was canonized in 1669. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on May 25.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-mary-magdalene-de-pazzi/>

PARISH EVENTS

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

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 7:30 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 22

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD
7:30 pm CH: Holy Spirit Novena

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 pm CH: Holy Spirit Novena

Wednesday, May 24

7:30 pm CH: Holy Spirit Novena

Thursday, May 25

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)
6:00 pm CH: Wedding Rehearsal
7:30 pm CH: Holy Spirit Novena

Friday, May 26

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir
7:30 pm CH: Holy Spirit Novena

Saturday, May 27

1:00 pm CH: Wedding: Plascencia
2:00 pm CH: Holy Spirit Novena

Sunday, May 28

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#3: St. Joseph Group
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the upcoming school year, 2023-
2024 is now open. Please see Mr. Rene Asuncion
at the CCD office to register.

CONVALIDATION OF YOUR CIVIL MARRIAGE

If you are interested in convalidation of your civil
marriage. Please see Mr. Rene Asuncion at the
CCD office or go to the rectory to fill out an
application.

SVdP FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul
has moved to Saturdays from 12:00 noon
to 1:30 pm at Palis Hall.

Congratulations

First Holy Communion: May 13, 2023



**Jacob Asuncion
Andrei Calimbas
Bac Diamond Cordova
Millie Cruz
Belinda Duenas
Jose Hernandez
Guillermo Longoria
Kevin Martinez
John Nguyen
Gabrielle Panaligan
Jose Rios
Vera Riray
Glenn Ceniza**

**Yareli Becerra
Mariana Calderon
Benedict Cordova
Elijah David
Christopher Gonzalez
Caleb Hoy
Georgina Majors
Josue Navarro
Eaperanza Palomino
Jorge Perez
Merydi Rios
Cainsley Torwell**

**Hunter Blackshear
Gonzalo Canas-Lopez
Cesar Cruz
Timothy David
Emmanuel Gonzalez
Alessandro Longoria
Arely Martinez
Kimberly Navarro
Haylee Palomino
Pablo Perez
Sophia Rios
Brandon Vaquerano**

FILIPINO FOOD FESTIVAL

Sponsored by the Filipino Association

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

**Our Lady Queen
of the World**

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SCRIP TICKETS FOR FOOD
\$0.50 PER TICKET

***AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONE
WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT**

