

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

*“Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20: 22)*

**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

Jn. 20: 19-23

### Monday, May 29

7:30 am Cielita Biernes<sup>+</sup>

### Tuesday, May 30

7:30 am Purita Quiambao<sup>+</sup>

### Wednesday, May 31

7:30 am Santos Family Thanksgiving

### Thursday, June 1

7:30 am Nestor Quiambao<sup>+</sup>

### Friday, June 2

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

### Saturday, June 3

8:00 am Vicente & Ebias Families

5:00 pm Mel Solis Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP) Rosita Escobar<sup>+</sup>

### Sunday, June 4

8:00 am Tomasa Catalya<sup>+</sup>

10:00 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh, & Tinh Pham<sup>+</sup>

12:00 noon Marie Porter<sup>+</sup>

2:00 pm (VN)

5:00 pm Confirmation Liturgy

## MINISTRIES

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

**Filipino Association:** Nerissa Riray,  
President (nriray@comcast.net)

**Hispanic Association** Antonio Renteria,  
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**Legion of Mary:** Danila Loquiao  
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**Vietnamese Association:** Hiep David Vu, President  
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Portrait on the cover:  
<https://www.catholic.org/lent/pentecost.php>

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."

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nadine Jerez, Carolyn Hoppenhauer, Mario & Emma Dolor, Daniel Muly, Joe Quizon, Jasmin B. Toledo, Thomas Solis, Anecito Montecillo, Katt Embody, Raul Gonzalez, Fr. Tom, 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 21: \$ 6,022.00

Catholic Communication: \$ 2,005.00

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.*

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PENTECOST SUNDAY  
5/28/2023

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

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

It is Pentecost Sunday!

The story of Pentecost invites us to reflect upon our openness and our response to the outpouring of the Spirit in our own lives.

When we think of Pentecost, we usually imagine of the tongues of fire descending upon the apostles. Definitely, it was a dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit.

In John's gospel, apart from fire, the Risen Christ appears to the Apostles with the greeting, "Peace be with you." Then He breathes the Holy Spirit on them and tells them to forgive the sins of others. It becomes clear that the Holy Spirit comes to bring forgiveness and peace. So, the Holy Spirit has been known as "the greatest of Consolers!" We have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation. Gifts we aren't meant to keep to ourselves. Peace is something to be shared. We live in a world that is badly in need of Peace. We can do our part by offering forgiveness and peace—to bring new life—into our broken relationships.

With this Feast, we celebrate the birthday of the church because it was the first Pentecost Sunday that the infant church began and took on its missionary role. The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles when they were in prayer with Mary in the room and transformed these timid and frightened men into courageous and fearless men to rush them into the streets to preach the Word of God to all the people. Ever since the Holy Spirit has been a permanent presence and a tower of strength in guiding, guarding, and directing the Church.

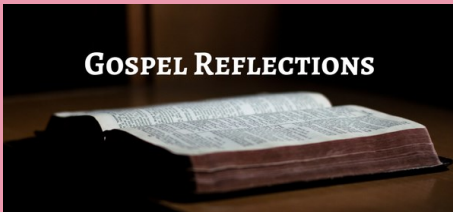
To accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit is to increase our prayer life, which helps put us into a loving relationship with God. The Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were in prayer. It is difficult to discover our special talents and the particular role we are called to play in the mission of the church without an attitude of prayerfulness! There is an obligation to build up the Body of Christ wherever we are in when we discover our own particular gifts and talents that God, the Creator has blessed us with.

Pope Francis encourages us to call on the Holy Spirit more often when facing difficulties, exhaustion or discouragement in daily life, "Come Holy Spirit, Come!"

Gratefully,

Father Tom

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/pentecost-sunday-cycle-a-sunday-connection/>

## Saint Justin

Saint of the Day: June 1



Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies.

As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers.

Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogy of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate.

For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

### Reflection

As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should also be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe.

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

## 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.

### 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

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

### HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH AT  
10:00AM**

The Church encourages all the faithful,  
especially the elderly and those experiencing  
bodily or emotional illness, to attend the  
Anointing Mass.

Reception will follow in front of the Church.

For more information, call the parish office at  
925-458-4718.

### Corpus Christi

We will be celebrating Corpus Christi on Sunday,  
June 11th. There will be a multi-cultural mass at  
10:00 am followed by a procession and  
potluck at Palis Hall.

(Please note there will be no 12:00 noon mass and  
4:00 pm Vietnamese mass that day.)

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

#### **Monday, May 29**

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

#### **Tuesday, May 30**

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

#### **Wednesday, May 31**

7:00 pm Hall: Parish Council

#### **Thursday, June 1**

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

#### **Friday, June 2**

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

#### **Saturday, June 3**

2:00 pm CH: Baptism (SP)

#### **Sunday, June 4**

1:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese School  
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir  
6:00 pm Hall: Confirmation Reception

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the upcoming school year, 2023-  
2024 is now open. Please see Mr. Rene Asuncion  
at the CCD office to register. Registration forms  
are also available on our website.

### CON-VALIDATION OF YOUR CIVIL MARRIAGE

If you are interested in con-validation 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.

### FILIPINO FOOD FESTIVAL

The Filipino Food Festival set for June 11th has  
been canceled for this year to celebrate  
Corpus Christi.

# 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**

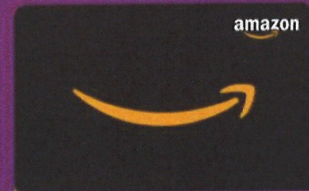
**Yareli Becerra**  
**Mariana Calderon**  
**Benedict Cordova**  
**Elijah David**  
**Christopher Gonzalez**  
**Caleb Hoy**  
**Georgina Majors**  
**Josue Navarro**  
**Eaperanza Palomino**  
**Jorge Perez**  
**Merydi Rios**  
**Cainsley Torwell**

**Hunter Blackshear**  
**Gonzalo Canas-Lopez**  
**Cesar Cruz**  
**Timothy David**  
**Emmanuel Gonzalez**  
**Alessandro Longoria**  
**Arely Martinez**  
**Kimberly Navarro**  
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## Our Lady Queen of the World

Sunday, June 18, 2023

9:00 am – 12:45 pm

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