# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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# **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **JUNE 25, 2023**

## "Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Matthew 10: 31)

#### Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator Deacon Loc Nguyen Sister Elizabeth Diep Huynh, Bookkeeper Maria Faye Dolor, Secretary

<mark>Office Hours</mark> Monday – Friday: 9:00ам - 1:00 рм

#### 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



Monday, June 26 Daniel Bustamante 7:30 am Tuesday, June 27 7:30 am Napoleon Villacorta<sup>+</sup> Wednesday, June 28 Mikaela Robles 7:30 am Thursday, June 29 7:30 am Father Tom Thanksgiving Friday, June 30 7:30 am Maria Tam Nguyen<sup>+</sup> Saturday, July 1 Joseph Hung Le<sup>+</sup> 8:00 am Victor Praies<sup>+</sup> 5:00 pm 7:00 pm (SP) Francisca & Aquilino Aguilar<sup>+</sup> Sunday, July 2 8:00 am Jun Fontecha Thanksgiving 10:00 am Gonzalo & Ernesta Asuncion<sup>+</sup> 12:00 nn Warren Rabang 4:00 pm (VN)



#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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

Hispanic Association Antonio Renteria, President (antoniorenteria201@yahoo.com) Contacto en Español: Gladys Giron 925-334-9873

**Columbiettes** *Leticia Rodrigues, President* 925-339-8662

**Knights of Columbus** *Kip Trombley* (gk7164@yahoo.com)

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Legion of Mary: Danila Loquiao (dnilaloquiao@gmail.com; 925-864-1237)

**Vietnamese Association:** *Hiep David Vu, President* (*Davidvu207*(*@gmail.com*)

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Jesus said to the Twelve:

"Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;

rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others,

I will deny before my heavenly Father."

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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., Proceso Beleza, Patricia Diokno, 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 June 18: \$ 5,419.50

Parish Assessment: \$ 1,867.00

2023 Insurance: Total:\$19,534.00 Paid: \$ 9,784.00

2023 Assessment: Total: \$43,805.00 Paid: \$ 21,905.00

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.



# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6/25/2023

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

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

"Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name. for you never deprive of your guidance those you set form on the foundation of your love." (Prayer of the 12th Sunday of year A)

There are difficulties and persecutions we face daily for the sake of our Faith. But Jesus' words today challenge us to have Faith and Trust in God. What are we afraid of? Fear is part of life and part of each of our daily lives. We are afraid of many things: failure, death, violence, rejection...etc.

As Catholics, we are called by God to live, to share our Faith and to be witnesses of Jesus in our world today. We are called to be examples...The quality of our daily living and how we behave , we are to be real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his Gospel...We who declare our Faith in God before others...God never forgets or abandons us. Don't be afraid and trust in God in what He is asking of us. Let us not be paralyzed by our fear. Instead, let the words of Pope Francis encourage us "go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the Good News which is for all people." Remember - God never forgets or abandons us.

Prayers and Love,

Father Tom

#### Saint Cyril Saint of the Day: June 27



We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/12th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/



Saints are not born with halos around their heads. Cyril, recognized as a great teacher of the Church, began his career as archbishop of Alexandria, Egypt, with impulsive, often violent, actions. He pillaged and closed the churches of the Novatian heretics—who required those who denied the faith to be re-baptized—participated in the deposing of Saint John Chrysostom, and confiscated Jewish property, expelling the Jews from Alexandria in retaliation for their attacks on Christians.

Cyril's importance for theology and Church history lies in his championing the cause of orthodoxy against the heresy of Nestorius, who taught that in Christ there were two persons, one human and one divine.

The controversy centered around the two natures in Christ. Nestorius would not agree to the title "God-bearer" for Mary. He preferred "Christ-bearer," saying there are two distinct persons in Christ—divine and human—joined only by a moral union. He said Mary was not the mother of God but only of the man Christ, whose humanity was only a temple of God. Nestorianism implied that the humanity of Christ was a mere disguise.

Presiding as the pope's representative at the Council of Ephesus in 431, Cyril condemned Nestorianism and proclaimed Mary truly the "God-bearer"—the mother of the one Person who is truly God and truly human. In the confusion that followed, Cyril was deposed and imprisoned for three months, after which he was welcomed back to Alexandria.

Besides needing to soften some of his opposition to those who had sided with Nestorius, Cyril had difficulties with some of his own allies, who thought he had gone too far, sacrificing not only language but orthodoxy. Until his death, his policy of moderation kept his extreme partisans under control. On his deathbed, despite pressure, he refused to condemn the teacher of Nestorius.

#### Reflection

Lives of the saints are valuable not only for the virtue they reveal but also for the less admirable qualities that also appear. Holiness is a gift of God to us as human beings. Life is a process. We respond to God's gift, but sometimes with a lot of zigzagging. If Cyril had been more patient and diplomatic, the Nestorian church might not have risen and maintained power so long. But even saints must grow out of immaturity, narrowness, and selfishness. It is because they—and we—do grow, that we are truly saints, persons who live the life of God.

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### **PARISH EVENTS**

## **DEVOTION TO OUR LADY**

Thursday, July 13: Our Lady of Lourdes Friday, August 11: 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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

### **MINISTERS MEETINGS**

Tuesday, June 27th @ 7:00 pm in the church: New Ministers

Wednesday, June 28th @ 7:00 pm in the church: Ushers and Music Ministers

Monday, July 10th @ 7:00 pm in the hall: Environment, New CCD Teachers & New Members of each Organizations

Saturday, July 15th @ 10:00 am in the church: Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



Tuesday, July 4, 2023, 7:30 PM Repeats every first Tuesday of the month.

Location: St. Isidore Parish

The Divine Mercy chaplet, a devotion introduced by St. Faustina Kowalska in the mid-20th century, is being offered on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

For more information, email mmurray@sichurch.com or divinemercyministry.apostolate@gmail.com, or visit https://www.usccb.org/prayers/divine-mercy-chaplet.

#### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, June 19 11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary 7:30 pm Hall: Filipino Association

**Tuesday**, June 20

#### Wednesday, June 21

#### Thursday, June 22

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP) 7:30 pm Hall: Filipino Assoc.

Friday, June 23 P#1: Hispanic Choir 7:00 pm

12:00 pm 1:00 pm

8:00 am

2:00 pm

Hall: St. Vincent de Paul CH: Baptism

#### Sunday, June 25

Hall: Vietnamese Community P#2: Vietnamese Choir

## What is a "House Call"?

Nourish for Caregivers is holding LIVE **Zoom** online meet-ups for caregivers to provide:

- Encouragement, inspiration and understanding
- A place to bring questions and share your ideas •
- A space to receive spiritual nourishment
- Every House Call begins with prayer, incorporates scriptural inspiration and a private space to connect with other caregivers.

## House Calls HOURS

WEEKLY - Every Tuesday Morning 11 am ET/ 10 CT/ 8 PT

MONTHLY - 2nd & 4th Thursday Evening 8 pm ET/ 7 CT/ 5 PT



Saturday, June 24



# AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR VOCATION TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD



Saturday, July 22, 2023, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Location: St. Michael's Parish, Livermore Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood. Open to Men 18-40. Minors must be accompanied by parents. Schedule includes:

2pm Assembly

3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reflection and Sharing

4:30pm Break

5pm Mass in the Church

6:15pm Dinner followed by Vocation.

For more info and to register, Please contact Rev. Carl Arcosa at: Carlarcosa@stmichaellivermore.com .



#### The Sacrifice of Christ

After you exchange a handshake or a hug with someone, there is nothing you take away other than the feeling you share with that person. Something has changed—there is a sense of closeness, of unity, perhaps even of love. Imagine Jesus giving you a hug every week, telling you He loves you. That is the essence of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When we partake in the Holy Eucharist, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, but we also bring Jesus into our bodies. That is why coming to Mass each week is important: it is a time to listen to the word of God, to celebrate the sacrifice of His Son, to be joined with Jesus in this sacred meal, and to go and proclaim the Good News.

We are not strangers to the idea of sacrifice. Most of us know what it is like to sacrifice an hour of sleep for a good cause, or to give up the last piece of pizza to a hungry brother, or to take time out of your day to listen to someone when you may have more important things to do. As Catholics, we have grown accustomed to sacrifice and the good things that can come from it.

It is fitting to talk about sacrifice this weekend when we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Every time we come to Church for the Holy Mass, we recall the great gift given to us by Jesus when He offered Himself for our redemption by giving over His Body and Blood. Jesus did not have to let Himself get arrested, falsely accused, scourged and murdered on a cross. He did not have to, but He did. He allowed Himself to be killed so that we might be saved.

That is why the Holy Eucharist we share is so important. These days, so many Catholics want to push aside the sacrament of communion by saying Jesus is not really present, the wafer we eat is just a symbol, a reminder of what Jesus did for us. But Catholics should know better. We should know Jesus is among us when the priest consecrates the bread and wine. It is changed, even though it still looks and tastes like bread and wine. Imagine Jesus giving you a hug every week. That is Holy Eucharist.

#### **Deacon Rob Falco**

Saint Raymond Church, Dublin, CA