

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 30, 2023

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field...”
(Matthew 13: 44)

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. 13: 44-52



Monday, July 31

7:30 am Elmer Grajo Thanksgiving

Tuesday, August 1

7:30 am Evangeline Bustamante
Thanksgiving

Wednesday, August 2

7:30 am Parents & Benefactors of Holy
Cross Sisters

Thursday, August 3

7:30 am Lorenzo Nguyen Van Ni⁺

Friday, August 4

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

Saturday, August 5

8:00 am Joseph Nguyen Huynh Khang⁺

5:00 pm Monico & Teodula Aquino⁺

7:00 pm (SP) Tomasa & Abel Rosales⁺

Sunday, August 6

8:00 am Marlene Serna

10:00 am Perpetua Villaluz⁺

12:00 nn Teresa da Rosa-Melo⁺

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://pbpcsermons.blogspot.com/2015/07/hometown-disappointment-matthew-1354-58.html>

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Belezza, Patricia Diokno, Mario & Emma Dolor, Jovita Domingo, Elizabeth Zamora, 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 July 23: \$ 4,906.00

Parish Assessment: \$ 1,941.00

2023 Insurance: Total:\$19,534.00 Paid: \$ 14,659.00

2023 Assessment: Total: \$43,805.00 Paid: \$ 25,555.00

*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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
07/30/2023

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

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

Welcome to the Conventual Franciscan Friars who have come to visit up this weekend and to share with us about their ministries in Vietnam. Please be generous. I would also like to thank you for all who donated to the Catholic Charities East Bay. Through your generosity, we were able to gift them \$2,603.00.

Each person has a different set of values in life. What are your values in life? Fame, popularity, respectability, luxury home, money, expensive car...? This Sunday's readings issue a direct challenge to all types of worldly life styles and tell us to get our priorities right.

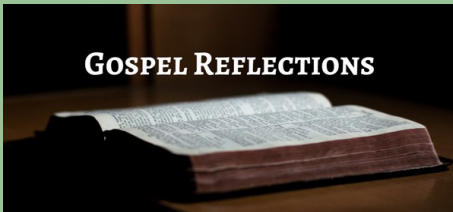
According to the Gospel, our Faith is the treasure we have and we are heirs to the Kingdom of God. It is so important and valuable that everybody must give it absolute priority. There is no short cuts to it and we can't achieve it without a lot of effort everyday. This treasure can be found in ordinary places since God is constantly speaking to us in the simplicity of our lives. We need to open our eyes to His presence and search for Him in the bits and pieces of everyday happenings. We need to spend time in prayers and take a good look at ourselves to try to discover what God is saying to us at any given moment—can be a call to new growth and an adventure in holiness.

It is a day to reflect on the depth and value we put on our Faith in Christ. How many can honestly say that nothing else matters but this precious gift handed down to us by our parents and by the previous generation at such a great cost? We must invest our time and energy for this precious gift of Faith—to focus on Christ and the values He stands for—to share in God's glory.

In Faith we trust,

Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his store-room both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

Saint Eusebius

Saint of the Day: August 2



Someone has said that if there had been no Arian heresy denying Christ's divinity, it would be very difficult to write the lives of many early saints. Eusebius is another of the defenders of the Church during one of its most trying periods.

Born on the isle of Sardinia, he became a member of the Roman clergy, and is the first recorded bishop of Vercelli in Piedmont in northwest Italy. Eusebius was also the first to link the monastic life with that of the clergy, establishing a community of his diocesan clergy on the principle that the best way to sanctify his people was to have them see a clergy formed in solid virtue and living in community.

He was sent by Pope Liberius to persuade the emperor to call a council to settle Catholic-Arian troubles. When it was called at Milan, Eusebius went reluctantly, sensing that the Arian block would have its way, although the Catholics were more numerous. He refused to go along with the condemnation of Saint Athanasius; instead, he laid the Nicene Creed on the table and insisted that all sign it before taking up any other matter. The emperor put pressure on him, but Eusebius insisted on Athanasius' innocence and reminded the emperor that secular force should not be used to influence Church decisions. At first the emperor threatened to kill him, but later sent him into exile in Palestine. There the Arians dragged him through the streets and shut him up in a little room, releasing him only after his four-day hunger strike. They resumed their harassment shortly after.

His exile continued in Asia Minor and Egypt, until the new emperor permitted him to be welcomed back to his see in Vercelli. Eusebius attended the Council of Alexandria with Athanasius and approved the leniency shown to bishops who had wavered. He also worked with Saint Hilary of Poitiers against the Arians.

Eusebius died peacefully in his own diocese at what was then considered an advanced age.

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

PARISH EVENTS

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

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.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

JULY 2023 - FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

For a Eucharistic life Let us pray that Catholics place at the center of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships profoundly and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

Trường Việt Ngữ

Để chuẩn bị cho năm học 2023 -2024, xin quý phụ huynh nhận đơn ghi danh cho các em sau Thánh Lễ Chúa nhật (lúc 4 giờ chiều). Hạn chót nộp đơn ngày 31 tháng 8 năm 2023. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết xin liên lạc với số

Diệp (Sr. Elizabeth) tại văn phòng Giáo xứ sáng Thứ Ba, Thứ Tư và Thứ Sáu

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Xin cảm ơn.

WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The Knights of Columbus and The American Wheelchair Mission will be here at all Masses on "WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY", August 12 & 13, to explain how you can help the poorest of the poor, gain mobility and freedom. Join them and Fr. Thomas for this very inspirational and moving presentation.

Please watch the video below.

<https://youtu.be/BWQ2wP4IK80>



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, July 31

11:15 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Tuesday, August 1

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, August 2

1:00 pm Hall: Regina Mundi Guild

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, August 5

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

6:00 pm Hall: Bingo

Sunday, August 6

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 or come to the Parish office to register. Registration forms are also available on our website. Classes will begin on August 26th. Last day to register will be September 9th.

Build to register will be September 9th.



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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH:
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**





Thanksgiving and Worship

One of the manifestations of our worship of God is gratitude. By praying and offering the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, in remembrance of the unique sacrifice offered by His Son on the Cross for our salvation, we thank God for the favors we have received in our lives.

Sanctified by the Holy Eucharist, we are called to offer our gratitude to God for the gift received. The Common Preface IV reminds us of this reality by stating that "*For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift.*" Gratitude is therefore a gift from God that takes advantage of us for our salvation, as the same Preface affirms later. The Eucharist, whose original meaning in Greek means "thanksgiving", therefore becomes the best way to offer God our gratitude for the gifts received.

The Second Vatican Council teaches us that in order to take full advantage of the spiritual benefits of Holy Mass, our participation in the Mass must be "full, conscious and active"; that is, we must be aware that what we receive is the Lord Himself, who is given to us in His Body and Blood. The Council itself tells us that "we are aware of this gift when we actively involve our mind, heart and body in all parts of the liturgy, allowing God through His words, actions, gestures, even in moments of silence, to communicate to us."

The gratitude that inspires us to give thanks to God and adore Him in the Eucharist is nourished and enriched by the beauty of the liturgy. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the bishops and priests to prepare and celebrate the Holy Mass with the solemnity and decorum that it requires, following the liturgical books approved for this purpose, avoiding practices that could lead to confusion or abuse.

Another form of our expression of gratitude to God is Eucharistic Adoration, with which we not only adore Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament, but also join ourselves in a more intimate way to the unique sacrifice of Christ that we celebrate and remember in the Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration, therefore, helps us to recognize the real presence of Jesus, under the species of bread and wine, not as a simple memory or symbol, but as a reality of His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Reverend Father Luis Lopez

Parochial Administrator

Corpus Christi Church, Fremont, CA



REGISTER NOW!

SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2023
SPANISH LANGUAGE TRACK

SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2023
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRACK

"I Am With You Always"

Diocese of Oakland Eucharistic Revival Congress

Join us for a weekend of renewing prayer, talks, discussion, Mass, Adoration, and a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament

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CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist



JULY 20

Start date for the Consecration to Jesus through Mary

33 days of preparation and prayer for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

AUGUST 22

Consecration Day at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ presiding

Are you ready to respond to the call for missionary discipleship, with Mary as the perfect model? Consider consecrating yourself to the Lord through our Blessed Mother with this 33-day consecration!

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a part of the
**2023 DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

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For more information, visit consecrationgroup.org

ADORATION WAVE

NINE DAYS OF CONTINUOUS EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION THROUGHOUT
THE DIOCESE OF
OAKLAND

COMING TO A
PARISH NEAR
YOU BETWEEN
**SEPTEMBER
8-16, 2023**



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Diocese of Oakland
Eucharistic Revival Congress

Covering the two weekends of the Revival Congress, different parishes and religious communities will take a 3-hour block of Adoration which picks up from one parish to the next - creating a wave of Adoration throughout the whole Diocese the entire time we're convening for the Eucharistic Revival Congress!

[WWW.OAKDIOCESE.ORG/
EUCHARISTICREVIVAL2023](http://WWW.OAKDIOCESE.ORG/EUCHARISTICREVIVAL2023)