

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
(Mt 16:24)*

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

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

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 with Adoration after Mass

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00pm- 7:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:
Wednesdays after morning mass
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Mondays to Saturdays
after morning mass
Exposition & Benediction : Fridays 6:00pm- 7:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00pm—5:00pm 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 16, 21—27



Monday, September 4

7:30 am Toribia Wee⁺

Tuesday, September 5

7:30 am Parent & Benefactors of Holy Cross Sisters⁺

Wednesday, September 6

7:30 am Perla & Regina Bautista
Thanksgiving

Thursday, September 7

7:30 am Henry Nilo⁺

Friday, September 8

7:30 am Reynaldo Macaraig⁺

Saturday, September 9

8:00 am Lenlen Catalya⁺

5:00 pm Lenlen Catalya⁺
Reynaldo Macaraig⁺

7:00 pm (SP) Margarita Ramires⁺

Sunday, September 10

8:00 am Ebias & Vicente Families⁺

10:00 am Ngan Vu; Mai Dinh; Tinh Pham⁺

12:00 am Alex Alcantara⁺

4:00 pm (VN)

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://caritas.us/blog/have-faith-do-not-be-afraid-matthew-14-22-33>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anecito Montecillo, Katt Embody, Raul Gonzalez, Fr. Tom, Narciso Fontecha, Victoria Lapid, Danilo Henson, Eduardo Sahulga, Eva Panugaling, Lisa Jott, Betty Tecson, Eleccion Elevazo, Victor Mendoza, Rosalina Masangcay, Adolfo Miguel Jr., Proceso Beleza, Patricia Diokno, Mario & Emma Dolor, Jovita Domingo, Elizabeth Zamora, Abraham Nacnac, Xander Saavedra, Carmenchu Saavedra, 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 August 27: \$ 7,160.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,516.00

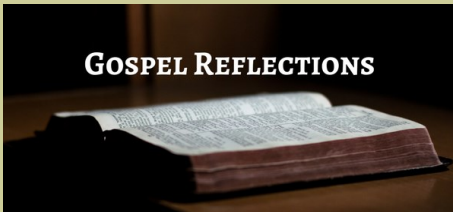
2023 Insurance: Total: \$19,534.00 Paid: \$ 14,659.00

2023 Assessment: Total: \$43,805.00 Paid: \$ 29,205.00

*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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint of the Day: September 8



The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap.

This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

Reflection

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

PARISH EVENTS

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

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: SEPTEMBER 2023 : FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Trường Việt Ngữ

Nữ Vương Mân Côi sẽ khai giảng ngày 10 tháng 9 năm 2023. Xin quý phụ huynh đưa các em đến lúc 1 giờ chiều và cùng tham dự ngày đầu năm với các em.
Xin cảm ơn.

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Sr. Elizabeth Diep Huynh



BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 am

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, September 4

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

Tuesday, September 5

7:30 pm K of C Officer's Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

1:00 pm Hall: Regina Mundi Guild

Thursday, September 7

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

Friday, September 8

6:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, September 9

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul
5:00 pm P#1&2: Vietnamese Community
6:00 pm Hall: Bingo

Sunday, September 10

7:00 am Hall: Pancake Breakfast
1:00 pm P#3: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir
5:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 10:00 AM

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of the Diocese will sponsor a pilgrimage at Our Lady Queen of the World on Saturday, October 22nd. There will be mass at 10:00 am followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the church to the Shrine. Lunch to follow at Palis Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD school year 2023-2024 has begun. Registration forms are also available on our website. Last day to register will be **September 9th.**

Confirmation students please make sure that you have registered for OnFire happening on Saturday, September 16th at Six Flags.



Conversion

Are you perfect? I certainly am not. Though I deeply love Christ, and have committed myself to serving in His name, I am also a sinner in need of ongoing conversion.

Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist is one of the most important sources of that conversion. Unworthy that I am, Christ desires to feed me with His very self and draw me closer to Him. The grace received through the most perfect gift of the Holy Eucharist gives me the strength and desire to follow Him more faithfully.

Some Catholics fall into the understanding that we have to be perfect to receive the Holy Eucharist. However, Pope Francis reminds us that the Holy Eucharist "is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." Do you remember what our response is prior to receiving the Holy Eucharist? "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." We humbly acknowledge our sinfulness and place our trust in the merciful Lord.

Of course, there are times we have sinned so gravely that we need to do a bit (or perhaps a lot) more work before presenting ourselves at the Eucharistic table. Christ has blessed us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we confess our sins and takes steps to recommit ourselves to Christ and to one another.

This journey of ongoing conversion can be likened to the journey of a couple in marriage. Their wedding day does not signify that a perfect relationship has been established. Though the couple has committed themselves to each other in love, they realize they need to constantly improve their communication, sacrifice themselves more for the other, and be willing to apologize and forgive. This is their "ongoing conversion".

Yes, they will have their disagreements and frustrations with one another, but these won't prevent them from sitting down and eating together. Indeed, those meals will be an opportunity for healing and strengthening their relationship.

Yet, if one of them breaks the bond of trust through infidelity, that person is not going to easily present him or herself at the dinner table. They will need to first begin the arduous task of repentance and sacrifice to prove themselves once again worthy of the trust and love of their spouse.

May all of us be willing to accept the ongoing journey of conversion through the grace of the Holy Spirit, our prayer, and repentant hearts. May Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist nourish and enliven us in our conversion.

Father John Prochaska

Pastor, Saint Joseph the Worker, Berkeley, CA

Parochial Administrator, Saint Ambrose, Berkeley, CA

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County

Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, Sept. 23

Walks Begin at 9 am



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3) West County SVdP FOP Walk
St. Joseph's School
1961 Plum St.
Pinole, CA 94564





CASINO BUS TRIP

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SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

\$40 PER PERSON

WITH \$20 CASH BACK FROM RED HAWK

ASSEMBLE AT 8:00AM

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD

3155 WINTERBROOK DRIVE, PITTSBURG, CA 94565

EXPECTED RETURN: NO LATER THAN 6:00PM

FOR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT:

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OR TERESA ELAMPARO [925] 726-1015, TELAM513@YAHOO.COM

*THE FEE MUST BE PAID IN FULL, TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE TRIP. WE
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PREFERRED).

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A WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP.

NET PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OLQW PARISH.