

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)

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

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

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.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.

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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 18: 15-20



Monday, September 11

7:30 am Ronnie Belza Thanksgiving

Tuesday, September 12

7:30 am Pilar & Apolinar Lapid Sr. +

Wednesday, September 13

7:30 am Ngan Vu; Mai Dinh; Tinh Pham+

7:30 pm Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, September 14

7:30 am Maria Cam Nguyen +

Friday, September 15

7:30 am Adelaida Villaluz +

Saturday, September 16

8:00 am Rosalia Bautista +

5:00 pm Roman Arias & Kalani Andrade

7:00 pm (SP) Manuel Gonzalez

Sunday, September 17

8:00 am Mae Ngo

10:00 am Gonzalo & Ernesta Asuncion +

12:00 am Dana Cruz Thanksgiving

4:00 pm (VN)



Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you,

go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen,

take one or two others along with you,

so that 'every fact may be established

on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

If he refuses to listen even to the church,

then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you,

whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you,

if two of you agree on earth

about anything for which they are to pray,

it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name,

there am I in the midst of them."

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,

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St. Vincent de Paul Society: Danny Vu,

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Portrait on the cover:

<https://mjdasma.blogspot.com/2020/09/reflection-for-sunday-september-6.html>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Thomas Solis, 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, Julie Hansen, 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 September 3: \$ 5,883.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,814.00

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.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
09/10/2023

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

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

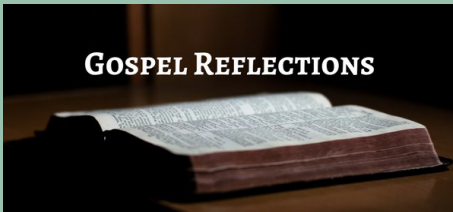
1) Thank You! We have a beautiful parking lot because of the hard work of Tuan, his wife Thao and son Joseph. In order to save money for the parish they had worked hard and late in the evenings during the summer. We are grateful to you, Tuan, Thao and Joseph. May God bless you all abundantly.

2) No man is an island and in Christ we are all brothers and sisters and members of the one family. As brothers and sisters, we are always in relationship. Do You Think Relationships Are Hard Work? No doubt, we need lots of energy, profound love and wisdom to manage all relationships well. It is easy to begin relationships with people, but not easy to build and sustain a good relationship. What kind of time and to what extent are we able to sit down and have an honest conversation with people we love? Life is short and we all have to take seriously the duty of doing good while we can by helping those who are weak or in need of our assistance. The readings of this Sunday emphasize our responsibility towards the salvation of others within the community. This doesn't mean that we become busybodies prying or interfering in others' lives! The love of our neighbor has to be prudent and tactful...Please Don't Forget that the best portion of a good life is those little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt others and there is no living together without pain.

There is a persistent and urgent question is What Good Have We Done for Others?

Love and Prayers,
Fr Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saint of the Day: September 14



Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy

places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

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.

DERC ADORATION WAVE

On Tuesday, September 12th, we will have Adoration and Benediction as part of the move to make the "Real Presence" better understood by all devout Catholics. The time will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the church. Please come and join us for this event.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class
7:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community

Wednesday, September 13

Thursday, September 14

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes
7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Prayer (SP)

Friday, September 15

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, September 16

7:00 am Filipino Association Casino
Bus Trip
8:00 am On-Fire @ Six Flags (Confirmation Students)
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, September 17—Hospitality Sunday

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

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, September 30. 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

Please pray for the Confirmation students who will be attending the On-Fire retreat at Six Flags this coming Saturday, September 16th.

Registration for this CCD School year has closed.

Building Faith

closed.

10 Commandments

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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440 La Gonda Way
Danville, CA 94526

2) St. Agnes SVdP FOP Walk
3966 Chestnut Ave.
Concord, CA 94519

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





CASINO BUS TRIP

SPONSORED BY THE FILIPINO ASSOCIATION

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
ACCEPT CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO FIL ASSOC OF OLQW (CASH
PREFERRED).

*THE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE IF YOU CANCEL LESS THAN
A WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP.

NET PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OLQW PARISH.