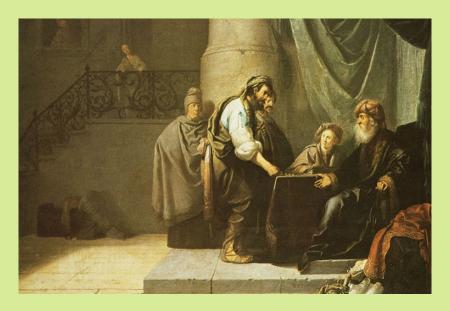
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

(Matthew 25: 29)

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 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



Monday, November 20 7:30 am All Souls Tuesday, November 21 7:30 am All Souls Wednesday, November 22 7:30 am All Souls Thursday, November 23 7:30 am All Souls Friday, November 24 7:30 am All Souls Saturday, November 25 All Souls 8:00 am

7:00 pm (SP) Zoila Rosales + Sunday, November 26

8:00 am Amanda Graham

10:00 am Natividad & Leonardo Garcia +

Robert Palec

12:00 am Elisa Alcantara +

4:00 pm (VN)

5:00 pm



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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

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GOSPEL READING Mr 25:14-15, 19-11

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey

called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to

To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--

to each according to his ability.

Then he went away.

"After a long time

the master of those servants came back

and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents.

See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.'"

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Xander Saavedra, Carmenchu Saavedra, Marlon Serna, Lois Belmessieri, Jonah Hansen, Faye Dolor, Chad Thompson, Viechel Hunter, 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 November 5: \$ 5,917.00 Building Fund: \$ 2,603.00

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2023 Insurance: Total: \$19,534.00 Paid: \$ 14,659.00 2023 Assessment: Total: \$43,805.00 Paid: \$ 40,155.00

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.

My Dear OLQW Parish family, Instead of my scattered thoughts this week, I would like to share a letter from our Bishop. Prayers and Love, Father Tom

MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J. BISHOP OF OAKLAND



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November 8, 2023

Dear parishioners and friends of the Diocese of Oakland,

As we come to the final days of our liturgical year, looking forward to the feast of Christ the King, I want to take this opportunity to update you on the good work happening in our Diocese and what are moments of hope going forward into Advent and our new year. I would also like to update you on where we are in the bankruptcy process.

Last month, we saw a most extraordinary gathering of our faithful at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Our Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress brought nearly 2,000 Catholics to our Cathedral for several days, and together we worshiped, adored, and glorified Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul, and divinity. I know our Diocese is blessed and will continue to be blessed by our dedication to Our Lord and Savior in the gift of the Eucharist.

In many ways, the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress is a beacon for us. Not only did we experience God's tremendous sacrificial love for us in those days, I believe we have also seen a glimpse into our future, of being the Body of Christ that witnesses God's salvation for all.

As Christ's ambassadors, we are creating places where people can come to know Jesus Christ and He can come to know them. Our parishes and schools and our St. Vincent de Paul Society's and Catholic Charities locations are all sacred places — beacons of Christ's mercy.

This purpose and hope are the heart of our Mission Alignment Process. We are taking stock of the gifts given to us by God, both temporal and our own talents, and understanding how we can be more effective in bringing about tremendous fruit in our Diocese.

We are committed to addressing the current reality in our Diocese, a reality happening not just here, but throughout North America and in many Christian denominations. It is a dual challenge of declining engagement by Catholics and a decline in priestly and religious vocations, resulting in underutilized parish resources and facilities. In our Diocese, for example, we have 25% fewer priests than in 1985 and Mass attendance has dropped precipitously, almost in half, since 2010. It is essential we focus on our mission to serve people where they are now... and not where they were in 1965 (when most of our parish facilities were built). We cannot afford to maintain structures that no longer serve our mission.

We filed for bankruptcy because we believe this process is the best way to support a compassionate and equitable outcome for survivors of abuse, while ensuring we continue to provide the essential services and support so crucial to our parishioners and communities.

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Since the initial filing, we have continued our important spiritual work while moving forward with the Court supervised proceedings. The September 11 deadline for survivors of clergy sexual abuse to file claims has passed, closing the period established by the bankruptcy court for all claims to be filed.

As a result, there are now 407 claims to resolve through the bankruptcy process. Now that we have a defined claim universe, the Diocese can begin working with both the creditors' committee and our insurers on a plan to equitably compensate the survivors.

The next steps include entering into mediation with the creditors' committee and insurers, conducted by court-appointed mediators. Mediation will serve as an essential path by which claimants will receive compensation through the bankruptcy process.

I ask for your commitment to work with me and our pastors in the upcoming months as we determine how best to "right size" our parishes to serve the faithful and all who come to us seeking Christ's tender love. This effort will require us to reimagine how we use our facilities and other resources. All will be impacted by these changes; yet I promise all will be able to be part of a faith community where we can celebrate the sacraments, pass on the faith to our children, and offer works of mercy to those individuals in need. This challenge will require us to put aside our personal preferences and work together for the good of the whole diocese and the future of our beloved Church.

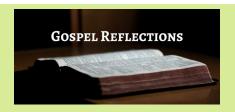
Please join me, too, in praying for the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their continued healing. My prayer is that all Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland live our lives as true witnesses of the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

You, the priests, and the people of our Diocese are generous, faithful, and full of good will. Thank you for your continual support for Christ and His Church.

Wishing you every grace and blessing,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.

Bishop of Oakland



This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

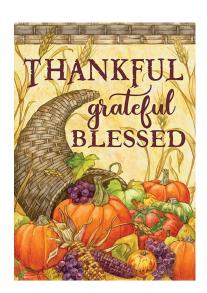
Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Pick up date for the Thanksgiving Basket will be on Tuesday, November 21st at 8:30 am to 11:00 am at Palis Hall.



"The Knights would like to express our gratitude for all the donations that you have given us recently. It is because of your generous support for our Coats For Kids, the Tootsie Roll Drive, and our Thanksgiving Food Drive that we have been able to support the causes they support. We wish you all a very happy and joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you."

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

NOVEMBER 2023 : FOR THE POPE

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

MASS SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, November 23rd.. Please bring your basket to the altar before the start of the mass to be blessed by Father.

(Please note there will be no 7:30 am morning mass that day.)

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or anniversary with a gift of flowers for the Sanctuary. Donors and those honored or remembered will be noted in the bulletin. Please place your donations into an envelope with your name, the name of the one being remembered or honored, the date you would like the flowers to be offered and place it into the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

FLOWER OFFERINGS

Jerez Family Godafreda Casimiro

FOOD PANTRY

St.. Vincent de Paul will not be distributing food on November 25th and December 23rd.

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Building Fund 2nd collection will be for the Hall Expansion Capital Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, November 13

7:00 pm Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 14

SM: Pre Baptismal Class 7:00 pm 7:30 pm **CH: Choir Practice**

Wednesday, November 15

P#2: Legion of Mary 11:30 am 7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Thursday, November 16

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

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Friday, November 17

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir 7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Saturday, November 18

Hall, SM & Portables: CCD 9:00 am 12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 pm CH: Music Concert

Sunday, November 19

1:00 pm Hall & P#3 &4: Vietnamese

School

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

We were reminded again today that evil people exist. Hackers and scammers are working hard to take advantage of kind people.

You may get a text or email that says something like: "Good friend, I need your discreet help. I am at the hospital with a parishioner, and they need (something). I can't talk on the phone right now so please respond by way of email. I truly am grateful for kind people like you."

Or

"Dear friend, I have misplaced my wallet and need to help a parishioner. Is it possible for you to assist very discretely in this time of need. I am unable to talk on the phone right now so please respond in kind. God bless you."

The contact will look like it is from someone you go to church with. It may even appear to be from their email address or phone number.

The State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus email address was used recently to send similar scam emails. In the past some of our parishioners have been targeted using the email or phone number of our Clergy.

If you get an attempted scam email or text, please do not respond to it. Please let the real person know that you have received a scam communication.

It may be prudent to let the parish at large know that a scam is making the rounds.

