

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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



Monday, February 26

7:30 am Gloria Nilo +

Tuesday, February 27

7:30 am Rodolfo Padilla +

Wednesday, February 28

7:30 am

Thursday, February 29

7:30 am

Friday, March 1

7:30 am Joseph Nguyen Huynh Khang +

Saturday, March 2

9:30 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh, & Tinh Pham +

5:00 pm Pricila Solomon +

7:00 pm (SP) Janet & Gorge Bouchar +

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am Monserrat, Ramon, Raymond Masaganda & Rose Floresca +

10:00 am Manuel de Vera +

12:00 am Samson, Zulueta & Alcantara Family Thanksgiving

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/when-is-lent-start-date-and-timeline.html>

GOSPEL READING

MK 9: 2-10



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Betty Tecson, Eleccion Elevazo, Victor Mendoza, Rosalina Masangcay, Adolfo Miguel Jr., Proceso Beleza, Patricia Diokno, Mario & Emma Dolor, Jovita Domingo, Elizabeth Zamora, Julie Hansen, Xander Saavedra, Carmenchu Saavedra, Marlon Serna, Lois Belmessieri, Jonah Hansen, Faye Dolor, Chad Thompson, Viechel Hunter, Logan Kenney, Father Tom, Jasmin Toledo, Carlo Lagarejos, Joseph Guillermo, Victoria Lapid, Kip Trombley, Nico Guillermo, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Katt Embody, 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 925-458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection Feb 18: \$ 6,446.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,283.00

Assessment: \$51,581.00 Paid: \$ 8,596.84

Liability Insurance: \$20,261.00 Paid: \$ 4,052.20

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

02/18/2024

Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

1. CRS Rice bowls- we encourage people to participate in CRS Rice Bowls. Your support changes lives globally and in our community. Rice Bowls are available at the entrance of the Church.
2. Today is the second Sunday of Lent, and through the first reading we are given an extraordinary glimpse into the faith and character of Abraham, our Father in faith. Abraham was told to sacrifice his only son Isaac! It was painful, but his faith and trust in God was solid, never waived. Because of this solid faith and trust in God, Isaac's life was spared. Abraham's faith and obedience is an example to all of us. God must be obeyed at all costs. Even when his faith was being tested beyond all limits, Abraham responded to God's call. We are called to journey into the unknown and respond to God's call. Especially when circumstances make our faith seem unreasonable and too far beyond human thinking. Our faith is often like a rollercoaster. It has its ups and downs. It has high points and low points; it has mountains and valleys. There are times when our faith burns bright, however there are other times that it flickers and nearly goes out. When we experience high points, our faith is strong and bright. During this time we feel so close to Jesus that we can touch Him, like the Father's arms around us and the Holy Spirit speaks to us. During high points, life is beautiful. We love everyone, hug our friends and forgive all our enemies. But during low points, nothing goes right, we feel oppressed and sinned against, misjudge, out of place and lost...life is difficult! When moments of darkness come, we should follow the example of faith and trust of Abraham. Abraham faith flickered and almost failed when he thought that God asked him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. It pained his heart and confused his mind. But Abraham had faith and trust in God. And God did not let him down. And God blessed him beyond his wildest dreams.
3. In a similar way, God tests our faith. When this happens, our hearts are pained, and our minds confused. But if we have our faith and trust in God, as Abraham did, God will not let us down. And he will bless us beyond our wildest dreams as He did for Abraham. If we remain faithful during trials, God will reward us with the life that He has promised to those that have loved him. Faith has its peaks and troughs, ups and downs, high points and low points...faith has the rhythms of happiness and sadness, ecstasy and agony, light and darkness. And if we remain faithful at all times, God will bless us with lasting life.

Love and Prayers,

Father Thomas



SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Saint of the Day: February 21



The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-lent-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

Maybe because he was orphaned and had been treated shabbily by one of his brothers, Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was the ordinary thing for him to

have a poor person or two with him at table and he liked to minister personally to their needs.

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony—the buying of church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office.

He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.

He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Peter was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-damian/>

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

February 2024: For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM
BEFORE ADORATION IN THE
CHURCH

The schedule of leaders will be:

Mar 1: St. Vincent de Paul

Mar 8: Hispanic Community

Mar 15: Confirmation 3 Students

Mar 22: Vietnamese Community

Mar 29: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

MEATLESS FRIDAY SUPPER

Come join the different communities in our Parish who will be preparing meatless Friday Suppers in lieu of our Monday Night Lenten Soups.

The schedule is as follows:

Mar 1: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

Mar 8: Vietnamese Community

Mar 15: Filipino Association

Mar 22: St. Vincent de Paul

Doors open 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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, February 26

7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

7:00 pm SM: RCIA

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, February 28

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Thursday, February 29

6:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross(SP)

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

Friday, March 1

5:00 pm Hall: Meatless Supper

7:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, March 2

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

6:00 pm Hall: BINGO

Sunday, March 3

7:00 am Hall: Pancake Breakfast

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

1:30 pm CH: Youth Choir

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA Schedule

Sunday, February 25th @ 12pm

1st Scrutiny

Sunday, March 3rd @ 8 am

2nd Scrutiny

Saturday, March 9th @ 5 pm

3rd Scrutiny

Sunday, March 17th @ 10 am

Presentation of Creed

PALMS FOR PALMS SUNDAY

DO YOU OWN A SAGO PALM PLANT?

We need donations of Sago Palm leaves for Palm Sunday. If you own some and able to donate, please bring them to the church hall on Friday, March 15th, 2024.



EASTER FLOWER FOR ALTAR



Would you like an East Lily on our altar in memory of a loved one or to represent your family? We are in need of donations

to make our altar more festive as we welcome the Risen Christ once again into our hearts.

Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Lily" with the name of the person or family you want represented. Drop your envelope in the collection basket. All donations must be received by March 22nd.

Diocese of Oakland – New Liturgical Policies

Below an excerpt from communication received from the Diocese of Oakland "The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements and its parts" regarding the New Liturgical Policy – common bodily posture, to be observed at Mass and to be implemented by Ash Wednesday, February 14th, 2024:

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal for the United States, No. 43 states that "The faithful should stand from the beginning of the Entrance Chant, or while the Priest approaches the altar, until the end of the Collect; for the Alleluia Chant before the Gospel; while the Gospel itself is proclaimed; during the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer; and from the invitation, Orate, fratres (Pray, brethren), before the Prayer over the Offerings until the end of Mass, except at the places indicated below.

The Faithful should sit, on the other hand, during the readings before the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm and for the Homily and during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory; and, if appropriate, they may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion.

In the Diocese of the United States of America, all the faithful should kneel beginning after the singing or the recitation of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health or for reasons of lack of space or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the consecration. The faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise.

Therefore, Bishop Barber requests that in our diocese we join the rest of the faithful in our country in kneeling after the Lamb of God in order to prepare ourselves reverently for reception of Holy Communion (except for health or other reasons mentioned above).

Thank you.

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, the Religious Education will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 am on the Parish Grounds. We need donation of Plastic Eggs in a variety of sizes and candies and prizes. Please bring them to the CCD Office during CCD hours on Saturday or Monday or bring them to the Rectory during Rectory Office hours no later than **March 23, 2024.**

Your donation is much appreciated by the Religious Education Department and the parish.



TRIDUUM SCHEDULE 2024

Holy Thursday: March 28th

Multi-Cultural Mass @ 7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Hall:

9:00 pm—9:30 pm: Parish Community

9:30 pm—10:15 pm: Filipino Community

10:15 pm—11:00 pm: Hispanic Community

11:00 pm—12:00 am: Vietnamese Community

Good Friday: March 29th

Seven Last Words: 12:15 pm—3:15 pm:

Guest Speaker: Father Fernando Cortez

Stations of the Cross in Spanish: 4:00 pm in the Hall

Stations of the Cross in English: 6:30 pm
in the Church

Veneration of the Cross:

7:00 pm in English; 9:00 pm in Vietnamese

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30th

Liturgical Celebration will begin at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: March 31st

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm: English

2:00 pm: Spanish

4:00 pm: Vietnamese

