

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 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, March 18

7:30 am Katt Embody +

## Tuesday, March 19

7:30 am Katt Embody +

## Wednesday, March 20

7:30 am Ramon Frijas +

## Thursday, March 21

7:30 am Vicente & Ebias Families +

## Friday, March 22

7:30 am Ramon Frijas +

## Saturday, March 23

8:00 am Rodolfo Dimalanta +

5:00 pm Katt Embody +

7:00 pm (SP) Luis Perez +

## Sunday, March 24

8:00 am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores +

10:00 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh &

Tinh Pham +

12:00 am Constantino Villanueva +

4:00 pm (VN)



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Portrait on the cover:  
<https://slmedia.org/blog/the-power-to-restore-life-reflection-for-the-5th-sunday-of-lent-3rd-scrutiny>

## GOSPEL READING

Jn 12: 20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said,

"This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.

Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Betty Tecson, Efren Lopez, 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 Mar 3: \$ 5,849.00**

**Catholic Relief Fund: \$ 2,247.00**

**Assessment: \$51,581.00 Paid: \$ 12,895.26**

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

*Thank you for your contribution support to sustain t,he 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.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

03/17/2024

Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

1. Regarding 2023 Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal benefits different ministries in the East Bay area through our generosity. Our parish was short about \$400 to achieve our goal of \$19,600 for this past year. I am grateful for those who had given to it, and for those who haven't yet please help our parish reach its goal. May God richly bless you.
2. We are more than halfway of our Lenten journey, we are invited to listen intently to the Lord and respond to Him wholeheartedly...through conversion in His love, mercy and forgiveness. Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings focus on the life and death of Jesus. The scripture passage helps us to understand Jesus, His life and His death. What a wonderful God we have – who is always seeking us out and is willing to start a new covenant with us, and always wants to love us...we are invited to know and to love this God...who always forgives us and forgets our sins.
3. Lent is solemn time of preparation, reflection, and penance leading up to the joyous celebration of Easter. And Lent is a 40-day season that began on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Thursday...by dying and rising Christ shows us that life and death has a place in God's plan for each of us. In every place and in every heart the struggle between good and evil is still with us. The way of the cross begins at our own doorstep, and we are challenged to follow its path. Following Christ means traveling the same road, laying down our lives, and leaving everything completely in the hands of God. Every Christian is called out to live the passion of Jesus Christ in his/her own life. No one is excused or spared its agony. **There are NO crown bearers in heaven who were NOT cross bearers on earth.** With arms outstretched on the cross Jesus embraced the whole universe and brings it to salvation.

**“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God have mercy on us sinners.”**

Love and Prayers,

Father Thomas



Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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

## SAINT SALVATOR OF HORTA

Saint of the Day: March 20



A reputation for holiness does have some drawbacks. Public recognition can be a nuisance at times—as the confreres of Salvator found out.

Salvator was born during Spain's Golden Age. Art, politics, and wealth were flourishing. So was religion. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus in 1540.

Salvator's parents were poor. At the age of 21, he entered the Franciscans as a brother and was soon known for his asceticism, humility, and simplicity. As cook, porter, and later the official beggar for the friars in Tortosa, he became well known for his charity. He healed the sick with the Sign of the Cross. When crowds of sick people began coming to the friary to see Salvator, the friars transferred him to Horta. Again, the sick flocked to ask his intercession; one person estimated that 2,000 people a week came to see Salvator. He told them to examine their consciences, go to confession, and to receive Holy Communion worthily. He refused to pray for those who would not receive those sacraments.

The public attention given to Salvator was relentless. The crowds would sometimes tear off pieces of his habit as relics. Two years before his death, Salvator was moved again, this time to Cagliari on the island of Sardinia. He died at Cagliari saying, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." He was canonized in 1938. The liturgical feast of Saint Salvator of Horta is celebrated on March 18.

### Reflection

Medical science is now seeing more clearly the relation of some diseases to one's emotional and spiritual life. In *Healing Life's Hurts*, Matthew and Dennis Linn report that sometimes people experience relief from illness only when they have decided to forgive others. Salvator prayed that people might be healed, and many were. Surely not all diseases can be treated this way; medical help should not be abandoned. But notice that Salvator urged his petitioners to reestablish their priorities in life before they asked for healing.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-salvator-of-horta/>

## PARISH EVENTS

### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

March 2024: For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world: inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

The schedule of leaders will be:

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 22: St. Vincent de Paul

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### RCIA Schedule

Sunday, March 17th @ 10 am

Presentation of Creed

Saturday, March 30th @ 7:00 pm

RCIA Liturgy

#### CCD CLASSES

There will be no CCD classes from March 19-April 5 for Easter break. Classes will resume on Saturday, April 6th.

### 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, March 18**

7:00 pm Communal Penance

#### **Tuesday, March 19**

7:30pm CH: Triduum Choir Practice

#### **Wednesday, March 20**

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

6:00 pm CH: Visitation & Rosary for Katt Embody

6:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Group

7:30 pm CH: Triduum Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, March 21**

10:00 am CH: Memorial: Katt Embody

11:30 am Hall: Reception

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

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

7:30 pm CH: Triduum Choir Practice

#### **Friday, March 22**

5:00 pm Hall: Meatless Supper

7:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

#### **Saturday, March 23**

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

#### **Sunday, March 24**

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

1:30 pm CH: Youth Choir

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

### 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.

## COMMUNAL PENANCE

**Monday, March 18th at 7:00 pm**  
There will be various priest to  
hear confessions in English,  
Spanish & Vietnamese.

## Please Pray for the Repose Soul

of :

Kathleen Embody  
Rodolfo Dimalanta  
Jack Mallet  
Rena DeMarco  
Bob Hoppenhauer  
Nancy Dongallo

May the Perpetual Light shine upon  
them. May they Rest in Peace.

## 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 25th.

## 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





*“Let them give thanks to the Lord  
for his unfailing love,  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
for he satisfies the thirst  
and fills the hungry with good things.”*

# *HUNGER of the HEART*

*On Saturday, March 23  
From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
At St. Raymond Church in Dublin*

*YOUTH &  
YOUNG ADULT  
EUCCHARISTIC  
REVIVAL  
WORSHIP  
NIGHT*



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