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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 24, 2024

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Sister Elizabeth Diep Huynh, Bookkeeper
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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



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03/24/2024

Monday, March 25

7:30 am Michael Noronha +

Tuesday, March 26

7:30 am Philomena Da Costa +

Wednesday, March 27

7:30 am Johnny Bautista

Thursday, March 28

7:30 am Morning Prayers

7:30 pm Mass

Friday, March 29

7:30 am Morning Prayers

7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, March 30

8:00 am Morning Prayers

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Bautista Family Thanksgiving

10:00 am Pedro & Gloria Franco +

12:00 am Deceased Members of Vicente/
Ebias Families +

2:00 pm (SP) Katt Embody +

4:00 pm (VN)



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Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,

1. I do hope and pray that you have been enjoying every minute of your Lenten journey by Praying, Fasting and Almsgiving and those practices have drawn you closet to Christ Jesus.
2. Palm Sunday is the beginning of the Holy Week. It is the most sacred time of the Church's year. It highlights the peak moments of Christ's love for us, gives us an opportunity to look at our lives and accept responsibility for our sins.
3. The Holy Week begins with the celebration of Jesus' final entry to Jerusalem—a triumphant journey—where He will undergo suffering, death, be buried and then be raised from death.
4. The passion story clearly shows us the last events of Jesus' life and the price He paid for our sins. He was betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, and abandoned by all.
5. The final week of Lent offers us an opportunity to bring our hearts and minds into harmony with Christ. Make a special effort to attend all the liturgical celebrations, especially the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil, which dramatize the last agonizing moments of Jesus' life. Each of us had a hand in Christ's death. Please listen to the Passion story in a spirit of prayer.
6. The road to eternal life will not by-pass the hill of Calvary. Our victory, like Christ's victory, comes only through the cross. Can you comfort Jesus when in loneliness He cried out, "My God, my God, why you have you forsaken me?" **Please remember that God loves us all with a love that cost Him death on the cross.**
7. Let us make this Holy Week holy as we journey with Jesus and pray for one another.

Blessings,
Father Tom

GOSPEL READING
MK 15: 1-39

As soon as morning came,
the chief priests with the elders and the scribes,
that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council.
They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over
to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,
“Are you the king of the Jews?”
He said to him in reply, “You say so.”
The chief priests accused him of many things.
Again Pilate questioned him,
“Have you no answer?
See how many things they accuse you of.”
Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was
amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to
them
one prisoner whom they requested.
A man called Barabbas was then in prison
along with the rebels who had committed murder in a
rebellion.

The crowd came forward and began to ask him
to do for them as he was accustomed.
Pilate answered,
“Do you want me to release to you the king of the
Jews?”

For he knew that it was out of envy
that the chief priests had handed him over.
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd
to have him release Barabbas for them instead.
Pilate again said to them in reply,
“Then what do you want me to do
with the man you call the king of the Jews?”
They shouted again, “Crucify him.”
Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?”
They only shouted the louder, “Crucify him.”
So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,
released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus
scourged,
handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace,
that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole co-
hort.

They clothed him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with, “Hail, King of the
Jews!”
and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon
him.

They knelt before him in homage.
And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the purple cloak,

dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon,
a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country,
the father of Alexander and Rufus,
to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull —

They gave him wine drugged with myrrh,
but he did not take it.

Then they crucified him and divided his garments
by casting lots for them to see what each should take.
It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified
him.

The inscription of the charge against him read,
“The King of the Jews.”

With him they crucified two revolutionaries,
one on his right and one on his left.

Those passing by reviled him,
shaking their heads and saying,

“Aha! You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days,
save yourself by coming down from the cross.”

Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes,
mocked him among themselves and said,

“He saved others; he cannot save himself.
Let the Christ, the King of Israel,
come down now from the cross
that we may see and believe.”

Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing
him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.

And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

which is translated,
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
“Look, he is calling Elijah.”

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a
reed

and gave it to him to drink saying,
“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to
bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing him
saw how he breathed his last he said,

“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion-cycle-b/>

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Saint of the Day: March 25



The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/annunciation-of-the-lord/>

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 29: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA Schedule

**Saturday, March 30th @ 7:00 pm
RCIA Liturgy**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA MARCH 29-APRIL 7

Starting on Good Friday, March 29th, after the morning prayer, the novena for the Divine Mercy will begin. The schedule for the Novena will be everyday after the morning mass until April 6th. On Sunday, April 7th, the novena will be at 1:00 pm.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

7:30pm CH: Triduum Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 27

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

6:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Group

7:30 pm CH: Triduum Choir Practice

Thursday, March 28

Hall: Easter Basket Pick up

Friday, March 29

12:00 pm CH: Seven Last Words

6:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am Hall & CH: RCIA Practice

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, March 31

11:30 am Hall & CH: Easter Egg Hunt

1:30 pm CH: Divine Mercy Novena

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:

Luisa Servigon
Carlos Casimiro Sr.
Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh, & Tinh Pham
Kathy Embody
Martinez, Cartensen & Price Families
Grace & Al Feliciano
Melo & DaRosa Families

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 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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Efen Lopez, Debra Solomon, Bert Tomas, Ally Tomas Hartzell, Rosalina Masangcay, 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.

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

Please Pray for the Repose Soul

of :

Kathleen Embody
Rodolfo Dimalanta
Jack Mallet
Rena De Marco
Bob Hoppenhauer
Nancy Dongallo

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

EASTER FLOWER FOR ALTAR



Would you like an Easter 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.



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Attention: 2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal

All contributions to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Todas las contribuciones a la Campaña de los Ministerios del Obispo son deducibles de impuestos en todo el peso de la ley.

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The Bishop's Ministries Appeal provides crucial support to ministries that care for our diocesan faithful and the broader communities surrounding our parishes. This encompasses initiatives such as faith formation, evangelization, CYO sports, the training of priests to serve parishioners, care for retired priests, parishes in action programs, and addressing unexpected needs in schools and parishes.

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COLUMBIETTE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



St. Therese the Little Flower

APRIL 20, 2024
10 AM - 12 NOON

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD
3155 WINTERBROOK DR.
BAY POINT, CA 94565

Please join us while we reflect on St. Therese the little flower. Fr. Tom Khue will start our Morning with Prayer, and Kiona Medina will be our Presenter. We are looking forward to learning more about St. Therese.

We will provide a bag lunch after the talk so that we can reflect and enjoy each other's company. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

The event is free; goodwill donations given will be donated to the Oakland Diocese.

PLEASE RSVP WITH BECKY TROMBLEY AT 925-285-4947

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: 6:00 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