

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

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Deacon Loc Nguyen
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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, April 8

7:30 am Estella Sebastian +

Tuesday, April 9

7:30 am Maria Vu Tran Ngoc Tu

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 am Rodolfo Padilla +

Thursday, April 11

7:30 am Liam Jack Bautista

Friday, April 12

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Diokno Family +

Saturday, April 13

10:00 am Healing Mass

5:00 pm Maria Ho Thi Hoa +

7:00 pm (SP) Paula Zelaya +

Sunday, April 14

8:00 am Ambrosia Nilo +

10:00 am Thu Van Nguyen +

12:00 am Ricky & Rick Belza

4:00 pm (VN)



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GOSPEL READING

JN 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

04/07/2024

Here are Father Tom's scattered thoughts for this Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday...

My Dear OLQW Parish family,



1. This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate "Divine Mercy Sunday." We are invited to approach the Risen Lord Jesus and cry out with St. Thomas, "My Lord and My God!" (John 20: 25) This Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that the other name of God is Mercy. "Mercy renews and redeems us because it is in an encounter between two hearts—the heart of God who comes to meet us and a human heart." (MM#18)

2. Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to reflect on God's Mercy overcoming sin and serves as a perennial invitation to face life difficulties with confidence in Divine benevolence.

3. The celebration of Divine Mercy is a reminder to us that Jesus is the manifestation of God's love and mercy. As we meditate in gratitude for God's gracious mercy shown to us, we should look honestly at the mercy we show to others. Our God is a God of mercy—unconditional love and compassion! Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life.

4. "There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy!" These were the words St. John Paul said at the grave of St. Faustina in 1979 when he visited Poland, his homeland. He then dedicated the entire world to the Divine Mercy.

5. God's mercy is revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. "Peace be with you" - the first words Jesus spoke to the disciples after His Resurrection to forgive them, to restore peace in their hearts, to heal them and to commission them to go into the world to proclaim the Good News of forgiveness. **As Christians, we are given opportunities daily to show God's mercy by words and deeds—everywhere at all times! We are to be apostles of mercy, we must be instruments of mercy to others.**

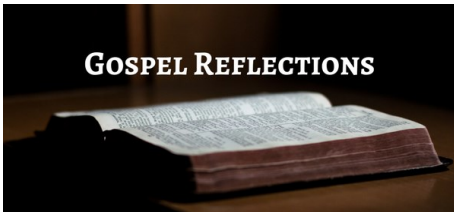
6. Bishop's Ministries Appeal for 2024 has begun. Thank you for those who have already contributed. I am asking those who have not yet, please consider donating to help with the different ministries to help our communities.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His love is everlasting!

Easter Blessings,

Father Tom

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

SAINT JULIE BILLIART

Saint of the Day: April 8



Born in Cuvilly, France, into a family of well-to-do farmers, young Marie Rose Julie Billiart showed an early interest in religion and in helping the sick and

poor. Though the first years of her life were relatively peaceful and uncomplicated, Julie had to take up manual work as a young teen when her family lost its money. However, she spent her spare time teaching catechism to young people and to the farm laborers.

A mysterious illness overtook her when she was about 30. Witnessing an attempt to wound or even kill her father, Julie was paralyzed and became a complete invalid. For the next two decades, she continued to teach catechism lessons from her bed, offered spiritual advice, and attracted visitors who had heard of her holiness.

When the French Revolution broke out in 1789, revolutionary forces became aware of her allegiance to fugitive priests. With the help of friends, she was smuggled out of Cuvilly in a haycart. She then spent several years hiding in Compiègne, being moved from house to house despite her growing physical pain. She even lost the power of speech for a time.

But this period also proved to be a fruitful spiritual time for Julie. It was at this time she had a vision in which she saw Calvary surrounded by women in religious habits and heard a voice saying, "Behold these spiritual daughters whom I give you in an institute marked by the cross."

As time passed and Julie continued her mobile life, she made the acquaintance of an aristocratic woman, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, who shared Julie's interest in teaching the faith. In 1803, the two women began the Institute of Notre Dame, which was dedicated to the education of the poor, young Christian girls, and the training of catechists. The following year the first Sisters of Notre Dame made their vows. That was the same year that Julie recovered from the illness: She was able to walk for the first time in 22 years.

Though Julie had always been attentive to the special needs of the poor and that always remained her priority, she also became aware that other classes in society needed Christian instruction. From the founding of the Sisters of Notre Dame until her death, Julie was on the road, opening a variety of schools in France and Belgium that served the poor and the wealthy, vocational groups, teachers. Ultimately, Julie and Françoise moved the motherhouse to Namur, Belgium. Julie died there in 1816 and was canonized in 1969.

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

April 2024: For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to the following Conformadi Candidates who received their Sacraments on Easter Vigil:



Thinh Cong Bui
Mia Castillo-Herrera
Saul Herrera
Berenice Mondragon
Fechi Nkwuo
Naomi Mondragon Wyatt

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.

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Jamin Toledo, Carlo Lagarejos, 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, Patrick 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.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, April 8

7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class

Wednesday, April 10

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Hall: Filipino Association

Thursday, April 11

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes

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

Friday, April 12

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, April 13

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am Hall: Hispanic Community

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

1:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers

1:30 pm CH: Youth Choir

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

On behalf of my family and myself I want to thank you all for the love and support you have given us and continue to do so during this difficult time with my wife's passing. We appreciated all the mass intentions, cards with well wishes, and the generosity. I cannot tell you how much your support over the last few weeks has helped us. I will always be grateful for my OLQW family.

God bless,
Patrick Embody

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection Mar 24: \$ 7,127.00

March 31: \$ 10, 233

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,458.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$ 1,543.00

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.

**Healing Mass with Anointing
of the Sick**
Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am

The Church encourage all the faithful, especially the elderly, those seriously ill or anticipating surgery, to attend this Holy Mass.

The Anointing Mass is not only for the elderly or sick but for all of us, so that we too receive HEALING spiritually or physically from our Merciful God.

(Please note there will be no 8 am mass this day)

COLUMBIETTE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



St. Therese the Little Flower

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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

**EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS
FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:**

Luisa Servigon
Carlos Casimiro Sr.
Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh
& Tinh Pham
Natividad Garcia
Kathy Embody
Martinez, Cartensen &
Price Families
Grace & Al Feliciano
Melo & DaRosa Families
Julian Dalupan
Jose Leon Zapata Sr.
Alina Garcia de Zapata
Jose Leon Zapata Garcia
Alejandro Jerez
Tereza Berrioz Jerez
Howard Tilton
Guillermo Rabara
Feliza Rabara
Sal & Dorothy Doria
Ernesto Cassin
Eufemia Cassin
Leo De Piero
Sheila Jaime Mansapit

Zenaida Masinas
Mansapit
Pedro Montufar
Biatriz Y Everado
Elena Perez
Heidy Maron
Marie Obroelota

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**Mexican
Breakfast**

Date: Sunday April 14, 2024
Time: 9:00-11:30
Place: Palis Hall

Menu: Chilaquiles, eggs,
chorizo,
and beans
Desert: Mexican pastry

Cost: \$12.00



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