# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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 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 Paty Ruvalcaba 925-365-1835.
- \* *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, May 6

7:30 am Maria Vu Tran Ngoc Tu

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 am Ricky Belza Thanksgiving

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 am Bishop Eugenio Ravignani +

Thursday, May 9

7:30 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh, & Tinh

Pham +

Friday, May 10

7:30 am Rodolfo Padilla +

Saturday, May 11

10:00 am FHC Liturgy

5:00 pm Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh, & Tinh

Pham +

7:00 pm (SP) Zoila & Esteban Aguilar +

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am Mother's Day

10:00 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh, & Tinh

Pham +

12:00 am Mother's Day

4:00 pm (VN)



#### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS**

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

**Hispanic Association** Martha Hernández: Coordinator (vimaen42@gmail.com) Contacto en Español: Paty Ruvalcaba 925-365-1835

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Portrait on the cover:

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Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love vou.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another."

## **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, Jasmin Toledo, Carlo Lagarejos, Victoria Lapid, Kip Trombley, Nico Guillermo, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efren Lopez, Debra Solomon, Bert Tomas, Ally Tomas Hartzell, Rosalina Masangcay, Patrick Embody, Aida, 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 Apr 28: \$ 6,067.00 Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,165.00 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.



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

05/05/2024

Here are some of my scattered thoughts.....

My Dear OLQW Family,

- 1. What do we learn from this Sunday's scripture readings? Today's readings show us the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandments of love "Love one another as I have loved you."
- 2. To love one another is the most important thing that Jesus asks of us and commands us to do. After telling us the parable of vine and branches last week, Jesus, in today's Gospel teaches us that we are to obey His commandments of love just as He has obeyed His heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining intimately bonded with the Father. Jesus unconditional, forgiven, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others.
- 3. AS disciples we are called to be persons of others, making sacrifices for them, follow in the example of Jesus. Love is a form of self-sacrifice which demands us to give not the things we possess but of ourselves, our time and our talents. Wherever there is love God is present. This is a message that has to be preached by word and example. The most effective way of communicating this must surely be to treat everyone as a friend, given them the respect they deserve.
- 4. Love originates from God and those who love to know Him because God is love itself. God demonstrated His love by sending his Son as a sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:7) God's love never fails. True love never fails...Love conquers all...Miracles do happen because of love...Love is an action word. We cannot talk of love without action.
- 5. The greatest miracles in our lives were the fruits of love. The way our parents nursed and cared for us, free of charge, is already a miracle. Stories of heroism and courage told and untold, about throughout human history, in countless sacrifices have been offer on the alter of love. "NO one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13) Indeed love conquers all. Miracles do happen because of love. How can we show God's love to those who are different from us? How does understanding that "God is love" change the way we interact with others? Can you think of a time when you experienced God's love through someone else? Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God!

Love and Prayers

**Father Tom** 



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/sixth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/

## **SAINT ROSE VENERINI**

Saint of the Day: May 7



Rose was born at Viterbo in Italy, the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé she entered a convent, but soon returned

home to care for her newly widowed mother. Meanwhile, Rose invited the women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, forming a sort of sodality with them.

As she looked to her future under the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest, Rose became convinced that she was called to become a teacher in the world rather than a contemplative nun in a convent. Clearly, she made the right choice: She was a born teacher, and the free school for girls she opened in 1685 was well received.

Soon the cardinal invited her to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in his diocese of Montefiascone. As Rose's reputation grew, she was called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome. Her disposition was right for the task as well, for Rose often met considerable opposition but was never deterred.

She died in Rome in 1728, where a number of miracles were attributed to her. She was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006. The sodality, or group of women she had invited to prayer, was ultimately given the rank of a religious congregation. Today, the so-called Venerini Sisters can be found in the United States and elsewhere, working among Italian immigrants.

#### Reflection

Whatever state of life God calls us to, we bring with us an assortment of experiences, interests and gifts—however small they seem to us. Rose's life stands as a reminder that all we are is meant to be put to service wherever we find ourselves.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-rose-venerini/

## **PARISH EVENTS**

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

May 2024: For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

## Please Pray for the Repose Soul of:

Kathleen Embody
Rodolfo Dimalanta
Jack Mallet
Rena De Marco
Bob Hoppenhauer
Nancy Dongallo
Leslie Gehrke
Michael Gott

May the Perpetual Light shine upon them.

May they Rest in Peace.

## **WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Monday, May 6

7:00 pm Hall & Portables: CCD

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, May 8

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

1:00 pm Hall: RMG 7:00 pm CH: FHC Practice

Thursday, May 9

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

7:00 pm CH: FHC Practice

Friday, May 10

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am Hall: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, May 12

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

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

## **MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS**

Envelopes for Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet are available at the entrance of the Church.

Please drop off your Mother's Day intentions in the wooden box at the entrance of the Church or in the mailbox at the rectory.

This is the special time of the year to remember our mothers. All your intentions will be placed in the Altar for the week of May 6 to May 12.

## **DEVOTION TO OUR LADY**

Monday, May 13, 2024
Thursday, June 13, 2024
Friday, July 12, 2024
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
Triday, September 13, 2024
Monday, October 14, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima
Our Lady of Manaoag
Our Lady of La Vang
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Our Lady of the World

ALL DEVOTIONS WILL START AT 7:00 PM AT THE HALL FOR PROCESSION WITH ROSARY, FOLLOWED BY MASS.

## **SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS**



Nourish for Caregivers is a ministry created specifically to offer support to the unique challenges of in-home caregivers. This Christ-centered program brings resources and support to family caregivers who carry both the blessing and burden of providing comfort and healing to people who are ill, suffering, and

need special care. Caregivers can join local and/or national Zoom calls for more information, please go to https://oakdiocese.org/nourish-for-caregivers.

## HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATON**

## **First Holy Communion Schedule**

Wednesday, May 8th @ 7:00 pm FHC Practice Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00 pm FHC Practice Saturday, May 11th @ 10:00 am FHC Liturgy

## **Confirmation Schedule**

Holy Spirit Novena:
All Confirmation students must attend

May 10th @7:00 pm May 11th @ 2:00pm May 12th @ 5:00 pm May 13-17th @ 7:00 pm May 18th @ 9:00 am

Saturday, May 18th @ 10:00 am
Confirmation Practice

Sunday, May 19th @ 5:00 pm
Confirmation Liturgy
Celebrant: Very Reverend Lawrence D'Anjou, Vicar
General



## **RUMMAGE SALE 2024**

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD CHURCH 3155 WINTERBROOK DRIVE BAY POINT, CA 94565

#### **DATES OF SALE:**

MAY 6 ( MONDAY) 6:30 PM-8:30 PM MAY 7 (TUESDAY) 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

MAY 8 (WEDNESDAY) BAG DAY 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM

#### SPONSORED BY: OLOW REGINA MUNDI GUILD

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE HALL ON SUNDAY, MAY 4TH STARTING AT 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM OR MONDAY, MAY 5TH AT 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.

ITEMS ACCEPTED: CLEAN & USABLE CLOTHINGS, SHOES, LINENS, JEWELRIES, WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS, WORKING SMALL APPLIANCES, CHINA, DISHES, GLASSWARES, GAMES, TOYS & BOOKS.

#### PLEASE NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TEXTBOOKS OR MAGAZINES.

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT: ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES THAT DON'T WORK; NO BABY FURNITURES LIKE CAR SEATS & STROLLERS OR ANY LARGE APPLIANCES & FURNITURES.



# ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PILGRIMAGE AND MASS

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11:00 AM Location: Cathedral of St. Mary Assumption

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is celebrating the send-off Mass for the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage at 11:00 a.m. on May 19, 2024, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. The Procession will walk from the Cathedral and across the Golden Gate Bridge.

This Eucharistic procession is a unique and historic event. All Eucharistic pilgrims from the Diocese are encouraged and invited to attend both the Mass and the procession.

Learn more about the National 2024 Pilgrimage go to https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-junipero-serraroute. For information on participation and transportation, contact Fr. Erick Villa at frietvilla@srcdublin.org.

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