

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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 Paty Ruvalcaba 925-395-1835.

* *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 Non-Catholic Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, & membership in the Catholic Church. (Effective 2025)

• St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall



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02/23/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

No scattered thoughts from me this week. Instead I would like to have you read the letter from the Bishop about Jubilee 2025.

MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
BISHOP OF OAKLAND



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January 10, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every 25 years the Catholic Church declares a “Holy Year of Jubilee”. The Pope opens special “Holy Doors” in the four major basilicas in Rome: St. Peter’s, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul’s. Thousands of pilgrims come to Rome to process through one or more of these Holy Doors, confess their sins, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. By making this spiritual pilgrimage, the faithful may gain a Plenary Indulgence: remission of the temporal punishment due to their sins.

You may be asking “Didn’t we just have a Holy Year?” Yes. In 2016, Pope Francis declared a special “one off” Holy Year of Mercy. He opened the Holy Doors in Rome, and also authorized all bishops to designate Holy Doors in their Cathedrals...which we did at our own Cathedral of Christ the Light. We were delighted to see pilgrimages from many of our parishes to the Oakland Cathedral to gain the same Indulgences you could get by going to Rome.

For this “normal” 2025 Holy Year, the Holy See has decreed that the only “Holy Doors” will be in Rome. Not in the local dioceses. That being said, the Cathedral Church is still designated as a special place of pilgrimage to gain the Holy Year Indulgence. Pope Francis has designated “Hope” to be the theme of this Holy Year.

We will open the 2025 Holy Year of Hope with a special **Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 11 a.m.** Instead of a Holy Door, the emphasis will be on a Holy Cross. The Pope has directed each bishop to choose a Cross with special significance to be the focus of attention ... and devotion. Thanks to the kindness of Father Anthony Huong Le, pastor of St. Joseph’s Old Mission San Jose, we will be using the Foundation Cross used by the Franciscan Friars in 1797 to establish Mission San Jose. They planted the Cross, then built the Mission — and the Native American Catholic Community — around this Cross.

This Cross will be carried in procession in the Holy Year Opening Mass, and remain in a prominent place for veneration in the Cathedral for the duration of the Holy Year.

The Cross of Christ is the means of our salvation. Hence it is the ultimate sign of hope.

I invite all the Faithful of the diocese to join me on Sunday January 19 at 11 a.m. for this Holy Year of Hope Opening Mass. The Priests’ Council and I will be meeting on January 21 to discuss additional ways to observe and celebrate the Holy Year in our diocese.

Wishing you all the blessings of the Christmas and Epiphany Season, and the joys of experiencing a Holy Year. *“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—says the Lord—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.”* (Jeremiah 29:11). May Jeremiah’s prophecy come true for each and every one of us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Jubilee year designated pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Oakland

- To make the Holy Year pilgrimage indulgence available to as many people as possible, the following churches and chapels in the various regions of the diocese are "Designated Pilgrimage Sites" for one day only:

<i>January 19 (Sun)</i>	<i>Holy Year Opening Mass Cathedral of Christ the Light*</i> www.ctlcathedral.org	<i>Oakland</i>
February 7 (Fri)	St. Bonaventure www.stbonaventure.net	Concord
March 7 (Fri)	Corpus Christi - Region 1 Central www.corpuschristipiedmont.org	Piedmont
<i>April 11 (Fri)</i>	<i>Mission San Jose*</i> www.saintjosephmsj.org	<i>Fremont</i>
May 13 (Tue)	Saint Perpetua - Region 2 Northwest www.stperpetua.org	Lafayette
June 22 (Sun)	Monastery of Discalced Carmelite Nuns www.carmelofkensington.org	Kensington
July 3 (Thu)	Saint Anthony - Region 3 Northeast www.stanthonyoakley.com	Oakley
August 1 (Fri)	Saint Joseph Basilica www.sjbalameda.org	Alameda
September 12 (Fri)	Saint Isidore - Region 4 Southeast www.sichurch.com	Danville
<i>October 7 (Tue)</i>	<i>Cathedral of Christ the Light*</i> www.ctlcathedral.org	<i>Oakland</i>
November 7 (Fri)	Saint Felicitas - Region 5 Southwest www.stfelicitassl.org	San Leandro
<i>December 28 (Sun)</i>	<i>Cathedral of Christ the Light*</i> <i>Holy Year Closing Mass</i> www.ctlcathedral.org	<i>Oakland</i>

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, February 24

7:30 am Lourdes Prajes +

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 am Evangeline Fabia Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 am Gloria Nilo +

Thursday, February 27

7:30 am Rodolfo Dimalanta +

Friday, February 28

7:30 am Edmund Aguba +

Saturday, March 1

8:00 am Herculano & Teresinha Maria Da Rosa Thanksgiving

9:30 am CCD Family Mass

5:00 pm Priscila C.Solomon +

7:00pm Margarita Ramirez +

Sunday, March 2

8:00 am Kathy Embody +

10:00 am Lourdes Alipio Asuncion +

12:00 pm Marline Javier Bulygo
Thanksgiving

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray,
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St. Vincent de Paul Society: Danny Vu,
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Vietnamese Association: Hiep David Vu, President
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Portrait on the cover:
<https://medium.com/@mydailyreflection/grounding-ourselves-in-love-mercy-and-forgiveness-of-god-a-reflection-on-luke-6-27-38-73f63f3fa9ed>

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

“To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?

Even sinners love those who love them.

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you?

Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,

and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged.

Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.

Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carlo Lagarejos, Patricia Diokno, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efrén Lopez, Bert Tomas, Patrick Embody, Aida, Jerome Francis, Vincent Francis, Joseph S., Kathy Lirio, Mario & Emma Dolor, Theodore Rosauro, Kalia Santos, Lisa Kjome, Jovita Domingo, Lily Francis, Jiten Prasad, Virginia Francis, Sherry Ingram, Baby Kade Benson, Gina Masangcay, Josefina Matias, Maria Martinez-Gonzalez, Lyn & Travis Swan, Alicia Belza, Barry Benton, Betty Tecson, Marife Cano, Father Tom, Sr. Emelita Cinco, Cris Dolor, 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 February 16: \$ 4,695.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,134.00

Assessment: \$45,268.00 - Paid: \$3,772.33

Liability Insurance: \$26,753.00 - Full Payment

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.

[Gospel Reflection](#)

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

[Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin](#)

The Saints day: February 26



If anyone knew rejection, ridicule and disappointment, it was today's saint. But such trials only brought Maria Bertilla Boscardin closer to God and more determined to serve him.

Born in Italy in 1888, the young girl lived in fear of her father, a violent man prone to jealousy and drunkenness. Her schooling was limited so that she could spend more time helping at home and working in the fields. She showed few talents and was often the butt of jokes.

In 1904, she joined the Sisters of Saint Dorothy and was assigned to work in the kitchen, bakery and laundry. After some time Maria received nurses' training and began working in a hospital with children suffering from diphtheria. There the young nun seemed to find her true vocation: nursing very ill and disturbed children. Later, when the hospital was taken over by the military in World War I, Sister Maria Bertilla fearlessly cared for patients amidst the threat of constant air raids and bombings.

She died in 1922 after suffering for many years from a painful tumor. Some of the patients she had nursed many years before were present at her canonization in 1961.

Reflection

This fairly recent saint knew the hardships of living in an abusive situation. Let us pray to her to help all those who are suffering from any form of spiritual, mental, or physical abuse.

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Please Pray for the Repose Soul of :



Larry Trombley

Lydia Martin

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



**SATURDAY
MARCH 1
DOORS OPEN
AT 6:00 PM**



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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 24

7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

Tuesday, February 25

10:00 am CH: Funeral—Lydia Martin

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, February 26

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

9:00 am Hall: SVDP

6:00 pm CH: Adoration

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, March 1

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

3:30 pm Hall: Set up for Bingo

6:00 pm Hall: BINGO

Sunday, March 2

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

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:

Everardo and Biatriz Remedios Servigon

Contribution statements for 2024 are now available. Please indicate on your Contribution envelopes if you need a statement.

Vietnamese New Year 2025

