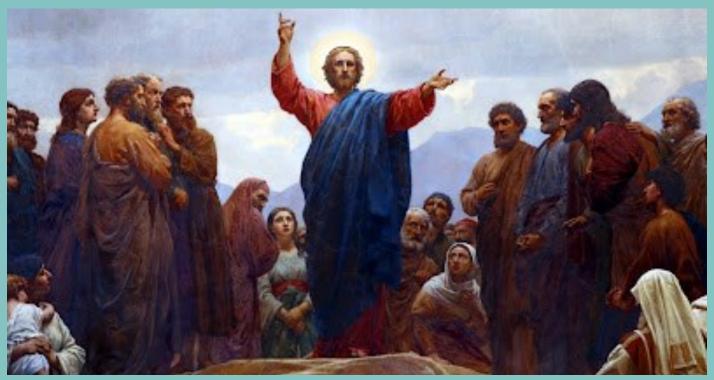
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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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 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



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02/09/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts...

- 1. Perseverance / Persistence and prayer having faith in Jesus are unbeatable! Peter's acceptance of Jesus instruction to go out into the deep water and lower his nets for a catch after a night of fishing without any fish! Peter's faith and perseverance were rewarded with a large catch of fish beyond his wildest dream.
- 2. What happened to Peter is what happens to us, when we recognize our own sinfulness the power of Christ become available to enrich us, so that we can offer ourself to God, faults and all. When we are available for God, he will awaken us to His call. God speaks to us in ordinary situations, bits and pieces of our every day experiences. The impossible becomes possible when we discover the hands of God at work in our lives. The challenge all of us facing is to recognize the voice of God in our lives, and to have the courage and generosity to answer His call promptly. God expects us to share in His work of spreading his love and mercy. Peter offers us an inspiring example in leaving his nets to become a fisher of men. Going out into the deep meant putting his faith and trust in Jesus. If we are to meet the challenge of the vocation to which we are called, we must have our hand in Jesus's hand.
- 3. St. Ignatius of Loyola was a model of perseverance and prayer who has a beautiful prayer "Prayer of Generosity", I would like to share with you:

"Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

To give and not to count the cost.

To forget and not to heed the wounds;

To toil and not to seek for rest.

To labor and not to ask for reward except to know that I am doing your will"

Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Tom



Monday, February 10

Guillermo Rabara+ 7:30 am

Tuesday, February 11

Gioan Kim Nguyen Phi Long + 7:30 am

Wednesday, February 12 7:30 am Basilisa Beo + Thursday, February 13

Ruben Sebastian + 7:30 am

Friday, February 14

Maria Kim Loan Tran + 7:30 am

Saturday, February 15

8:00 am Douglas Bautista & Father Theo

Palis +

5:00 pm Maria Diokno Thanksgiving

Sunday, February 16

Masaganda & Floresca Deceased 8:00 am

Family Members +

10:00 am Herald Nilo + 12:00 pm Finely Edwards

2:00 pm (SP) 4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret.

He saw two boats there alongside the lake;

the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon. he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply,

"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.

They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carlo Lagarejos, Patricia Diokno, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efren 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 January 2: \$6,683.00 **Building Fund: \$2,249.00** 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

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

ST. APOLLONIA Saint of the day: February 12



The persecution of Christians began in Alexandria during the reign of the Emperor Philip. The first victim of the pagan mob was an old man named

Metrius, who was tortured and then stoned to death. The second person who refused to worship their false idols was a Christian woman named Quinta. Her words infuriated the mob and she was scourged and stoned.

While most of the Christians were fleeing the city, abandoning all their worldly possessions, an old deaconess, Apollonia, was seized. The crowds beat her, knocking out all of her teeth. Then they lit a large fire and threatened to throw her in it if she did not curse her God. She begged them to wait a moment, acting as if she was considering their requests. Instead, she jumped willingly into the flames and so suffered martyrdom.

There were many churches and altars dedicated to her. Apollonia is the patroness of dentists, and people suffering from toothache and other dental diseases often ask her intercession. She is pictured with a pair of pincers holding a tooth or with a golden tooth suspended from her necklace. Saint Augustine explained her voluntary martyrdom as a special inspiration of the Holy Spirit, since no one is allowed to cause his or her own death.

Reflection

The Church has quite a sense of humor! Apollonia is honored as the patron saint of dentists, but this woman who had her teeth extracted without anesthetic surely ought to be the patron of those who dread the chair. She might also be the patron of the aging, for she attained glory in her old age, standing firm before her persecutors even as her fellow Christians fled the city. However we choose to honor her, she remains a model of courage for us..

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

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.

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick Saturday, February 22 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)

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

Thank you.

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

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

Tuesday, February 11

7:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community 7:00 pm SM: Pre-Baptismal Class

Wednesday, February 12

11:30 am P#2: Legion of Mary

Thursday, February 13

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes 7:00 pm P# 2: SP Divine Mercy Prayer

Friday, February 14

9:00 am Hall: SVdP

5:00 pm Hall: Set-up for Dinner with

Amigos

6:00 pm CH: Adoration 6:00 pm P#2: Youth Group 7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, February 15

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

11:00 am P#2: Legion of Mary 12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul 2:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Group

6:00 pm Hall: "Dinner with Amigos"

Sunday, February 16

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

School

1:00 pm P#1: St. Joseph Group 2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



2024 Bishop's Appeal Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point Goal \$19,600

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