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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 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 after morning mass
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 Wednesdays: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm and Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall



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03/16/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts....

1. As we continue our Lenten journey—This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Lent. We Catholics look forward to the Season of Lent as we get ready for our celebration of Easter. We hope that you join us for our Lenten tradition during the rest of the Fridays during Lent with a Lenten Light Supper at 5 pm, with the Stations of the Cross at 7pm and conclude with Benediction of the Holy Eucharist.
2. Last Sunday, on the 1st Sunday of Lent, we heard of Jesus being in the desert for 40 days, where he prayed and fasted and tempted by the Devil. WE can see our 40 days of Lent as also being 40 days in the desert. Then this weekend of Lent, we are presented with the mystery of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountaintop. Our lives are a mixture of mountaintop experiences as well as valley experiences. Jesus' predictions of his suffering and death followed by the transfiguration...Life's journey is through thorns and roses, mountains and valleys. Both the mountaintop experiences and the valley experiences are important to us and our spiritual growth. The message of the Transfiguration is that there is a connection between suffering and death and the resurrection and glory. Let us make this Lent a time for beginning all over again by renewing our trust in Jesus who was tempted and triumphed over the evil one. Our prayer ought to be, "Be with me Lord, when I am in temptation."
3. Please remember whether we are in the valley or on the mountaintop, we need the affirmation of God who is in the valley as well as on the mountaintop. The attitudes of the three Apostles Peter, James and John, were transformed when they witnessed Jesus' transformation on the mountaintop. Lent is also the time of transformation of ourselves and our attitudes in order to see Jesus more clearly. During this Holy Season of Lent, we need to ask ourselves, "Where do we stand before God and each other?" It is also in today's Gospel, God the Father speaks to Peter, James and John, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." That is what Lent is about—Listen to Jesus! Are we giving God sufficient time to speak to us? Is the Lord asking something of us this Lent? So, my sisters and brothers, let us follow the advise of God the Father, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

Blessings to all of you on our Lenten Journey,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, March 17

7:30 am Edgar & Rebecca Flores

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 am Felipe & Evelyn Enrique
Thanksgiving

Wednesday, March 19

7:30 am Romi & Dory David Anniversary

Thursday, March 20

7:30 am Napoleon & Filomena Villacorta+

Friday, March 21

7:30 am Deceased Members of the
Vicente Families

Saturday, March 22

8:00 am Sotero & Teodora Cinco +

5:00 pm Teresa Kim Cha

7:00pm Mayorga Family

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am Ramon Frijas +

10:00 am Natividad Garcia +

12:00 pm Teresa Kim Cha

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Portrait on the cover:
<https://nwuforthere.se.education/2023/02/19/second-sunday-of-lent-year-a/>

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Rosauero, 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, Teresa Kim Cha, Sabu Martinez, Patricia Diokno, 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

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection March 9: \$ 6,003.00

Maintenance Fund: \$ 3,695.00

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

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-lent-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>

St. Salvator of Horta

The Saints day: March 20



A reputation for holiness does have some drawbacks. Public recognition can be a nuisance at times—as the confreres of Salvator found out.

Salvator was born during Spain's Golden Age. Art, politics, and wealth were flourishing. So was religion. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus in 1540.

Salvator's parents were poor. At the age of 21, he entered the Franciscans as a brother and was soon known for his asceticism, humility, and simplicity. As cook, porter, and later the official beggar for the friars in Tortosa, he became well known for his charity. He healed the sick with the Sign of the Cross. When crowds of sick people began coming to the friary to see Salvator, the friars transferred him to Horta. Again, the sick flocked to ask his intercession; one person estimated that 2,000 people a week came to see Salvator. He told them to examine their consciences, go to confession, and to receive Holy Communion worthily. He refused to pray for those who would not receive those sacraments.

The public attention given to Salvator was relentless. The crowds would sometimes tear off pieces of his habit as relics. Two years before his death, Salvator was moved again, this time to Cagliari on the island of Sardinia. He died at Cagliari saying, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." He was canonized in 1938. The liturgical feast of Saint Salvator of Horta is celebrated on March 18.

Reflection

Medical science is now seeing more clearly the relation of some diseases to one's emotional and spiritual life. In *Healing Life's Hurts*, Matthew and Dennis Linn report that sometimes people experience relief from illness only when they have decided to forgive others. Salvator prayed that people might be healed, and many were. Surely not all diseases can be treated this way; medical help should not be abandoned. But notice that Salvator urged his petitioners to reestablish their priorities in life before they asked for healing..

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-salvator-of-horta/>

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

March 2025:
For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Please Pray for the Repose Soul of :

Larry Trombley
Lydia Martin
Narciso Fontecha Jr.
Anthony Plaza
Ernita S. Luares

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

Religious Education

The Confirmation Students will be having a Youth Retreat on April 4-6 at Palis Hall. There are 20 spaces available for the Young Adults in our parish that are not attending Monday night classes. Please call the CCD office if you are interested in attending.

There will be no CCD classes on Saturday, April 5th.

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm in the Church in Spanish

Fridays @ 7:00 pm in the Church in English followed by Benediction.

March 21st: St. Vincent de Paul
March 28th: Hispanic Community
April 4th: Confirmation 3
April 11th: Vietnamese Community
April 18th: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 17

7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

Tuesday, March 18

11:30 am P#1: Legion of Mary

Wednesday, March 19

11:00 am Hall: SVdP

Thursday, March 20

7:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross (SP)

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

Friday, March 21

9:00 am Hall: SVDP

5:00 pm Hall: Meatless Friday Dinners

7:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, March 22

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

2:00 pm Hall: Youth Group

Sunday, March 23

7:30 am Hall: Youth Group

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
Kathy Embody
Carlos Casimiro

Meatless Friday Suppers

Every Friday different communities will be sponsoring Meatless Friday Suppers from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Palis Hall.

This Friday, March 21st will be the **Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes**.

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>



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