

# Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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 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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03/23/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts....

1. We would like to extend our warm welcome and thanks to the Most Rev. Thomas Thanh Thai Nguyen, an auxiliary Bishop of Orange Diocese, CA, for visiting our Vietnamese Community and our parish this weekend. Hoping that he will enjoy his visit.
2. The last two Sunday of Lent, we heard about Jesus being tempted in the desert and being transfigured on the mountaintop. This Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Lent, is all about second chances, an ...of conversion in our lives of faith. The readings call us to repentance, a common theme during Lent. The 2nd preface for the season of Lent calls this a sacred time for renewing and purifying of hearts. We began this holy season a little more than two weeks ago with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads and we were told to repent and believe in the Gospel, as Lent is the time to turn away from our sins and turn once again to Christ.
3. Lenten season is a time to get a deeper relationship with God by giving Him time to speak to us and we do take time to listen to Him. I do hope that you are enjoying rediscovering Jesus and have found the answer to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" How many Lenten journeys have you made? How many Lenten journey will you see in the future? Jesus continues to call us to Conversion and Repentance? Not only turning away from sins but must bear good fruits!
4. We need to pray for our brother and sisters who are in the RCIA and Adult Confirmation program who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments. They have to answer a series of important questions before they are ready for the "Sacraments." Not only for them, but also for all of us who are members of the Church, are asked to be part of this process. We are asked to stop and look at ourselves. I have some questions as you continue this Lenten Journey.

What would you have Jesus do for you?

What do you most need?

Where do you most need healing?

What could Jesus do for you what would restore you to wholeness and quench you thirst?

What are you afraid of?

Where can Jesus heal your fear?

Just imagine Jesus standing before you and asking, "What would you have me do for you?" How would you answer Him?

With blessings and prayers,

Father Tom

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, March 24

7:30 am Pascual & Gertrudes Fbres +

## Tuesday, March 25

7:30 am Janet Sanabria +

## Wednesday, March 26

7:30 am Thanksgiving

## Thursday, March 27

7:30 am Johnny Baustista

## Friday, March 28

7:30 am Jun Fontecha+

## Saturday, March 29

8:00 am Theresa Nguyễn Thị Ánh +

5:00 pm James Leonas +

7:00pm Stephanie Benet +

## Sunday, March 30

8:00 am Elisa & Jonah Ngo-Thanksgiving

10:00 am Pedro & Gloria Franco

12:00 pm Constantino Villanueva +

4:00 pm (VN)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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**Knights of Columbus**

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

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 13: 1- 9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply,

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—

do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

And he told them this parable:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard,

and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener,

‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?’

He said to him in reply,

‘Sir, leave it for this year also,

and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.”

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efen 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 16: \$5,338.00**

**Assessment Fund: \$2,288.00**

**Assessment: \$45,268.00 - Paid: \$11,317.00**

**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*

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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

## Annunciation of the Lord

The Saints day: March 25



### The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/annunciation-of-the-lord/>

## 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 28th: Hispanic Community  
April 4th: Confirmation 3  
April 11th: Vietnamese Community  
April 18th: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday, March 24

7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

### Tuesday, March 25

11:30 am Hall: K of C Meeting

### Wednesday, March 26

11:00 am Hall: SVdP  
11:30 am P # 2: Legion of Mary

### Thursday, March 27

7:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross (SP)  
7:00 pm P# 2: SP Divine Mercy Prayer

### Friday, March 28

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 29

9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD  
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

### Sunday, March 30

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

### 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 28th will be the **Vietnamese Community.**

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



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