

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 9, 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.

Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.

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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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03/09/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts....

1. Lent is already here. Our Lenten journey began last Wednesday when we received the ashes on our forehead. The season of Lent is time of renewal and there is an emphasis on the three spiritual disciplines—Prayer, Penance and Almsgiving.
2. All that is to guide and help us relook and also to revive what Christianity is about and what being Christian is about—our relationship with God and with others. “Come back to me with all your heart” is God’s loving invitation to each one of us each day of Lent.
3. The core message of the Bible is that **God loves us unconditionally**, but we have sinned and strayed, and yet, God continues to call us back to Him. So, my brothers and sisters, our God is so kind and compassionate, patient and abounding mercy...Lent is the season of spiritual purification, a journey of conversion.
4. Each year on this First Sunday of Lent, we hear how Jesus was tempted in the desert. Jesus resisted, finding strength in God. As we embark on these 40 days of Lent, may the Lord give us the strength and courage to resist temptations and repent for the times we fail to do so...So, in essence, it is turning away from our sinful selves and learning our former way of life...Turn to God and let Him embrace us with love and life...Like the disciples leaving everything behind and embraced the new life of life and love.
5. Bishop’s Appeal...It is that time of the year again...to start thinking of the Bishop’s Appeal. Our Parish’s goal, as in the past years, is set at \$19,600. We did not make our goal this past year—about 30% short of the goal. I do hope we will make it this year. Our contribution to this Bishop’s Appeal stays and helps many people and programs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Thank you in advance on behalf of the Bishop and people who will benefit from this Appeal. Please remember the only gift too small is the one never given! God’s Blessings.

I hope and pray that this season of Lent during this Jubilee Year of Hope will be the best for all of us—Pilgrims of Hope!

Father Tom

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, March 10

7:30 am Angel Garcia +

Tuesday, March 11

7:30 am Benjamin Fabia Sr. +

Wednesday, March 12

8:00 am Antonio & Jovita Santos +

Thursday, March 13

7:30 am Pascual & Gertrudes Flores +

Friday, March 14

7:30 am Annika Zulueta Thanksgiving

Saturday, March 15

8:00 am Maria Tam Nguyen +

5:00 pm Mai Dinh, Ngan Vu & Tinh

Pham +

7:00pm Jose M. Sandoval +

Sunday, March 16

8:00 am Catalina Bautista

10:00 am Ngan Vu, Mai Dinh & Tinh

Pham +

12:00 pm Luisa Raaga Servigon +

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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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-6-27-38-73f63f3fa9cd>

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written

You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard
you,
and:

With their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It also says,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

When the devil had finished every temptation,
he departed from him for a time.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Rosauo, 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, 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 March 2: \$ 5,535.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,381.00

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

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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

Stations of the Cross **Starting March 6th**

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm in the
Church in Spanish

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

March 14th: RGM

March 21st: St. Vincent de Paul

March 28th: Hispanic Community

April 4th: Confirmation 3

April 11th: Vietnamese Community

April 18th: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

St. John Ogilvie

The Saints day: March 10



John Ogilvie's noble Scottish family was partly Catholic and partly Presbyterian. His father raised him as a Calvinist, sending him to the continent to be educated. There, John became

interested in the popular debates going on between Catholic and Calvinist scholars. Confused by the arguments of Catholic scholars whom he sought out, he turned to Scripture. Two texts particularly struck him: "God wills all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth," and "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you."

Slowly, John came to see that the Catholic Church could embrace all kinds of people. Among these, he noted, were many martyrs. He decided to become Catholic and was received into the Church at Louvain, Belgium, in 1596 at the age of 17.

John continued his studies, first with the Benedictines, then as a student at the Jesuit College at Olmutz. He joined the Jesuits and for the next 10 years underwent their rigorous intellectual and spiritual training. At his ordination to the priesthood in France in 1610, John met two Jesuits who had just returned from Scotland after suffering arrest and imprisonment. They saw little hope for any successful work there in view of the tightening of the penal laws. But a fire had been lit within John. For the next two and a half years he pleaded to be placed there as a missionary.

Sent by his superiors, he secretly entered Scotland posing as a horse trader or a soldier returning from the wars in Europe. Unable to do significant work among the relatively few Catholics in Scotland, John made his way back to Paris to consult his superiors. Rebuked for having left his assignment in Scotland, he was sent back. He warmed to the task before him and had some success in making converts and in secretly serving Scottish Catholics. But he was soon betrayed, arrested, and brought before the court.

His trial dragged on until he had been without food for 26 hours. He was imprisoned and deprived of sleep. For eight days and nights he was dragged around, prodded with sharp sticks, his hair pulled out. Still, he refused to reveal the names of Catholics or to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the king in spiritual affairs. He underwent a second and third trial but held firm.

At his final trial, he assured his judges: "In all that concerns the king, I will be slavishly obedient; if any attack his temporal power, I will shed my last drop of blood for him. But in the things of spiritual jurisdiction which a king unjustly seizes I cannot and must not obey."

Condemned to death as a traitor, he was faithful to the end, even when on the scaffold he was offered his freedom and a fine living if he would deny his faith. His courage in prison and in his martyrdom was reported throughout Scotland.

John Ogilvie was canonized in 1976, becoming the first Scottish saint since 1250. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 10.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-ogilvie/>

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank will be distributing food every Wednesdays at Palis hall from 11:00am to 12:00 noon.

FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:

Everardo and Biatriz
Remedios Servigon
Kathy Embody

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, March 10

4:00 pm CH: Rosary/Vigil—
Narciso Fontecha Sr.
7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

Tuesday, March 11

10:00 am CH: Funeral Mass—
Narciso Fontecha Sr.
11:30 am P#1: Legion of Mary

Wednesday, March 12

11:00 am Hall: SVdP

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

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 15

9:00 am CH: Vietnamese Community
9:00 am Hall, SM & Portables: CCD
11:00 am P#1: Vietnamese Community
12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul
2:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Sunday, March 16

1:00 pm Hall, P#3&4: Vietnamese School
1:00 pm P#2: St. Joseph Group
2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

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 14th will be the **Hispanic 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> 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>

Third Annual
ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE

**FRI-SAT |
MARCH 14-15**

St. Joseph
HOPE OF THE SICK



Bishop Michael C.
Barber, S.J.



Fr. Anthony
Huong Le



Fr. Noel
Sanvicente



Fr. Roy
Palatty, C.M.I.



Michael
Corsini

March 14, 2025

- 5:00 PM **Simple Soup Supper** (*Parish Hall*)
- 6:00 PM **14 Stations of the Cross** (*Main Church*)
- 7:00 PM **Adoration and Holy Hour** (*Fr. Roy Palatty, C.M.I.) with **Mission Orchestra** and **Michael Corsini** (*Main Church*)

March 15, 2025

- 6:00 AM **Check In** (*Main Church Entrance*)
- 8:00 AM **Holy Mass of Healing** *Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. (*Main Church*)
- 9:00 AM **Light Breakfast** (*Holy Family Picnic Area*)
- 9:30 AM **Talk 1 - St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick** *Fr. Noel Sanvicente (*Main Church*)
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Talk 2 - St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying** *Fr. Noel Sanvicente (*Main Church*)
- 11:45 AM **Lunch** (*Holy Family Picnic Area and Dream Garden*)
- Renewed Museum and St. Joseph Chapel of Healing Tours**
- 12:30 PM **Pray with The Wedding Feast of the Lamb** *Michael Corsini (*Main Church*)
- 1:15 PM **Individual Confession** (*Dream Garden and Holy Family Picnic Area*)
- 1:30 PM **Anointing of the Sick** (*Main Church*)
- Veneration of Relics** *Fr. Roy Palatty, C.M.I.
(*Mission Church, St. Joseph Chapel of Healing and Main Church*)
- 3:00 PM **Divine Mercy Chaplet, Consecration to St. Joseph and Closing Prayer** *Fr. Anthony Huong Le



St. Joseph Catholic Church/Mission San José
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For more information and registration: www.saintjosephmsj.org/conference-2025 or call parish office 510•656•2364



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