

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 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



EASTER SUNDAY

04/20/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts....

1. It is Easter! Today is a day of great joy for us as Catholics. Let us rejoice and be glad because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is Risen—Alleluia, Alleluia! What a great joy to celebrate today, Jesus' life and meaning of His passion, death and resurrection has been spreading and touching people more and more deeply every since. The joy has affected everything around us—We are called to carry the “Joy of Easter” to all of our celebration and our lives. We encounter the Risen Lord—source of joy—and we are to share the Good News with others. This is what Mary Magdalen and the other disciples did. On this Easter, together with St. Augustine, we proclaim: “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” The tomb is empty and Jesus is Risen! As “Easter people,” people of joy, we continue to walk with the Risen Lord each day.
2. Easter is also the day to renew our Faith and Hope on the Risen Lord. Today, and for the next 50 days, we will celebrate and rejoice in the triumph of Christ's victory over sin and death. Our lives can be transformed by opening ourselves to the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.
3. As we celebrate Easter Sunday and renewal of Faith, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped during this wonderful season. To the staff, to our volunteers, and to all who worked so hard to make this day a wonderful celebration this it is. Thanks to all who donated Easter flowers and lilies for our altar. The beauty reminds us of Christ's Resurrection and newness of life. There is a new life for all of us after the tomb.
4. We welcome and congratulate our newly baptized and confirmed whose new life in Christ prepares them for eternal glory. I would also like to thank all those who have helped them, prayed for them and prepared them for this Holy Night—to receive the Easter Sacrament!
5. We need to renew each year our desire to serve God in order to live in Jesus. The blood and water from Christ's side on the cross on Good Friday symbolizes the Sacraments, especially Baptism and Eucharist. Grace from Christ's side continues in the Church to all who receive Him. When we receive Sacrament, we encounter the Risen Jesus. We encounter the Risen Jesus in the Church when a community of people gather together to worship God. We encounter the Risen Jesus when Scriptures are proclaimed to us. We encounter the Risen Jesus when we extend our helping hands to the poor, the sick and the marginalized. We encounter the Risen Jesus when we forgive one another.
6. When you leave here, the Church and at home, think of the words, “Jesus is Alive!” Think of the words, “Jesus is the Lord of All!” He is your Lord as much as my Lord and the Lord of all others, those who are present and those who are not! **Jesus is Lord of All and We All need Him!**

Please remember

We Are An Easter People...People of Joy and Alleluia is our song...Share the story and the song with others.

Happy Easter,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, April 21

7:30 am Bautista Family Thanksgiving

Tuesday, April 22

7:30 am Ebias & Vicente Families
Thanksgiving

Wednesday, April 23

7:30 am Rena DeMarco +

Thursday, April 24

7:30 am Monica Rabarra

Friday, April 25

7:30 am Sotero & Teodora Cinco +

Saturday, April 26

8:00 am Maria Thu Van Nguyen +
5:00 pm Gerard Osorio Thanksgiving
7:00 pm (SP) Paula Zelaya +

Sunday, April 27

8:00 am Cielita Viernes +
10:00 am Michael Enriquez
12:00 pm Alcantara & Hall Family
Thanksgiving
4:00 pm (VN)



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GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don’t know where they put him.”
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.
When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 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 925-458-4718..

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection April 6: \$ 5,820.00

Parish Assessment: \$ 1,582.00

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.*

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Gospel Reflection

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead.

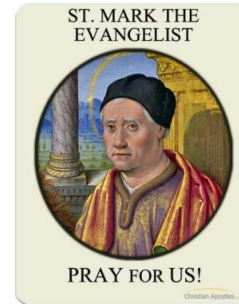
Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

St. Mark

Saint of the Day: April 25



Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When Saint Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus's rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark—calling him "my son"—Peter is only one of this Gospel's sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots), and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like another Gospel writer Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists.

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

April 2025:

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Please Pray for the Repose Soul of :

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

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



FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:

Everardo and Biatriz
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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, April 14

11:30 am P # 2: Legion of Mary

Tuesday, April 15

6:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 16

11:00 am Hall: SVdP

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Thursday, April 17

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

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

9:00

Friday, April 18

9:00 am Hall: SVDP

12:00 pm CH: Seven Last Words

6:00 pm Hall: Stations of the Cross (SP)

6:30 pm CH: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

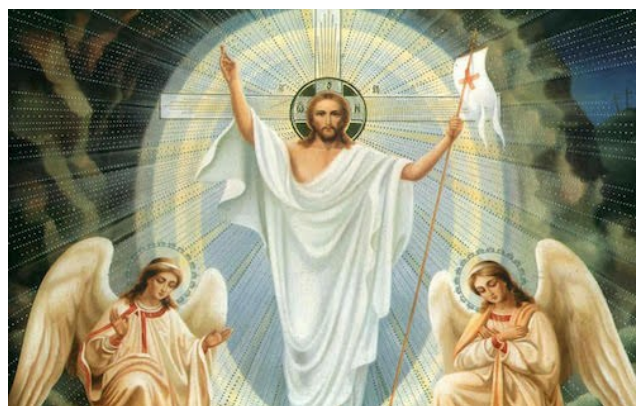
Sunday, April 20

11:00 am CH: Easter Egg Hunt

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

1:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD CLASSES

There will be no CCD classes from April 14 to May 2 for Easter break.

Classes will resume on
Saturday, May 3rd.

**First Holy Communion:
First Confessions
April 26th at 9:00 am**

**First Holy Communion Liturgy:
Saturday, May 10th at 10:00 am
FHC practice: May 7&8 at 7:00 pm in the
Church**

DIVINE MERCY

NOVENA

APRIL 18-APRIL 27

Starting on Good Friday, April 18th, after the morning prayer, the novena for the Divine Mercy will begin. The schedule for the Novena will be everyday after the morning mass until April 26th. On Sunday, April 27th, the novena will be at 1:00 pm.

RUMMAGE

SALE

MAY 5 - 7, 2025

Sponsored by the Regina Mundi Guild

MAY 5 (MON)	MAY 6 (TUES)	MAY 7 (WED)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**DONATION DROP OFF
MAY 4 & 5 | 9 AM TO 2 PM**



ITEMS ACCEPTED: CLEAN & USABLE CLOTHINGS, SHOES, LINENS, JEWELRIES, WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS, WORKING SMALL APPLIANCES, CHINA, DISHES, GLASSWARES, GAMES, TOYS & BOOKS

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT: ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES THAT DON'T WORK, NO BABY FURNITURES LIKE CAR SEATS & STROLLERS OR ANY LARGE APPLIANCES & FURNITURES. PLEASE NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TEXTBOOKS OR MAGAZINES.

EASTER EGG HUNT

DONATIONS

IN NEED OF:

**CANDY PRIZES
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(TO PURCHASE THE ABOVE)

**PLEASE DONATE BY
APRIL 13TH**

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