

Our Lady Queen of the World Church

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025

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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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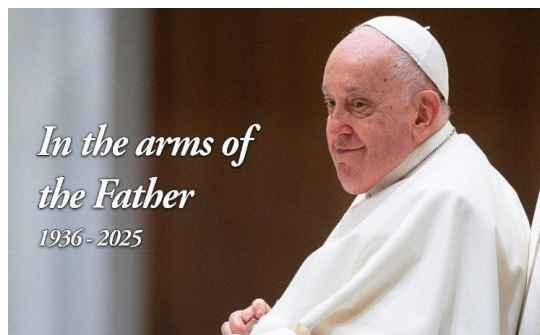
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My Dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts for this Divine Sunday...

1. This Sunday the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate "Divine Mercy Sunday." We are invited to approach the Risen Lord Jesus and cry out with St. Thomas "My Lord and My God!" (John 20:28) This Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that the other name of God is Mercy. "Mercy renews and redeems us because it is an encounter between two hearts—the heart of God who comes to meet us and a human heart." (MM#18)
2. God's mercy is revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of His love of us—all of us—He came into the world, He suffered, He died, and resurrected publicly! Once He accomplished this sacrifice, He returned to His disciples to restore peace in their hearts and to commission them to go into the world to preach the Good News of forgiveness.
3. After His Resurrection, Jesus' first words to the disciples, "Peace be with you" to forgive them, to give them peace and to heal them. The celebration of Divine Mercy is a reminder to us that Jesus is the Manifestation of God's Love and Mercy.
4. Like Pope St. John Paul our late Pope Francis has made Mercy a central theme in his pontificate...Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. May the Mercy continue in our life through the practice of Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy at all times.

In Loving Memory of Our Holy Father Pope Francis



The witness of the Gospel
The Apostle of Mercy
The Prophet of Peace
The Friend of the Poor

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, April 28

7:30 am Peter Doan Khac Thuyen +

Tuesday, April 29

7:30 am Emilia & Aquilino Vergara +

Wednesday, April 30

7:30 am Bishop Eugenio Ravignani +

Thursday, May 1

7:30 am Peter Doan Khac Thuyen +

Friday, May 2

7:30 am Mai Ding, Ngan Vu, & Tinh Pham +

Saturday, May 3

9:30 am Family Mass

5:00 pm Roly Brodie Thanksgiving

7:00 pm (SP) Pedro & Francisca Aguilar +

Sunday, May 4

8:00 am Rodolfo Dimalanta +

10:00 am Lilia Yang +

12:00 pm Osorio Family Intentions

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

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Portrait on the cover:

Xavier Josep—Parishioner

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-9

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Efren Lopez, Bert Tomas, 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, Betty Tecson, Marife Cano, Father Tom, Sr. Emelita Cinco, Cris Dolor, Teresa Kim Cha, Sabu Martinez, Patricia Diokno, Melita Mendoza, Joe Quizon, Robert Mondoy, Jack Fernandez, 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

Holy Week: \$ 15,862.00

Holy Land: \$ 4,753.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$ 4,089.00

Assessment: \$45,268.00 - Paid: \$ 15,090.00

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

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus? Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/easter-sunday-connection/>

St. Pius V

Saint of the Day: April 30



This is the pope whose job it was to implement the historic Council of Trent. If we think popes had difficulties in implementing Vatican Council II, Pius V had even greater problems after Trent four centuries earlier.

During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the almost overwhelming responsibility of

getting a shattered and scattered Church back on its feet. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, by the Reformation, by the constant threat of Turkish invasion, and by the bloody bickering of the young nation-states. In 1545, a previous pope convened the Council of Trent in an attempt to deal with all these pressing problems. Off and on over 18 years, the Fathers of the Church discussed, condemned, affirmed, and decided upon a course of action. The Council closed in 1563.

Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the sweeping reforms called for by the Council. He ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for the papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom—to this day—of the pope wearing a white cassock.

In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. Problems in France and in the Netherlands also hindered Pius's hopes for a Europe united against the Turks. Only at the last minute was he able to organize a fleet which won a decisive victory in the Gulf of Lepanto, off Greece, on October 7, 1571.

Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pius-v/>

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

**May 2025:
For working conditions**

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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.*

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.

FLOWER OFFERINGS FOR OR IN MEMORY OF:

Everardo and Biatriz
Martines & Carstensen Families
Dalupan Family
Giron—Zelaya & Butler Family Members
Da Rosa Family
Brodie Family

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 28

11:30 am P # 2: Legion of Mary

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 pm Hall: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, April 30

11:00 am Hall: SVdP

5:00 pm Hall: Vietnamese Community

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

9:00 am Hall: SVDP

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, May 3

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, May 4

7:00 am Hall: Hospitality Sunday

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

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

4:00 pm Hall: Rummage Sale Set-up

HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS IN MEMORIAM

“Together with the whole Church we in the Diocese of Oakland mourn the passing of our Holy Father Pope Francis. He was unique among popes: One of a kind. He will be forever known as “The Pope of Mercy.” He called for a “Holy Year of Mercy” in 2016 which inspired an outpouring of charitable works and led to the reconciliation of thousands of Catholics with the Lord. May Pope Francis rest in peace. And may the angels lead him into paradise.”

- Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

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.



Diocese of Oakland

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A gift to the 2025 Bishop's Ministries Appeal enables 70+ ministries to foster evangelization, faith formation, and pastoral outreach across our diocese. The outcome of your generosity is that the Gospel is spread, seminarians are supported, pastoral care is provided and our youth are inspired in their faith journey.

Every gift matters—each act of charity strengthens the Church's mission and brings Christ's love to those in need. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal as an act of faith and a reflection of God's unending love.

WAYS to GIVE

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Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612

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