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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

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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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04/06/2025

My dear OLQW Family,

Here are some of my scattered thoughts....

1. We are more than half way of our Lenten Journey and I hope you have been enjoying it very much...Hopefully, you have utilized this sacred time to prepare yourselves for the Blessings of Christ's Resurrection and our Salvation in a meaningful way.!
2. Lent is offering us an excellent opportunity to make changes in our lives and to reform our lives. Lent is offering us an excellent opportunity to take a close look at our lives, to determine if any part of them is going in the wrong direction. If we do find this to be the case, then we should seek out the forgiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation... Communal Penance will be on Monday, April 7th at 7:00 pm. There will be several priests to hear confessions in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Jesus will forgive our sins and sends us forth a new creation.
3. After this encounter with Jesus, the adulterous woman received forgiveness, her life was changed and was restored...Jesus invited her to live a life of grace and union with God by saying to her, "Go away and sin no more." You and I need to do the same whenever we encounter Jesus and receive His forgiveness and mercy.

Let us be compassionate and merciful like Jesus,

Father Tom



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 7

7:30 am Leonila & Ruth Enriquez

Tuesday, April 8

7:30 am Deceased Members of Ebias
& Vicente Families +

Wednesday, April 9

7:30 am Estella Sebastian +

Thursday, April 10

7:30 am Deceased Members of Diokno
Family +

Friday, April 11

7:30 am Liam Jack Bautista Thanksgiving

Saturday, April 12

10:00 am Peter Doan Khac Thuyen+

5:00 pm Mai Dinh; NganVu &
Tinh Pham +

7:00pm Carmen & Prudencia Avelar +

Sunday, April 13

8:00 am

10:00 am Ambrosia Nilo +

12:00 pm Raelaine & Flora Baltazar +

4:00 pm (VN) Mai Dinh; NganVu &
Tinh Pham +



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Portrait on the cover:
<https://nwuforthereeducation/2023/02/19/second-sunday-of-lent-year-a/>

GOSPEL READING John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."

When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing.

He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.

The servant said to him,

"Your brother has returned

and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."

He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him.

He said to his father in reply, "Look, all these years I served you

and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.

But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf."

He said to him, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.

But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

HALL EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Building Fund 2nd collection will be for the Hall Expansion Capital Campaign.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Gospel Reflection

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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

St. Teresa of Los Andes

The Saints day: April 12



One needn't live a long life to leave a deep imprint. Teresa of Los Andes is proof of that.

As a young girl growing up in the early 1900's in Santiago, Chile, Juana Fernandez read an autobiography of a French-born saint—Thérèse, popularly known as the Little Flower. The experience deepened her desire to serve God and clarified the path she would follow. At age 19 Juana became a Carmelite nun, taking the name of Teresa.

The convent offered the simple lifestyle Teresa desired and the joy of living in a community of women completely devoted to God. She focused her days on prayer and sacrifice. "I am God's," she wrote in her diary. "He created me and is my beginning and my end."

Toward the end of her short life, Teresa began an apostolate of letter-writing, sharing her thoughts on the spiritual life with many people. At age 20 she contracted typhus and quickly took her final vows. She died a short time later, during Holy Week.

Known as the "Flower of the Andes," Teresa remains popular with the estimated 100,000 pilgrims who visit her shrine in Los Andes each year. Canonized in 1993 by Pope John Paul II, she is Chile's first saint.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-teresa-of-los-andes/>

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 March 30: \$ 6,311.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 2,712.00

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.

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.*

COMMUNAL PENANCE

Monday, April 7th at 7:00 pm

There will be various priest to hear confessions in English, Spanish & Vietnamese.

Meatless Friday Suppers

Every Friday different communities will be sponsoring Meatless Friday Suppers from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Palis Hall.

This Friday, April 11th:
St. Vincent de Paul

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.

April 11th: Confirmation 3
April 18th: Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, April 7

7:00 pm Hall, SM, Portables: CCD

Tuesday, April 8

6:00 pm Hall: Hispanic Community

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 9

11:00 am Hall: SVdP

11:30 am P # 2: Legion of Mary

7:30 pm CH: Choir Practice

Thursday, April 10

6:00 pm Hall: Columbiettes

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

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

8:00 pm CH: Choir Practice

Friday, April 11

9:00 am Hall: SVDP

5:30 pm Hall: Meatless Friday Supper

6:00 pm P#2: Youth Group

7:00 pm CH: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

8:00 pm CH: Choir Practice

Saturday, April 12

8:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD

12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul

3:30 pm Hall: BINGO Set up

6:00 pm Hall BINGO

Sunday, April 13

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

1:00 pm P#1: Vietnamese Catholic Mothers

2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, April 12 at 10:00 am

The Church encourage all the faithful, especially the elderly, those seriously ill or anticipating surgery, to attend this Holy Mass.

The Anointing Mass is not only for the elderly or sick but for all of us, so that we too receive HEALING spiritually or physically from our Merciful God.

(Please note there will be no 8 am mass this day)





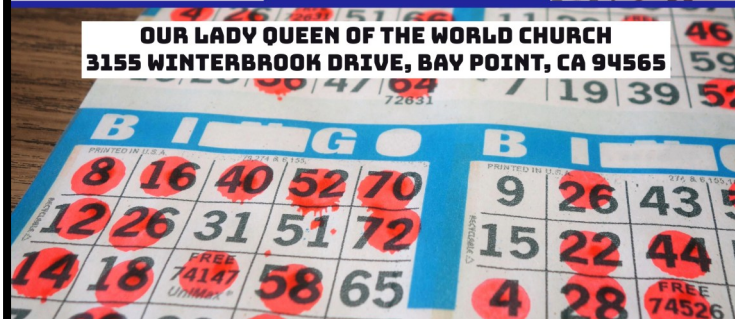
SATURDAY

APRIL 12

DOORS OPEN

AT 6:00 PM





PALMS FOR PALMS SUNDAY DO YOU OWN A SAGO PALM PLANT?

We need donations of Sago Palm leaves for Palm Sunday. If you own some and able to donate, please bring them to the church hall on **Monday, April 7th**, and no later than April 9th. We are requesting help to trim the palms on **April 9 and 10 at 10:00 am**. Please bring your own trimmers.

EASTER FLOWER FOR ALTAR

Would you like an Easter Lily on our altar in memory of a loved one or to represent your family? We are in need of donations to make our altar more festive as we welcome the Risen Christ once again into our hearts.

Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Lily" with the name of the person or family you want represented. Drop your envelope in the collection basket. All donations must be received by **April 12th**.



MINISTRIES *of* HOPE

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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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

IN NEED OF:

CANDY PRIZES MONEY

(TO PURCHASE THE ABOVE)

**PLEASE DONATE BY
APRIL 13TH**

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT
RECTORY OR CCD OFFICE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE 2025

Holy Thursday: April 17th

Multi-Cultural Mass @ 7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Hall:

9:00 pm—9:30 pm: Parish Community

9:30 pm—10:15 pm: Filipino Community

10:15 pm—11:00 pm: Hispanic Community

11:00 pm—12:00 am: Vietnamese Community

Good Friday: April 18th

Seven Last Words: 12:15 pm—3:15 pm:

Guest Speaker:

Stations of the Cross in Spanish: 6:00 pm in the Hall

Stations of the Cross in English: 6:30 pm
in the Church

Veneration of the Cross:

7:00 pm in English; 9:00 pm in Vietnamese

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 19th

Liturgical Celebration will begin at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: April 20th

8:00 am, 10:00 am , 12:00 pm: English

2:00 pm: Spanish

4:00 pm: Vietnamese