

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

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July 1, 2007 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Fr. Leonard Tuozzolo, C.S.Sp.

Ministerio Latino:

Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M.

Weekend Ministry:

Fr. Kevin Nadolski, O.S.F.S.

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday at 12 Noon

Saturdays - 6:00 pm Vigil

Sundays - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am

& 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Baptism:

Please call the parish office for preparation information and upcoming schedule.

Marriage Preparation:

Please contact Fr. Tuozzolo at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements described in "Marriage Preparation Guide" at back of church and in Ministry Center foyer.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 5:30 pm and by appointment.

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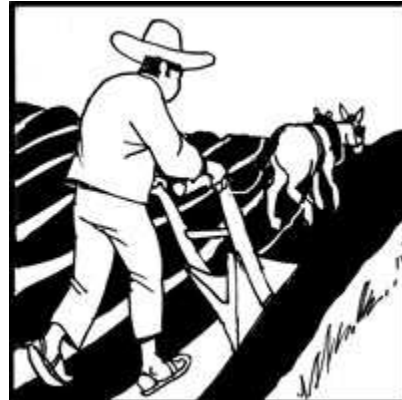
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Contact Heather for support and liturgical expertise in the areas of Liturgy, Adult Enrichment and Ministry/Volunteer Coordination. She can also assist with questions related to RCIA and Marriage Preparation.

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday, 9 am

OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social ministries. The parish will continue to identify with its origin as a Black parish. As a multi-ethnic congregation we will seek to promote racial harmony and social justice. While our primary focus is within the immediate community, we will also work to provide for the well-being of the downtrodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.



No one who sets his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

-- Luke 9:62

July 2007 Calendar (Abbreviated)

1 July	UJAMAA Fund Raiser Concert and Reception, 3 PM, Church/Founders Rm
2 July	Minkisi Prayer Group, 7:15 PM, Discussion Rm
3 July	L'Arche Prayer Group, 7 PM, Founders Rm
5 July	Social Justice Cmte Meeting, 7:30 PM, Founders Rm
8 July	July Baptisms at 11:15 AM Mass
14 July	Water Into Wine Reunion, 5 PM, Founders Rm
15 July	Dominican Republic Mission 2nd Collection Fr. Patrick Posey guest celebrant all Masses
17 July	Voice of the Faithful Meeting, 7 PM, Founders Rm
19 July	Carpenter's Shelter Supper OLQP Book Group, 7 PM, Peace Room
21 July	Parish Leadership Retreat, 9 - 3 PM, Founders Rm
23 July	Haiti Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Founders Rm
25 July	Seasoned Christians Meeting, 3 PM, POB

June 30 / July 1, 2007

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62

"For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery" [Paul to the Galatians, today's second reading]. Freedom is the pivot on which each of the passages we hear today turns. Jesus shows himself free of the impulse to react to rejection; he stays fixed on his goal [Luke, gospel]. And Elisha burns the tools that connect him to the life he is leaving behind so as to respond to God's new call through Elijah [1 Kings, first reading]. What Paul calls "slavery" we might call "addiction" or "bad habits"--or (more insidiously) "virtue," if by that we mean a compulsion to try to earn our salvation by a righteous life instead of receiving it as God's free gift. This was, after all, the temptation Paul's audience had succumbed to, and yours might: trying to manage their way to God through ritual and ascetic practice rather than trusting the freedom given by the Spirit of God.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

God's Word is a Light unto my Feet"

Our sick and homebound strengthen us by their patient suffering.

Please remember in your prayers: Ronald Bashian, Jennie Bayne, Catherine Blair, April Brassard, Cornelius Bennhold-Samaan, Gene Betit, William C. Butler, Brody Carroll, Jennie Davis, Gerald DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, B.J. Fort, Jim Fowler, Mathias Gutschmidt, Margaret Hodges, Dorothy Jackson, Pat Johnson, Maria Linares, Mary Lyons, Elizabeth McCartan, Stefan McGuigan, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Dorothy Moran, Mrs. O'Brien, George F. Peyton, Sally Ryan, Carolyn Santos, Edward T. Skocz, Jeffery Smith, Georgiana Starnes, Alberta Thurmond, Thaddenia West, Father Tuozzolo, Mary Woods.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$11,438.85

Mass Intentions

6:00 PM Vigil Mass - for Joseph Fratus, Jr. by Anne Flack

8:00 AM Mass - for Clarice Brault by Jennifer Ryan

9:30 AM Mass - for Debra Wathen by Frances Lumpkin

11:15 AM Mass - for Tom Leckey by Dolores Leckey

1 PM Mass - for the Parish

In Memoriam

Margaret Habliston

Died in the Lord, June 23, 2007

Mrs. Habliston was the mother of parishioner and Finance Committee member Sharon Malley; mother-in-law of Keith Malley; grandmother of Lydia and Luke. Please keep the Malley and Habliston families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult period of grief. A Memorial Service was held in Salisbury, MD on June 30, 2007.

In Memoriam

Mauricio Antonio Rivas

Died in the Lord June 25, 2007

Mauricio was the son of parishioners Teresa and Raphael Rivas. Please keep the Rivas family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of grief. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLQP on June 30, 2007.

OLQP Welcome Committee

A representative of the Welcome Committee will be in the back of the church after all Masses next weekend to offer information and/or registration forms to interested new comers.

Aspirations for Peace

That old law about "an eye for an eye" leaves everybody blind.

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

The Minkisi Ministry invites you to their monthly contemplative prayer and reflection group on **Mon., July 2, 7:15 p.m.** in the Discussion Room (living room of old rectory). Based on the theme, "God is Spirit: Let us worship Him in Spirit and in Truth," Barbara Green will lead the quiet prayer session using John 1:1-18. And it's not too early to add this date on your calendar. Plan to participate in the Minkisi annual retreat day, led by Msgr. Ray East, Sat., Nov. 17, 9 a.m. thru lunch. For more information, contact Cecilia Braveboy, 703-979-5389 or jisaac3@verizon.net.

UJAMAA and The Arlington Diocese Office of Black Catholic Ministries presents Callie M. Terrell in concert today - **Sunday, July 1, at 4:00 PM here at OLQP.** A reception will follow the concert. Free will offering.

Used Book Collection for Haiti

Pere Leroy is planning to build a new secondary school building in Medor in order to accommodate more children. In the new building there will be a library, the first in Medor!!

To help stock the library, we are planning a used book collection.

This is what is needed:

-French/English Dictionaries

-any book in French that would be suitable for children up to the age of 20

-picture books

If you can donate any of these, please bring them to the book collection at OLQP on the weekend of July 29. Thank you for your help for the people in Medor!

Art and Environment Ministry

The Art and Environment Ministry is responsible for decorating the church and is now seeking volunteers to help with this ministry. If you have a knack for tasteful, creative decorating ideas and would like to share your talent, please contact Christina, 703-979-5580, olqp.office@verizon.net. Decorating the church involves honoring our heritage, reflecting the ethnic diversity of our community, and incorporating the guidelines established in Environment and Art in Catholic Worship form. Two levels of commitment are available with this ministry: assisting during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, or lending your liturgical expertise and artistic skills throughout the year. We are currently seeking a coordinator and support members for this ministry. Thank you for your consideration.

A note from OLQP's Environmental Ministry...

Rain barrels provide an environmentally sensitive way to save money on your water bill while giving your plants water they will love. Their only drawback is that they can be prohibitively expensive. The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a low cost build your own rain barrel workshop to Fairfax County residents on Saturday morning, July 28 at the Walker Nature Education Center in Reston. Further details can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrels.htm> or 703-435-6530.

Water into Wine Social

Have you completed the Water into Wine marriage preparation program? Would you like to connect with other young engaged and/or married couples? If so, then this event is for you! Please join us on Saturday, July 14, from 5-7 pm in the Founder's Room for a wine and cheese social. Please RSVP to Veronica Bartlett, 703-920-2032 or vambartlett@msn.com. Hope to see you there!

Remember: Just\$ helps OLQP Early Learning Center and Orphans of AIDS in Africa Ministries – NO cost to you! You can purchase your Giant card or Shoppers certificate today – on sale after Mass and at the Credit Union.

Forthcoming Programs at Dominican Retreat

Advance Reservations Necessary

Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243 or check our website at www.dominicanretreat.org

Tues., July 10 -- Love one Another – Living a Spirit of Peace in a Time of War for Women and Men, directed by Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M., 9:30 AM – 3 PM

July 13-15 -- Weekend for Women of Al-Anon, directed by Fr. John Murray, CSsR and Sr. Linda Fischer, Fri. 7:30 PM – Sun. 1:30 PM.

July 20-22

“Finding God in our Daily Mess” – Retreat for Women and Men, directed by Dr. Adele Gonzales, D Min, Fri. 7 PM – Sun. 1 PM

Fr. Ed Kelly Discussion Series Planning Team

For more than a decade, Fr. Ed Kelly served OLQP as assistant pastor. For the past four years, we have honored the memory of Fr. Ed through a discussion series devoted to themes of justice and peace. Please consider being part of the planning team for this year's series! As part of the planning team, you would help to develop the theme and series calendar as well as assist with publicity and other logistics. The team will begin meeting this summer; we will plan three or four discussions for the year. If you would like to be part of the planning team, please contact Heather Kinney, Spiritual Life Minister, in the parish office (ext. 115) or at olqp.slm@verizon.net by Friday, July 13th.

Interested in Foster Care? Have questions? Please join the Arlington Country foster/Adoptive Program at our next Prospective Foster Parent Orientation Session on Saturday, September 8th, from 10 AM – 12 PM at 3033 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. For more information and to RSVP, contact Gerson Paniagua, 703-228-1550 or gpaniagua@arlingtonva.us.

Update on Fr. Tuozzolo...

Great news! Fr. Tuz returned to the rectory and his beloved Toby last Sunday. Currently he is enjoying his backyard, recently beautified by our own Confirmation Class. Freed from a very helpful, but pathetically named 21st Century medical instrument called a "Wound Vac", Fr. Tuz still has a serious wound, recovering from open heart surgery just over a month ago that requires him to eat healthily, stay active and still get a lot of good rest.

He is determined to stay at home and this will require hard work on his and our part! His fight to regain his health is not over. Even though visitors are limited for the time being, please do not falter in 'storming heaven' with your prayers for Fr. Tuz' recovery. Keep the cards and letters coming (he celebrated his 75th birthday on Tuesday, June 26th); very soon everyone will be able to visit!!

Daily Routine: Fr. Tuz will be seen every other day by a visiting nurse. He also has a home health aide, Felicia, who helps with his daily activities 6 hours a day. **Unscheduled visitors and outside food are not allowed.** Felicia, a really cheerful helper, is the keeper of that gate -- please help make her job easy.

Walk with Father: Fr. Tuz is restricted to the church grounds for insurance purposes--this must be observed but he is also required to take enriching walks, in wider and wider circles. To help Fr. Tuz do some motivational walking, **please contact Katie Remedios, remedioshome@gmail.com, to sign up to be a walking partner.**

Dinner with Father: He is now ready to welcome friends who bring **carefully prepared diabetic meals** for dinnertime. Before we all go off and smother him to death with love, his health care team have some guidelines of which we all need to be aware. **In order to get healthy, Father T's diet must respect his current medical conditions:** a recovering heart surgery patient who takes, among other things, blood thinners and insulin for the rest of his long life. His pill box runneth over, as he good naturedly swallows and injects substances that will keep him healthy and lively. As the parish learns to cook for him, we just might all become healthier -- a very good outcome of our community-wide concern for our beloved pastor.

We are invited to provide Father's evening meal for the next few weeks before he gets back in his kitchen to whip up Touzozolo Concoctions.. You can sign up to prepare his evening meal at:

<http://engineeringobjects.com/Special/FrTuzMeals.asp>. We are looking for dinner for 4 or 5 each night between now and July 15 (for the time being) -- to be served at 6 PM. So claim your night now. Dining Chez Tuz is going to be a hot spot in Arlington.

But, before you go shopping, all who volunteer to cook must agree that they will provide Father with food proportions and preparation that are in compliance with a diabetic diet, **www.diabetic-recipes.com**. Healthy blood sugar levels are crucial to his recovery. People with diabetes feel better if their blood sugar is controlled. We want Father to feel great, so everyone place your hand on a cookbook and promise to follow his prescribed meal plan, which was developed by an endocrinologist and a dietician.

There are also pamphlets on Tuz' bar (rectory lower level) for anyone who will be cooking. His diet resembles a Weight Watchers diet, but the intention is not to lose weight, just to control blood sugar. So for dinner he can have 2 starches, 1 milk, 1 fruit, 1-2 veggies, 4 ounces of meat and 2 fats. That is about 60 carbohydrates. It is acceptable to make some substitutions, but following the categories insures that he gets all the nutrients he needs to get better. The pamphlets explain what equals 2 starches, 1 milk and 1 fruit in terms of carbohydrates. The suggested website, **www.diabetic-recipes.com**, does the same thing.

There are many foods that have no carbohydrate count, but if they are high in fat or in sodium, they are also limited. His blood thinner means that he needs to consume a consistent amount of dark green and leafy vegetables all the time (ie, no over-doing-it on broccoli, asparagus, spinach, edamame, parsley or kale). Salads are fine and free of carbohydrates, but salad dressing should be the light variety. There are some acceptable salad dressings and condiments already in the rectory kitchen. There is a grill in the rectory yard if that is in your preference. Limit salt. Control fats. Chinese food is another love, but use minimal oil and low sodium soy sauce -- restaurants do not follow this rule, so **no carry out**, please. Measure carbohydrates (and those include fruit, carrots and peas). Herbs and spices are not counted, so flavor is free. Father Joe Nangle, another recovering heart patient who will be sharing the meals, will be happy with healthy food, too.

Please claim a night and start planning your Dinner at Chez Tuz. Just go to <http://engineeringobjects.com/Special/FrTuzMeals.asp> to sign up...and pray for his continued recovery. Thanks so much!

Love your Enemies: Reflecting on the Sermon on the Mount

Fr. John Dear, SJ

The bad news is so overwhelming these days, it's hard to find any good news. But the Gospel provides it in abundance in the life and teachings of Jesus, especially in the Sermon on the Mount, his great manifesto of revolutionary nonviolence. Every June, we hear excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, in the daily readings. If I had any say, I would create a "Sermon on the Mount" Sunday and have the entire text read out loud at every Mass. In an effort to promote some good news, I thought I'd offer a kind of summer series on the Sermon on the Mount, as a way to stay focused on the nonviolent Jesus and his vision. Mahatma Gandhi read from it twice a day for the last 40 years of his life -- and he was not even a Christian. He considered these texts the greatest writings on nonviolence in the history of the world. Since he wanted to become a person of nonviolence, he treated these teachings as a basic primer, as the catechism of nonviolence. I want to do the same.

I've already written about the Beatitudes, and thought I'd jump around and start with the centerpiece, the climactic highpoint, the sixth of six antitheses ("You have heard it said, but I say to you..."), the great commandment: "Love your enemies." We can never talk about this commandment enough. For me, it sums up Christianity. If we do this, we will obey Jesus fully, because it encompasses everything -- reflecting God's universal love, working for disarmament, seeking justice for the poor, practicing forgiveness, living in hope and trusting in the God of peace. I've long considered it the most radical, political, revolutionary words ever uttered. And by and large, for the last thousand years at least, we've done our best to avoid them and disobey them. Why? Because they go against everything every nation teaches. Perhaps because we are afraid; we don't believe God will protect us. The whole world is based on the commandment: hate your enemies, punish your enemies, kill your enemies. Jesus reverses the entire nation/state system. He invites us not to hate, punish or kill anyone, especially those targeted by our nation/state. Needless to say, this means, he would want us to love, not kill, the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Colombia, Haiti, Russia, and any other people the U.S. military has targeted.

The text uses the Greek word "agape." Unlike any word in the English language, "agape" calls for deliberate, unconditional,

non-retaliatory, sacrificial, all-encompassing, all-inclusive, nonviolent universal love, a love which lays down our lives for others, in this case, the people of Iraq and Afghanistan. Jesus commands us to practice the unconditional love of God, to show, for example, "agape" to the people of Iraq. He wants us to stop killing one another, stop waging war, stop building and maintaining nuclear weapons, and stop our country from killing people. It is not enough for us not to kill; we have to stop our country from killing others. He wants us to reach beyond our borders to embrace everyone as a sister and brother, to make sure they have the fullness of life and love, to live in peace with everyone.

Jesus was not preaching hopeless idealism. He advocated a wise strategy for living in peace. "Love for enemies is the key to the solution of the problems of our world," Dr. King wrote. "Jesus is not an impractical idealist; he is the practical realist. Our responsibility as Christians is to discover the meaning of this command and seek passionately to live it out." Nelson Mandela put it this way: "I have never yet met an enemy whom I did not try to turn into a friend." I've never understood why Christians do not take this commandment seriously. We Catholics believe in transubstantiation, and never question that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. We eagerly obey the command, "Do this in memory of me." But love our enemies? When I raise this commandment, the general response I get is: "Are you nuts?" When will we believe in the transformation of enemies into friends?

What's so shocking is that Jesus commands us to love our enemies not just because it's right; not just because it's moral; and not because it's the only practical solution; but because God loves God's enemies. This is the nature of God. Jesus wants us to be "sons and daughters of your God in heaven, for God makes God's sun rise on the bad and on the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and on the unjust. I don't understand how Jesuit and Catholic colleges maintain ROTC programs, for example, where students pledge to "destroy the enemies of the United States." For that matter, I don't see how anyone can claim to follow Jesus and be a member of the U.S. Army, Navy or Air Force.

But this is an old argument. St. Augustine wrote long ago that sometimes the best way to love your enemies is to kill them. I think St. Augustine was wrong. He dismisses the teachings of Jesus with one sentence, and was wide-

ly praised for his insight. His comment gave birth to the just war theory. But I say: You cannot love your enemies by preparing or threatening to kill them, much less actually killing them. Jesus forbids killing. His universal love outlaws violence. He never justifies war. He opposes every military, every weapon, every intent to kill. So from now on, we oppose Bush's war on Iraq, the Pentagon's imperial military bases, and nuclear weapons at Los Alamos and Livermore Labs because we are sons and daughters of the God of peace. We are people who love our enemies.

This is precisely what my friends in Australia have been doing. The Pine Gap Four were recently found guilty of trespassing at the U.S. military base in the remote northern territories, but thankfully not sentenced to prison (see www.pinegapontrial.blogspot.com). Others, including my friends Carole Powell of Brisbane and Simon Moyle of Melbourne, trespassed last week during the U.S. military exercises off the Northeast coast and face trial in August. (And by the way, my friend Jarrod McKenna of Perth turned me on to a great new book, *Living the Sermon on the Mount* by Glen Stassen, that I highly recommend.)

Imagine if every priest and bishop spoke out with love for our enemies, like Daniel Berrigan? Imagine if every Catholic traveled abroad to targeted places like Iraq and Iran to love our enemies, like Kathy Kelly? The question is: Dare we practice such love? How do we love our enemies? How do we stop our government from killing them? If we are to obey Jesus, we need to move this reflection from abstract theory to concrete action. Once we start loving our enemies, government officials, soldiers and patriotic citizens will persecute us. That's a sign that we've begun to obey Jesus. That's why, I think, Jesus immediately follows this commandment with a second about prayer. We are told to pray, not for ourselves, not even for our enemies, but for our persecutors -- for those people who are mad at us for loving the people of Iraq, for those who harass us, punish us, even arrest us. And so, as Sermon on the Mount people, we try to love the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, and pray for those who oppose our universal love.

John Dear's new book, "Transfiguration," is available from www.amazon.com [and in the parish library]. His antiwar trial has been postponed until Sept. 6. Next month, he will be on a speaking tour in England and Scotland. For information, see: www.johndear.org

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