

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Friday — 12 Noon,

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil

Sundays — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (Spanish), and 6:00 pm (Young Adult Mass)

Baptism:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

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Please contact the parish office at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

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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.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

AUGUST 25, 2019

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"And you will say,
'We ate and drank in your company
and you taught in our streets.' "

Lk 13:26

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Next weekend's Readings: (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24A; Lk 14:1, 7-14

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Gene B  tit, Francis Bilgera, Cindy Bianga, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerro, Yolanda Gregorio, Ernest Donato, Irene Fitzpatrick, Yvette Franco, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Carmen Gonzalez, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Rodrigo Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Caecilie Jones, Sharon Jourdan, Cindy Kernick, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Bertie Leahy, Lidia Montero Lopez, Mary Helen Madden, Wil McBride, Tess McDade, Stefan McGuigan, Olga MacKenzie, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Roberto M  ndez, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Clem Munno, Chelsea Murray, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Patrick Ogden, Michelle O'Keefe, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Wally Reyes, Michael Rodgers, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Janet Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Paul Steinmetz, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Mary Terlep, Rose Trujillo, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 24-30

5:30 pm— for Lope Dysangco (D) by Lilian Sy

8 am— for Tara Florio (D) by Beverly Hennessey

9:30 am—for Joan Mahoney (D) by the McCloskey & Kealey Families

11:15 am—for Dorothy Denomme (D) by the Parish

1 pm— for Quirico Valverde (D) by Celina Zapata & Family

6 pm— for Ted Onulak (D) by John Vigoritta

Mon.12:00 noon— for Donna Dias Manuel (L) by Jude Dias

Tue. –Wed. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

Thu. 12:00 noon— for Rosite Cuvilly (D) by the Family

Fri. 12:00 noon— for the Parish

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$8,897

Circus Ministry: \$5,146

Faith Direct (August Average):\$9,693

MINKISI MINISTRY invites you to their quiet prayer and reflection session, at 7:15 pm, Mon., Sept 9 (instead of Sept 2), in the Discussion Room/Parish Office. Jackie Smith will lead the meditation on Hebrews 6:13-14, 17-19. **Save the date** for the 22nd annual retreat: "In Total Praise!", Sat., Nov. 9, 9 am - 3 pm. For more info, contact Cecilia Braveboy: 703-979-5389 or jisaac3@verizon.net

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This weekend we welcome 5 new Christians:

**Nora Marie Holmes Locke, Theodore James Mervosh,
Sullivan Charles Wolf, & Mateo Melgaso Cayabyab.**

Baptized 10 am Saturday

Sofia Alexa Sledz- Baptized 2pm Saturday

CLW is taking a summer break, but will return September 22nd!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Sunday, August 25, after all Sunday Masses

Registration for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation program continues each Sunday through Sept 27 after all Masses (except Labor Day weekend). Please plan to stop by the FF Table after Mass within the next couple of weeks. Information and registration forms will be available. Online register is also available at the parish website www.olqpva.org. Contact our new Director with any questions, Alex Hernandez: ahernandez@olqpva.org

Please save these important dates:

FAMILY CIRCLES Info Session Wed, Sept 11, 7 pm, Founders Room

FAMILY CIRCLES Training Thurs, Sept 26, 7 pm, Fr. Ray Hall

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS starts Sat, Oct 5, 2:15 pm

FIRST COMMUNION Parents' Meeting Thurs, Sept 19, 7 pm, Fr. Ray Hall

CONFIRMATION Parents' Meeting Wed, Sept, 25, 7 pm, Founders Room

FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS - A new year of faith formation is closely approaching and we are grateful to all the catechists and volunteers that have served and continue to serve our parish. This year we have a great team of committed catechists and volunteers for all programming! We are now looking for classroom aids to support some of the programs. If you are an adult or teen interested in volunteering, please see the faith formation team after Mass on Sundays at the faith formation table or contact them by phone or email.

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK— Join young adults (21-40) from the parish this weekend for the monthly 4th Sunday potluck. Gather after the 6 pm Mass (7:15 pm) in the Ministry Center Founders Room. August's theme is "end of summer BBQ". Food/drink can be delivered to the Founders Room kitchen before Mass. Join us whether or not you brought food/drink – we have plenty!

MADAME JOSEPH JONEL is the principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help chapel school in La Source. She has been principal since the school started in 2011. This school has the highest percentage of female staff and students, compared to the other two chapel schools of St. Joseph parish of Medor. Eight of her 16 staff are women, including three teachers and supervisor. This is unusual in Haiti and many other countries where women are expected to stay home and take care of the family. Learn more about medor: Marysusancarolson.tumblr.com

Please pray for our Medor family.

RETREAT FOR PERSONS FACING A SERIOUS ILLNESS will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post VA October 4-6. The retreat begins Friday at 1:30 pm and ends Sunday at 2:30 pm. Fr. Bob Cilinski and Fr. Jack O'Hara will serve as Spiritual Directors along with a retreat team of doctors, nurses and helpers. The retreat is sponsored by Catholic Charities; October's retreat theme is "The Lord your God is with you". The cost is free for all retreatants. To register, contact Catholic Charities: 703-335-2779 or retreat@ccda.net

WITNESSES NEEDED FOR ASYLUM CASE – Cal and his family attended Mass at OLQP last summer, mostly at 6 pm. Please look for flyer at back of church to see if you recognize him so you can help his family. Thank you!

Striving to right our relationships with God, Others and Creation

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... This weekend's readings challenge us to understand "the other" as "ourselves". The concept of "otherness" is a reality that allows for discrimination, persecution, racial and ethnic profiling ...for hatred of "others"! When we fail to see our common humanity then we are able to believe that we are "different" from one another and then we see them as "other". This concept of "other" often creates a situation where the one who is "other" is dehumanized and degraded. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream...a dream where everyone was equal...where there were no "others"...only "us"! This dream of MLK's was a "Kingdom dream"...the Kingdom of God...and he saw this dream because he had "Kingdom vision"...Martin Luther King lived as if "the Kingdom of God" was here and now! In the Gospel we hear this weekend Jesus tells us to be very careful about who we believe is on the inside and who is outside...because we might be the ones who end up on the outside! It is a "cautionary tale" of "otherness"! Jesus is seeking to tell us that there is no "other"...we are all the children of God...including all the migrants and immigrants around the world, counting those at our southern border! We are all "sisters and brothers"! Each and every one of us is connected...as Martin Luther King proclaimed whatever happens to one of us happens to all of us! Imagine if we lived like that...that is what Jesus did for us on the cross! What am I willing to do to break down the barriers that separate me from "the other"? Do I really believe that "we" are all God's children and loved equally by God? What does that mean for me? How might that challenge how I live my life? Who do I see as "other"?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

How can I develop a deeper relationship with God through prayer? How can I integrate faith and work responsibilities? If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and practices, the RCIA is for you!

- Inquirers: The process is open to all those interested in learning about the Catholic tradition and considering joining the church, and those who are seeking to be confirmed. A new group is now forming, and our journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session on Thursday, Sept. 19.
- Sponsors and Companions on the Journey: We are seeking members of our community who are willing to support our candidates during the RCIA journey. This can take several forms: journeying with a specific individual during the coming year as a sponsor or supporting one of our candidates through prayer and periodic messages of support. Companions are not required to attend our weekly RCIA sessions.

For additional information about becoming an inquirer and/or to volunteer to serve as a sponsor or companion, please contact Alice or Kevin Curtin at 703-461-3082 or acurtin947@aol.com.

COMPASSIONATE, CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-JUDGEMENTAL

Those are the qualities you'll find when you are linked with a trained Stephen Minister to accompany you in any period of loss or struggle that you may experience in your life. If you're experiencing some kind of grief or other life challenge, do something kind for yourself and request a Stephen Minister to be a caring listener. Contact Joan Brown at 703-608-5059 and she can help connect you.

"ED TALKS" – FR. ED KELLY SERIES BEGINS SOON - We will be tackling difficult topics. Do you want to talk about ageism, sexism and racism? Come learn and join in the conversations. Watch this space in upcoming bulletins for more details.

JUST\$ - Giant, Safeway and Shoppers cards are available after Masses for your weekly shopping. Half the net proceeds are used to support the OLQP Food Pantry which serves about 200 families each week. You can also purchase a card to donate directly to the Food Pantry.

SAVE THE MONTH - THERE'S A TIME FOR EVERY SEASON under heaven.... Watch and wait...the *SEASON of CREATION* is coming.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH (HAM) - Please join me in helping end food insecurity. During the month of September, we will be having several different activities revolving food and food insecurity. You will find a calendar in the back of the church {Optional is that you will find an insert in this week's bulletin} that will help make you aware of what small and big things that can be done to help end hunger in our community. There will be parish wide opportunities to engage in and there will be things that you can do with your families at home.

HEALING DAY OF NATIONAL BELL RINGING - Join OLQP and churches across the country in "tolling our church bells" at 3 pm on Sunday, August 25, to commemorate the 400 years of African History and Culture in the US and to continue the work of racial healing. Since the parish does not have bells in our church tower, we will play an audio recording of bells that will be heard in the outdoor speakers. All are encouraged to ring bells at home or where ever you may be.

CELEBRATING A SILVER OR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR? Were you married in 1969 or 1994? If so, please join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2019 Mass for Jubilarians, Sunday, October 13th at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington. Please contact Jeannette in the parish office to register no later than September 30th: jgantz Daly@olqpva.org. For more information visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

USHER MINISTRY -- URGENT REQUEST & TRAINING - We have an urgent need for Ushers at all the Masses. Please consider joining the team. Serve your community while you attend Mass either weekly, bi-weekly or monthly -- whatever fits your schedule. Attend a brief training session with Fr. Tim in the Church, Saturday, Sept 21 at 11:30 am. Experienced Usher are expected to attend as well. Questions, contact Ginny Franco: 703-751-7110 or vfranco1@verizon.net

THE BREAKFAST MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! Do you love Breakfast? Donuts?? Bacon?! Are you looking for a way to get to know more members of our community? The breakfast ministry is looking for more helping hands to serve breakfast on Sunday mornings in Fr. Ray Hall. The commitment is one Sunday morning, every other month with a breakfast team, making your fellow parishioners happy before or after Mass. No experience required, no minimum age. And families are welcome! Just a commitment to show up six Sunday mornings each year. Interested? Contact Kelly: call/text 202-413-6805, or herbandkel@aol.com

ECO-TIP: Reduce waste by being a mindful consumer. Borrow or rent items you need for occasional use. Consider buying secondhand clothes and household items from thrift stores. Donate usable items.

Singing 'Amor Eterno' Feels Different Now

By Aaron E. Sanchez

The community was devastated. 22 lay dead. 26 wounded. The words of the psalmists, of Job, of Jeremiah all fell short. The words they needed, the verses they sought were those of JuanGa. The community sang: *Como quisiera / que tú vivieras / que tus ojitos jamás se hubieran / cerrado nunca y estar mirándolos. / Amor eterno.* (How I wish / that you were still alive / that your eyes had never / ever closed and I was looking at them. / Eternal love).

"Amor Eterno," or Eternal Love, was written in 1984 by the famed Mexican singer and song writer Juan Gabriel, or JuanGa, after his mother passed away. It has become a standard that is played at funerals, wakes, get-togethers, and even restaurants across the U.S., Mexico, and the world to remember family and loved ones who have passed away.

The song has become an expression of popular faith. Individuals sing the song together, remembering the people they have lost. It is a shared ritual in public spaces where mourning binds them together.

Singing "Amor Eterno" is in the tradition of lamenting throughout the Hebrew Bible. In Lamentations, the author cries: "I am the one who has seen affliction ... my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is." (Lamentations 3:1,17,18.)

In "Amor Eterno," they sing: *Yo he sufrido mucho por tu ausencia / desde ese día hasta hoy, no soy feliz / y aunque tengo tranquila mi conciencia / yo sé que pude haber yo hecho más por ti* (I have suffered so much because of your absence / since that day to today, I am not happy / and even though my conscience is clear / I know I could have done more for you).

The psalmist moans, "For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol ... I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows dim through sorrow ... my companions are in darkness" (Psalm 88:3,9,18).

In "Amor Eterno," they weep together: *Ojos que hayan derramado tantas lágrimas por penas / de dolor / ... soledad, eso es todo lo que tengo ahora y tus recuerdos / que hace más triste la angustia de vivir pensando como siempre en ti / ojos que te vieron tanto y que no han vuelto a verte* (eyes that have spilled so many tears of sorrow / of pain / ... solitude, is all that I am left with now and your memories / that make the grief of living always thinking of you even sadder / eyes, that saw you so much and will not see you again).

When the verses and chorus are sung for individuals lost to old age, or cancer, or to the daily ways that we may all leave our loved ones, it is a faithful, hopeful, act of consolation. Releasing the sorrow into the air was central in the healing. The sorrow needed to be let out and breathed in by those around us, stranger and friend alike, so that it does not stagnate within. The song was an essential rite for many. And that was why it was played over and over in so many different places and situations. In the midst of these laments, pleadings, prayers there was a reluctant hope in the eternal love in the chorus. The bereaved wanted to believe that one day they would be together and that there is a type of love that lives past the grave.

But singing the song now, in the context of a hate crime targeting Latinos that took the lives of 22 people, of yet another mass shooting, it becomes something else. The lyrics change. Sang collectively, it moves beyond lamentation. It rings of des-

peration and resignation. The verses haunt. *Oscura soledad estoy viviendo yo / La misma soledad de tu sepulcro*. (This dark solitude that I am living / the same solitude of your tomb.)

The imperfect subjunctive is transformed in the chorus — *como quisiera*. The unlikely or impossible event the conjugation is typically used for changes from the loved one not dying, to society doing something to prevent future deaths. Family and community members sang together "*como quisiera que tú vivieras,*" but the words had changed. To an extent it was an admission that we wished they were alive, but there is nothing we will do to keep people from dying in mass shootings in this country. This is the state of things. Nothing will change. Nothing happens.

It is right and holy and wholly necessary to mourn. In this case, it should have been wholly unnecessary for the community of El Paso to mourn. Just like thoughts and prayers have been perverted by lip service to a supposed faith, so too has an important rite that has been so significant to this community been twisted.

I wish, I pray that this is the last time we have to sing this song at a memorial for a Latino community attacked by hate, but I don't know. *Como quisiera* ...

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