

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 down-trodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!
¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

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Website / sitioweb: olqpva.org

Masses / Misas

Weekdays / Días laborables:

LIVE-STREAMING / TRANSMISIÓN EN VIVO

Mon-Fri, 12pm / Lunes a viernes 12pm

NEW! Friday weekday Mass in Spanish

¡NUEVO! Misa en español los viernes

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de misas de fin de semana:

LIVE-STREAMING / TRANSMISIÓN EN VIVO

Sundays —9:30am, 11:15am

& 1:00pm (Spanish)

Domingos - 9:30 am, 11:15 am y

1:00 pm (en español)

Misal Palabra y Eucaristía /

Word & Eucharist Missalette

Today's readings can be found on page 240 of the Word & Eucharist missalette.

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 241 en el misal Palabra y Eucaristía.

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

I am the way,
the truth & the life.

John 14:6



Yo soy el camino,
la verdad y la vida.

Juan 14,6

**NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION:
DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS**

**SEGUNDA COLECTA EL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:
SACERDOTES DIOCESANOS JUBILADOS**



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

10 de Mayo 2020

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

LIVE STREAM

OLQP DAILY AND WEEKEND MASSES!!

Bishop Burbidge has made the decision to suspend all public Masses in the diocese so the church will be closed this weekend. Fr. Tim, Fr. Martin and Fr. Joe will be live-streaming several Masses on Sunday.

Login to the parish facebook page for live-streaming at 9:30am, 11:15am and 1pm (in Spanish) on Sunday. **If you do not have a facebook account** search for Our Lady Queen of Peace Virginia Facebook. From the home page, click on "posts" (see list of options along the left side). If you want to view the Mass at a later time, follow the same steps to get to the OLQP Facebook page, and then click on "videos" from the list at the left. Choose the video you would like to view.

OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday – Saturday — 11am – 2pm &
5pm – 8pm

With public celebrations of the Sunday Mass canceled, the faithful are encouraged to devote time to prayer. We are observing social distancing along with state and federal guidelines of no more than 10 people in a gathering place at any one time. With that, we are asking those who come for prayer to self-monitor. If there are more than 10 people in the church, please wait until someone leaves before you enter.

CLOSING OLQP BUILDINGS TO THE PUBLIC

With the decision to suspend all ministry and group activity, and Bishop Burbidge's decision to suspend all public Masses, all OLQP buildings (with the exception of those listed below) are to remain locked until the decision is made to lift the suspension.

All OLQP buildings are locked and closed to the public with the following EXCEPTIONS:

The Church is open for PRAYER

Monday thru Saturday, 11am-2pm & 5pm-8pm

Fr. Ray Hall is open for FOOD PANTRY distribution

Wednesdays, 9am – 11:30am

Access to Fr. Ray Hall is given to Food Pantry

Volunteers for sorting, bagging and delivering food

Various hours; volunteers should check in with Sally for access (sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

Parish Office Building is open

Monday – Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm

TRANSMISIÓN EN VIVO DE LAS MISAS

DIARIAS Y DE FIN DE SEMANA DE OLQP!

El obispo Burbidge ha tomado la decisión de suspender todas las Misas públicas en la diócesis por lo que la iglesia estará cerrada este fin de semana. Padre Tim, Padre Martin y Padre Joe transmitirán en vivo varias Misas el domingo.

*Inicie una sesión en la página de Facebook de la parroquia para ver la transmisión en vivo el domingo a las 9:30 am, 11:15 am y 1 pm (en español). **Si no tiene una cuenta de Facebook**, busque el Facebook de Our Lady Queen of Peace Virginia. Desde la página de inicio, haga clic en "posts" (publicaciones) (consulte la lista de opciones en el lado izquierdo). Si desea ver la Misa en otro momento, siga los mismos pasos para acceder a la página de Facebook de OLQP y luego haga clic en "videos" en la lista de la izquierda. Elija el video que le gustaría ver.*

ABIERTA PARA LA ORACIÓN

De lunes a sábado — 11am - 2pm y 5pm - 8pm

Con la cancelación de las celebraciones públicas de la Misa dominical, se anima a los fieles a dedicar tiempo a la oración. Estamos observando el distanciamiento social junto con las pautas estatales y federales de no más de 10 personas en un lugar de reunión al mismo tiempo. Con eso, estamos pidiendo a quienes vienen a orar que se auto-vigilen. Si hay más de 10 personas en la iglesia, por favor espere hasta que alguien salga antes de entrar.

CIERRE DE EDIFICIOS DE OLQP AL PÚBLICO

Con la decisión de suspender todas las actividades ministeriales y de grupo y la decisión del obispo Burbidge de suspender las Misas públicas, todos los edificios de OLQP (con la excepción de los que se enumeran a continuación) permanecerán cerrados hasta que se tome la decisión de levantar la suspensión.

Todos los edificios de OLQP están bajo llave y cerrados al público con las siguientes EXCEPCIONES:

La Iglesia está abierta para ORACIÓN

De lunes a sábados, 11 am-2pm y 5 pm-8pm

El Fr. Ray Hall está abierto para distribución de LA

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Los miércoles, 9am – 11:30am

Se le dará acceso a Fr. Ray Hall a los voluntarios de la

Despensa de alimentos para clasificar, embolsar y entre gar alimentos

Horas variadas; los voluntarios deben consultar con Sally para obtener acceso (sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

El edificio de la oficina parroquial está abierto

De lunes a viernes, 8:30 am-3:30 pm

***We are pleased to offer this new bilingual format giving witness to our ever-present Hispanic population.
Nos place ofrecer este nuevo formato bilingüe que da testimonio de nuestra siempre presente población hispana.***

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION /
PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL**

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Cecilia Lopez Oetgen,
clopez@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los
bautizos, Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org.

Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:

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

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes
de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:

Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, & by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$6,430

Faith Direct (April Average /
promedio del mes de abril): \$12,026



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 6:1-7 (52A); 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12
Hechos 6,1-7 (52A); 1 Pedro 2,4-9; Juan 14,1-12

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (55A); 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21
Hechos 8,5-8, 14-17 (55A); 1 Pedro 3,15-18; Juan 14,15-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 9-15

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9-15 DE MAYO

QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

9:30 am— for Suzanne & Lowery Wilson (D)
by Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren

11:15 am—for the Parish

1 pm— por Darin Marin (D) de Alberto Ramos y Julia Quevedo

Mon. 12:00 noon— for Irene Bravo (D)

by Ysabel Milagros Lovos & Family

Tues. 12:00 noon— for Ramon Arbesu (D) by Ann Casanova

Wed. 12:00 noon— for Alice & Myrna Francia (D)

by Judy & Wally Reyes

Thu. 12 noon— for Blanca Flores (D)

by Ysabel Milagros Lovos & Family

Fri. 12 noon— por Mario Lovo (D)

de Ysabel Milagros Lovos y Familia

Bulletin Deadline / Plazo para el boletín Wednesday / miércoles —9 AM office@olqpva.org

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /

NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Catherine Algeri, Lousie Aust, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Gene Bétit, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Marty Butner Covington, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Deborah Forczek, Yvette Francois, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Yolanda Gregorio, the Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Patrick Hynes, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Caecilie Jones, Sharon Jourdan, Cindy Kernick, Sally Krahn, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Bertie Leahy, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Roberto Méndez, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, Bob Morsches, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien, 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, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Mary Terlep, Rose Trujillo, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we, who are merely inconvenienced,
remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we, who have no risk factors,
remember those most vulnerable.
May we, who have the luxury of working from home,
remember those who must choose
 between preserving their own health,
or work for the health of others.
May we, who have the flexibility to care for our children
 when their schools close,
remember those who do not have that option.
May we, who have to cancel our trips,
remember those who cannot afford to travel
 and have no safe place to go.
May we, who are losing our margin money in the
 tumult of the economic market,
remember those who have no margin at all.
May we, who settle in for a quarantine at home,
remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country, let us choose common sense.
During this time when we cannot physically
 wrap our arms around each other,
 let us find other ways to support each other.
AMEN
Cameron Belmm, Catholic activist mother of two daughters

*Translated notices that are of interest to the entire community.
Noticias traducidas que son de interés para toda la comunidad.*

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT KEEPS US GOING!

During these uncertain times, we are so grateful to know we can rely on your recurring generosity through Faith Direct eGiving. It has been an important tool in forecasting income this past month with public Masses suspended and no Offertory Collection to depend on. Offertory Collection is our main source of funding for payroll, utilities, trash collection, phone and internet services, office equipment expenses, liturgical and cleaning supplies...the expenses continue even with new strategies that ensure a safe environment for community and church. Thank you for giving!

eGiving is convenient, secure and easy to setup with a checking account or credit card. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code: VA271.

We recognize that you too are impacted by this economic and health crisis, and that you too are experiencing the loss of meeting up with church family and ministry friends. Please know that we are here to offer support. Let us know how we might help (thickey@olqpva.org, mvu@olqpva.org).

Easter blessings and good health to all from Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin.

REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS! Please donate your plastic and brown paper bags that you may have collected to the OLQP food pantry. These help volunteers package our foods and give the bags a second life before recycling. Thank you for working to reduce waste. Please drop them off during office hours from 10am until 2pm in the bins outside of Father Ray Hall.

¡SU APOYO FINANCIERO NOS MANTIENE EN MARCHA!

Durante estos momentos inciertos, estamos muy agradecidos al saber que podemos contar con su generosidad a través de Faith Direct eGiving. Ha sido algo importante en la predicción de los ingresos este mes pasado con la suspensión de las Misas con feligreses, sin poder depender de la colecta del Ofertorio. La colecta del Ofertorio es nuestra fuente principal para cubrir la nómina, las utilidades, la recolección de basura, el teléfono y los servicios de Internet, gastos de equipos de la oficina, artículos para la liturgia y la limpieza...los gastos continúan aun con estrategias nuevas para asegurar un ambiente seguro para la comunidad y la iglesia. ¡Gracias por donar!

eGiving es conveniente, seguro y fácil de establecer con una cuenta de cheques o una tarjeta de crédito. Visite www.faithdirect.net y use nuestro código de la parroquia: VA271. Reconocemos que esta crisis económica y de salud también lo/la ha afectado y que también está experimentando la pérdida de la reunión con la familia de la iglesia y amistades del ministerio. Por favor sepa que estamos a su disposición para ofrecerle apoyo. Déjenos saber como podemos ayudar (thickey@olqpva.org, mvu@olqpva.org).

Bendiciones de Pascua y buena salud para todos del Padre Tim y el Padre Martin.

¡REUTILICE ESAS BOLSAS DEL MERCADO! Por favor done sus bolsas plásticas o de papel que puede que haya acumulado a la despensa de alimentos de OLQP. Las mismas ayudan a los voluntarios a empaquetar nuestros alimentos y le dan a las bolsas una nueva vida antes de ser recicladas. Gracias por sus esfuerzos por reducir el desperdicio. Por favor tráigalas durante las horas de oficina de las 10am a las 2pm a los contenedores afuera de Father Ray Hall.

MATTHEW 25

Continues to remain closed due to COVID 19.

MATEO 25

Hasta próximo aviso, la tienda sigue cerrada debido al Coronavirus.

THE OLQP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our food pantry is currently experiencing a massive surge in requests due to COVID-19. This past week alone we served over 563 families in need, a 125% increase from our usual amount. In addition, with in-person masses suspended for the time being, our primary food source of parishioner donations has dramatically decreased. This combination of higher demand and lower supply is why **we need your help** to continue serving families in need to the best of our ability during these uncertain times.

HOW TO HELP

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to those who have already chipped in! As a result of your contributions as well as those of the greater Arlington community, **we were able to serve 458 families this week!** If you are able and interested in supporting the pantry, please see below for the best ways to offer your assistance.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Monetary donations of any amount are appreciated. **Just \$16 can help support a family for one entire week; \$64 supports a family for an entire month!** You may contribute by visiting:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA271/12857>. Donations can also be mailed by check to the address at the bottom of this bulletin.

FOOD DONATIONS (drop off during office hours)

- 1 bag of rice, any size
- 1 bag of dry beans (or two cans)
- 1 pack of long or short pasta
- 1 jar of pasta sauce (24 oz, any kind)
- 1 box low sugar cereal (e.g. Cheerios)
- 1 can of corn (16 oz)
- 1 can green vegetables (16 oz)
- 1 can of fruit in light syrup/juice
- 2 cans/packs of tuna in water/oil
- 1 bottle of oil (48 oz)
- 1 bag of corn flour ("masa harina") for tortillas (e.g., Maseca, NOT cornmeal)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP - The food pantry is open Wednesday mornings from 9am to 11:30am if your family is struggling.

CONTACT INFORMATION—For more information, please contact OLQP's Social Justice & Outreach Minister **Sally Diaz-Wells** at sdiazwells@olqpva.org. Send all correspondence and mailed donations to **2700 South 19th St. Arlington, Virginia 22204**. Above all, please continue to stay safe!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR NEIGH-

BORS and build community during the coronavirus pandemic? **Introducing the OLQP "Calling Care" Ministry.** Volunteers for this ministry will call a fellow parishioner once-a-week to check-in, chat, laugh, pray, and, most importantly, serve as a much-needed support system throughout these confusing and scary times. Once signed up, parishioners will be matched with another parishioner, and details will be provided on how to connect. Creative ideas, local resources and ways to provide additional support will be offered in the "introduction packet and calling guide". There are even ways for children to participate. **And**, no one will be asked to leave the comfort and safety of their home. If the parishioner you call expresses an emergency need, the Senior Staff Members along with Stephen Ministers will be available to respond. The main goal is relationship building.

To volunteer for the OLQP "Calling Care Ministry" email Kremedios@olqpva.org, with your name, age, and any other additional information you think might be helpful. Now, more than ever, is a time for our community to come together, even if just over the phone.

¡LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE OLQP NECESITA SU AYU-

DA! Nuestra despensa de alimentos está experimentando un aumento enorme de pedidos debido al COVID-19. Esta semana pasada servimos a más de 563 familias necesitadas, un aumento de un 125% de lo normal. Además, con la suspensión por ahora de las Misas con feligreses, nuestra fuente principal alimenticia de donaciones de los feligreses ha disminuido considerablemente. Esta combinación de alta demanda y bajos suministros es la razón por la cual **necesitamos su ayuda** para continuar sirviendo, lo mejor posible, a las familias necesitadas durante estos momentos difíciles.

COMO AYUDAR

¡MUCHÍSIMAS GRACIAS a todas las personas que ya han contribuido! Como resultado de su contribución como la de las personas de la comunidad de Arlington en general, **¡pudimos servir a 528 familias esta semana!** Si puede y está interesada/o en apoyar la despensa, por favor abajo verá las mejores maneras de ofrecer su ayuda.

DONACIONES MONETARIAS

Se aprecian las donaciones monetarias de cualquier cantidad. **¡Solo \$16 puede ayudar a apoyar a una familia por toda una semana; \$64 apoya a una familia por todo un mes!** Puede contribuir si va a:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA271/12857>. También se puede donar mandando un cheque a la dirección al final de este boletín.

DONACIONES DE ALIMENTOS (entregas durante las horas de oficina)

- 1 bolsa de arroz de cualquier tamaño
- 1 bolsa de frijoles secos (o dos latas)
- 1 paquete de pasta larga o corta
- 1 pote de salsa para pasta (24 oz de cualquier tipo)
- 1 caja de cereal de bajo contenido de azúcar (ejemplo Cheerios)
- 1 lata de maíz (16 oz)
- 1 lata de vegetales verdes (16 oz)
- 1 lata de fruta en almíbar ligero o jugo
- 2 latas/paquetes de tuna en agua o aceite
- 1 botella de aceite (48 oz)
- 1 bolsa de masa harina para hacer tortillas (por ejemplo, Maseca, NO cornmeal)

ESTAMOS AQUÍ PARA AYUDAR - La despensa de alimentos está abierta los miércoles por la mañana de las 9am a las 11:30am si su familia está necesitada.

INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO - Para obtener más información, por favor contacte a **Sally Díaz-Wells**, Ministro de Justicia Social y Acercamiento: sdiazwells@olqpva.org. Mande toda la correspondencia y donaciones por correo a **2700 South 19th St. Arlington, Virginia 22204**. Y sobre todo, ¡continúe cuidando su salud!

¿BUSCA UNA MANERA DE APOYAR A SUS VECINOS y cons-

truir comunidad durante la pandemia del Coronavirus? **Le presentamos el ministerio de OLQP "Llamadas de atención".** Voluntarios y voluntarias para esta ministerio van a llamar a un miembro de la comunidad una vez por semana para chequear cómo está, conversar, reír, rezar y, lo más importante, servir como un muy necesitado sistema de apoyo durante estos momentos desconcertantes y alarmantes. Una vez que se apunta, se le emparejará con otro miembro de la parroquia y se darán detalles de cómo conectarse. Se ofrecerán ideas creativas, recursos locales y maneras de proveer apoyo adicional en "el paquete de introducción y la guía de llamadas". Hasta hay maneras para que los niños participen. **Y**, nadie va a tener que dejar el confort y la seguridad de su casa. Si la persona llamada expresa una necesidad de emergencia, los Líderes del equipo de ministerio estarán disponibles para responder. El objetivo principal es desarrollar relaciones.

Para ofrecerse de voluntaria/o para el "Ministerio de Llamadas de atención" mándele un correo electrónico a Kremedios@olqpva.org, con su nombre, edad y cualquiera información adicional que piensa puede ayudar. Ahora más que nunca, es un momento para que nuestra comunidad se reúna, aunque sea solo por teléfono.

FOOD PANTRY – Please consider donating a new recyclable bag to the food pantry. With the increase in food distribution – 563 bags last Wednesday! -- we are using so many more bags each week. If you are able to help, wide bottom bags are best. Thank you.

MEDOR UPDATE:

It is difficult to keep up with the news in our sister parish. There are no newspapers, few televisions and radios, and no electrical grid. The Internet connection is poor so the few with laptops and smartphones have difficulty keeping abreast of current events. How wonderful it is that a community training program is currently teaching everyone about COVID-19. A physician in Port au Prince trained a small gathering of Medor community leaders on prevention and best practices via cell phone placed on speaker mode. These leaders are committed to training the entire community through socially distanced gatherings and by going door to door. The training program may decrease the spread of the virus and save lives.

MOTHER'S DAY IN HAITI is celebrated on the last Sunday in May. Just like in the US, everyone shows their appreciation for their moms and the mothers show their appreciation for their children and their many blessings. On Mother's Day in Medor, the moms are grateful that their children can attend school and receive a daily school lunch. Learn more about Medor at [Marysusancarlson.tumblr.com](https://www.marysusancarlson.tumblr.com)

Please keep the people of Medor in your prayers.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH provides an opportunity for us to focus attention on the needs of children and youth in foster care. During the global pandemic crisis, kids in foster care are more vulnerable than ever and need our support. We are encouraged to get involved in their lives – whether as foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers, or in other ways. At OLQP, we support children in foster care and their foster families in a variety of ways, including through the Building Forever Families ministry. You can join us in supporting the most vulnerable children in our community, through these great organizations.

Ways to support children in our foster care system:

- Donate backpack supplies to Comfort Cases. [Comfortcases.org](https://www.comfortcases.org)
- Become a foster parent or adopt a child. [Adoptuskids.com](https://www.adoptuskids.com) or [Childwelfare.gov](https://www.childwelfare.gov)
- Support an unaccompanied minor refugee. [Lsnca.org](https://www.lsnca.org)
- Become a mentor to a local youth in foster care. [Bestkids.org](https://www.bestkids.org)
- Support young people aging out of the foster care system. [Lifesetnetwork.org](https://www.lifesetnetwork.org) or [CityLivingNY.org](https://www.citylivingny.org)
- Pray that waiting children will find the security and love of a forever family.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

Thank you for continuing to make your pledge payment to the Capital Campaign. For those of you who receive a statement each month, we would like you to know that we have suspended sending out statements for the time being. You can expect to receive your statement again once we are back to full staff capacity. If you have any questions concerning your Capital Campaign account, please contact Chatty Cunningham, chattycunningham@verizon.net.

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS — Por favor considere donar una nueva bolsa reciclable a la despensa de alimentos. Con el aumento en la distribución de alimentos, ¡563 bolsas el miércoles pasado! - estamos usando muchas más bolsas cada semana. Si puede ayudar, las bolsas de fondo ancho son las mejores. Gracias.

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE NOTICIAS DE MEDOR:

Es difícil estar al tanto de las noticias en nuestra parroquia hermana. No hay periódicos, hay muy pocos televisores y radios y no hay una red eléctrica. La conexión de Internet es deficiente y por eso las pocas computadoras portátiles y a los teléfonos inteligentes se les dificulta mantenerse al día de los acontecimientos actuales. Es algo maravilloso que un programa de capacitación para comunidades les está enseñando a todos acerca del Covid-19. Un médico en Puerto Príncipe entrenó a un pequeño grupo de líderes comunitarios de Medor en materia de prevención y mejores prácticas por medio de un teléfono celular en modo manos libres. Estos líderes están comprometidos a entrenar a toda la comunidad a través de reuniones con distanciamiento social y yendo de puerta en puerta. El programa de entrenamiento puede que disminuya la propagación del virus y salve vidas.

EL DÍA DE LAS MADRES EN HAITÍ se celebra el último domingo de mayo. Igual que en los EE. UU., todo el mundo demuestra su apreciación por su mamá y las madres demuestran su apreciación por sus hijos y sus muchas bendiciones. El Día de las Madres en Medor, las madres agradecen que sus hijos pueden asistir a la escuela y recibir un almuerzo todos los días. Aprendan más acerca de Medor en [marysusancarlson.tumblr.com](https://www.marysusancarlson.tumblr.com)

Por favor, recen por las personas de Medor.

MES NACIONAL DE CUIDADO TUTELAR provee una oportunidad para nosotros prestarle atención a las necesidades de los niños y jóvenes en el cuidado tutelar. Durante la crisis global de la pandemia, los niños en el cuidado tutelar son más vulnerables que nunca y necesitan nuestro apoyo. Nos anima involucrarnos en sus vidas – ya sea como padres adoptivos, voluntarios/as, tutores, empleadores o de otras maneras. En OLQP, apoyamos a niños en el cuidado tutelar y a sus familias adoptivas de diversas maneras, inclusive por medio del ministerio de Creando Familias para Siempre. Puede unirse a nosotros para apoyar a los niños más vulnerables en nuestra comunidad, a través de estas grandes organizaciones. Maneras de apoyar a los niños en nuestro sistema de cuidado tutelar:

- Done suministros para las mochilas de Comfort Cases. [Comfortcases.org](https://www.comfortcases.org)
- Conviértase en un padre o madre de acogida o adopte a un niño o a una niña. [Adoptuskids.com](https://www.adoptuskids.com) o [Childwelfare.gov](https://www.childwelfare.gov)
- Apoye a un menor refugiado no acompañado. [Lsnca.org](https://www.lsnca.org)
- Conviértase en un tutor o una tutora para los niños en el sistema de cuidado tutelar. [Lifesetnetwork.org](https://www.lifesetnetwork.org) o [CityLivingNY.org](https://www.citylivingny.org)
- Recé para que los niños que esperan encuentren la seguridad y el amor de una familia para siempre.

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DECLARACIONES DE LA CAMPAÑA DE CAPITAL

Gracias por continuar el pago de su promesa a la Campaña de Capital. Para quienes reciben una declaración cada mes, queremos que sepan que hemos suspendido el envío de las declaraciones por ahora. Puede esperar recibir otra vez su declaración cuando funcionemos a plena capacidad. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre su cuenta de la Campaña de Capital, por favor contacte a Chatty Cunningham, chattycunningham@verizon.net.

A SINCERE THANK YOU - Fathers Tim, Martin, Jose and Deacon Tony offer a heartfelt word of thanks for last Sunday's wonderful event – the caravan of cars and parishioners that drove by the church to greet us. They carried signs, balloons, and drawings expressing gratitude, hope and above all love for our parish and for us who serve this special community.

The idea originated from a smaller caravan, which had previously passed by the home of a Latina family to express condolences on the recent loss of their grandmother in El Salvador. That creative gesture gave rise to the idea of saluting and celebrating Our Lady Queen of Peace in the same way.

We priests and deacon cannot express adequately what this Caravan of Hope represents. But to the organizers and dozens of participants please know that you made our hearts sing as you drove by your parish home on this Good Shepherd Sunday afternoon.

UN SINCERO AGRADECIMIENTO - Los Padres Tim, Martin, José y el Diácono Tony ofrecemos un muy sentido mensaje de agradecimiento por el maravilloso evento que tuvo lugar el domingo pasado – la caravana de carros y miembros de la parroquia que pasaron por la iglesia a saludarnos. Llevaron pancartas, dibujos y globos expresando su gratitud, esperanza y sobre todo, amor, por nuestra parroquia y por nosotros que servimos en esta comunidad tan especial.

Dicha idea surgió de una caravana similar que visitó la casa de una de nuestras familias latinas, en un acto de pésame por la muerte de su abuela en El Salvador. Tal gesto tan creativo dio paso a la idea de saludar y celebrar a Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz de la misma forma.

Nosotros, los sacerdotes y el diácono, no podemos expresar suficientemente lo que esta Caravana de Esperanza nos representa. Pero ustedes, los organizadores y participantes, por favor sepan que hicieron que nuestros corazones cantaran mientras desfilaron por nuestra casa parroquial este Domingo del Buen Pastor.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and to all the women who mentor and care for us and create opportunities for us to grow into the fullness of our potential, may God's most abundant blessings be upon them today and all the days of their lives!

In today's readings, in the First Letter of Peter we are reminded that we are chosen and precious in the sight of God and in the Gospel Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled, to have faith in him and in God, that he goes to prepare a place for us and will return to take us to him so that we might be where he is! These readings today offer us a wonderful opportunity reflect on God's love for all of us, thus a diversity of dwelling places for us, a place for each one of us, no one excluded by God, because of his great love for all of humanity. Jesus tell the disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life, and we know God and see God through him. Pope Francis reminds us that "Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy", an incarnation of God's mercy, an incarnation that we are called to become as

disciples of Jesus. Jesus tells his disciples that through their belief in him they will be able to do what he has done and even greater! Perhaps that "even greater" is allowing the risen Christ, who dwells within us, to transform us into the presence of God's mercy in the midst of a wounded and suffering world, even in the midst of the suffering and fear of this pandemic. Perhaps the call of the Gospel is to allow ourselves to become "the face of the Father's mercy", to take on the mantle of mercy as his disciples. To be willing to make meaningful changes to our lives in order that we might better show forth God's mercy in word and action, to reach out to all the lonely and frightened and offer a word of hope and encouragement, a word of care. To reach out to those in need, less fortunate than ourselves, to stand together even while we isolate for the sake of others! How can I be more merciful in my words? What specifically can I do to be more merciful in my actions? Who in my life right now is most in need of being shown mercy?

Easter Blessings,
Fr. Tim

***Programs that are open to the entire community, but offered in English only.
Programas que le dan la bienvenida a toda la comunidad, pero que solo se ofrecen en inglés.***

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER
Next Week — Thurs., May 21

May's menu: fried or baked chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert and lemonade. This month we are providing dinner at two locations: 25 residents at Carpenter's Shelter and 30 at David's Place, the day shelter which has relocated as part of Carpenter's safety/social distancing plan. Thank you in advance for your offerings.

Contributions can be brought to the Parish Office kitchen Mon – Fri, 8:30am-3:30pm labeled "Carpenter's Shelter" and placed in refrigerator, freezer, or counter or to Father Ray Hall on day of dinner between 4pm – 5 pm. If delivering directly to Carpenter's Shelter (located temporarily at Landmark Mall) label clearly "OLQP, Dinner, date of dinner" and call in advance to arrange delivery.

Due to Covid-19, we deliver food to the door so please use disposable containers. Email mary.resnick@gmail.com or call 703-462-4841 with questions.

Anyone interested in providing an additional meal to one or both locations can contact Jamila Smith, Carpenter's Volunteer Coordinator, 703-548-7500 ext.213.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - To say that this is an unprecedented time is an understatement, isn't it?! Little feels like it is as it should be, or we'd like it to be. Though life is rarely or never as we might wish, this current situation surpasses all we've ever lived through. No matter our age, 18 or 80, this is new. For some it may just be unsettling and uncomfortable, an inconvenience. For others, it may very well be the tipping point to underlying difficulties that were previously manageable. If this is true for you, whatever you do, DON'T BLAME YOURSELF. This is an extreme situation that tests all of us to our limits. Asking for help is not only ok, it is the healthiest and most courageous thing to do. Stephen Ministry is meant for just such occasions—when our own limits are broken through and it's time to lean on someone else, to talk, to pray, and have a compassionate listener. Stephen Ministers are trained to help in situations like this. Stephen Ministry is confidential, nonjudgemental. It can address large overwhelming crises, or smaller, very temporary situations. In this very unusual time of Coronavirus even small situations can become magnified—and that would not be unusual at all.

Help and support is a phone call away. Contact Joan Brown at 703-608-5059 to be connected to a Stephen Minister to lean on as you might need at this time for the very human and spiritual sustenance to support you through this.

EARTH MONTH — April 22 — May 24, 2020

PARISH FAMILY: Our observance of EARTH MONTH has crossed the halfway mark. Every day is a new opportunity to care for God’s beautiful gift of creation! The Integrity of Creation team is curious — how is it going for you and your household? Have you checked out some of the websites mentioned on previous bulletin notices? We celebrated the 50th anniversary of Earth Day to kick-start this month of observance. Then we reflected on *air pollution* and *water*. These **LEARN** segments are connecting climate crisis issues and the coronavirus/ Covid-19 crisis that we are experiencing today. **PRAYER** and **ACTION** offer opportunities for what we can AND must do to make a difference

LEARN — Biodiversity and Climate Change:

“A sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves.”

The loss of Earth’s biodiversity presents us with a profound crisis, caused by land-use change, out of control human consumption, pollution, and the proliferation of invasive species. Climate change is a significant factor in the accelerated loss, with many types of species threatened.

Did you know that 80% of all known species of animals are insects? They are the most diverse creatures on Earth, with a million different insects identified, and an estimated four million more yet to be discovered. Most flowering plants depend on insects to pollinate them, keeping these plants from extinction. They are a vital part of the food chain, decomposers, pest controllers, and soil irrigators. Yet, the diversity of insects is diminishing drastically, and scientists are working to understand why and avert the loss.

COVID-19’s impact has forced much of human activity to a stand-still. The result is the rapid adjustment of nature to a world of fewer humans. Newly hatched baby sea turtles are observed taking their time to reach the sea, instead of racing to dodge humans and dogs; mountain goats in Wales, and wild boars in Barcelona, have descended upon deserted city streets. We are better able to witness the diversity and needs of the animal kingdom, and conservationists are hopeful that the pandemic provides an opportunity to advocate for more environmental protections, addressing the biodiversity crisis.

“As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning . . . Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.”

PRAY — Psalm 104: 24-25, 33: “How varied are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all; the earth is full of your creatures... It teems with countless beings, living things both large and small. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God!”

ACT — Commit to learning about climate change, biodiversity and more. Begin by reading LAUDATO SI and the Earth Charter:

~ **LAUDATO SI:** http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf

~ **The Earth Charter:** earthcharter.org Help the insects: Plant a few seeds that help pollinators live and do the work for which the Creator has made them. Learn more here: <https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/documents/AttractingPollinatorsV5.pdf>



ⁱ Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, Word Among Us Press, 2015, 34.

ⁱⁱ Sabrina Shankman, Georgina Gustin, John H. Cushman, Jr., “Humanity Faces a Biodiversity Crisis. Climate Change Makes it Worse.” Accessed April 29, 2020, <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/05052019/climate-change-biodiversity-untied-nations-species-extinction-agriculture-food-forests>

ⁱⁱⁱ Elizabeth Kolbert, “Where Have All the Insects Gone?” *National Geographic*, May, 2020, 40-65.

^{iv} Terence McCoy. “Animals Are Sensing Our Absence.” *The Washington Post*, April 16, 2020, 1, 24.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TO END THE CORONAVIRUS—MAY 14

Pope Francis joins Muslim leaders in calling for world day of prayer to end the coronavirus

By: Gerard O'Connell

Pope Francis calls on believers of all religions to pray together on May 14 to ask God to rid the world of the pandemic and asks that the vaccines to be made available to all infected persons.

Pope Francis has endorsed the call to “the believers of all the religions to unite together spiritually on May 14 in a day of prayer and fasting, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic.”

He also encouraged international cooperation to respond to the crisis, and emphasized the importance that scientific efforts to find a vaccine be put together in “a transparent and disinterested way” and that “the essential technologies be made universally available” so that every infected person may be able to receive the medical care needed.

He focused on these two issues when he addressed a virtual global audience by Vatican Media from the library of the Vatican’s Apostolic Palace at mid-day on Sunday, May 3.

In his address, he repeated the call for an interreligious day of prayer saying, “Remember, May 14, all believers together, believers of the different [religious] traditions, to pray, to fast, and to do works of charity.”

The proposal for this worldwide day of prayer came originally from the High Committee for Human Fraternity, which was established in September 2019 as a concrete response to the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together signed by Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, during the pope’s visit to the United Arab Emirates in February 2019.

As the pope endorsed that call today he explained that “since prayer is a universal value, I accepted its proposal [for this day of prayer].”

Pope Francis is ever attentive to the spread of the pandemic across the world that has led to the death of over 240,000 people, the infection of 3.3 million, and the confinement to their homes and lockdown of two thirds of humanity, and today said, “I again express my closeness to all those who are ill from Covid-19, and to those who care for all those who, in any way, are suffering from the pandemic.”

He encouraged the global efforts to combat the virus, and said, “I wish to support and encourage the international collaboration that is being activated through various initiatives to respond in an adequate and effective way to the grave crisis that we are living through.”

Referring specifically to the global efforts to find a vaccine, Francis emphasized that “it is important to put together the scientific capacities in a transparent and disinterested way to find the vaccines and treatments, and to guarantee the universal access to the essential technologies that permit every infected person, in every part of the world, to receive the necessary health cures.”

In his midday address, he also recalled that today is the world day of prayer for vocations and said, “the Christian life is ever and always a response to the call of God, in whatever state of life.” He recalled how Jesus told his disciples to pray to the Father to send laborers into the field, and said, “the priesthood and the consecrated life demand courage and perseverance, and without prayer one cannot go forward on this path.” He invited all be-

lievers to pray to the Lord that he “send good workers for his Kingdom.”

Earlier, he spoke about priests and doctors worldwide “who give their lives for the people” when he celebrated his 50th Mass since the lockdown in the Vatican and Italy due to the Covid-19 pandemic in the chapel of Santa Martha (the Vatican guesthouse where he lives).

Addressing a virtual audience that now exceeds one million people, who follow it on the Italian TV Channel 1, the Catholic TV 2000, thanks to Vatican Media, Francis recalled that today is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” in the Catholic world because the Gospel of the day recalls Jesus words about the good shepherd.

“This makes me think of the many pastors throughout the world who give their lives for the faithful, also in this pandemic, and many have died,” he said. He recalled that in Italy alone “more than 100 priests have died” in this ministry.

“I also think of other pastors who care for the good of people: the doctors”, he said. He recalled that many of them too “have died in their service [to the people],” and mentioned that in Italy no less than 154 have died.

He hailed these “pastor priests” and “pastor doctors” who are “good shepherds” to their people, and said they offer us “an example” of “how to care for the holy people of God.”

The Vatican published the appeal from the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity on Saturday May 2. The document draws attention to the “great danger” from Covid-19 “that threatens the lives of millions of people around the world” and says, “while we reaffirm the role of medicine and scien-

tific research in fighting this pandemic, we should not forget to seek refuge in God, the All-Creator, as we face such severe crisis.”

It calls on “all peoples around the world to do good deeds, observe fast, pray, and make devout supplications to God Almighty to end this pandemic.” It continues that “each one from wherever they are and according to the teachings of their religion, faith, or sect, should implore God to lift this pandemic off us and the entire world, to rescue us all from this adversity, to inspire scientists to find a cure that can turn back this disease, and to save the whole world from the health, economic, and human repercussions of this serious pandemic.”

The committee “invites all religious leaders and peoples around the world

to respond to this call for humanity and together beseech God Almighty to safeguard the entire world, to help us overcome this pandemic, to restore security, stability, healthiness, and prosperity, so that, after this pandemic is over, our world will become a better place for humanity and fraternity than ever before.”

The committee is composed of nine members, including Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Mohamed Hussein Mahrasawi, president of Al-Azhar University, Monsignor Yoannis Lahzi Gaid, personal secretary of Pope Francis, and Judge Mohamed Mahmoud Abdel Salam, advisor to the Grand Imam. It seeks to promote that Document on Human Fraternity, which reminds people everywhere that we are all broth-

ers and sisters and members of the one human family, a point that is reinforced by today’s call to prayer and fasting.

The appeal was published in English, Italian, French, German, Spanish, Arabic, Afghan, Malaysian, Persian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Chinese and Jewish.

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PRAYER TO JESUS FOR HEALING AND GUIDANCE

Jesus, Son of God,
you were sent by the Father
to bear our weakness;
be with us in this time of crisis.

Merciful Savior,
heal and comfort the sick,
so that, with health restored,
they may give you praise.

Divine Physician,
accompany our caregivers
so that, serving with patience,
they may heal wisely.

Eternal Wisdom,
guide our leaders
so that, seeking remedies,
they may follow your light.

Christ, the Anointed,
protect us in body and spirit,
so that, freed from harm,
we may be delivered from all affliction.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen

ORACIÓN A JESÚS PARA PEDIR SANACIÓN Y GUÍA

Jesús, Hijo de Dios,
a Ti que fuiste enviado por el Padre
para asumir nuestra debilidad,
te pedimos que nos acompañes
en este momento de crisis.

Salvador Misericordioso,
ayuda y consuela a los enfermos,
para que al recobrar la salud
puedan alabarte.

Médico Divino,
acompaña a nuestros proveedores de cuidado
para que al servir con paciencia
puedan sanar debidamente.

Fuente de Eterna Sabiduría,
guía a nuestros líderes
para que al buscar remedio
puedan seguir tu luz.

Cristo, el Ungido,
protégenos en cuerpo y espíritu,
para que al salir ilesos del daño
seamos librados de toda aflicción.

Tú que vives y reinas con Dios Padre,
en unidad del Espíritu Santo,
un solo Dios verdadero,
por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.

Alone, Together

By: **Viva Hammer**

Forewarning of the pandemic came to our family with a festive package dropped at the door by a neighbor. Such packages are a common part of the celebration of Purim, when we remember the miraculous undoing of a genocidal decree against the Jews of Persia. But in Sydney, where we live, common courtesy is rare, and common kindness is—let us say—even rarer. “Please let us know if you need *anything*,” said the note with the package. “Anything that is understocked at the shops—soap, toilet paper, medicines.” We had never seen this neighbor before or even spoken to her. We were mystified; something was awry.

We are a family of three generations living in my parents’ home in Sydney. I moved back here just before the virus struck, after thirty years in the United States. “What are you *waiting* for?” my daughter asked and asked, until I capitulated. I left behind a son at Johns Hopkins University, and he began a barrage of exhortations that ended in our three generations isolating together in my parents’ home a few days after Purim. That was three weeks ago from the time I’m writing this. It is hard now to believe we once lived another way. And it is even harder to resist thinking that we may never get out of this way of living. My parents are healthy but old, and the time between now and a cure or vaccine is indefinite.

We are isolated in the house, my parents, my daughter, and I. No one comes in, and we don’t go where other people are. If we choose to live

with one another, we can *only* be with one another. If my daughter or I want to see anyone else, we cannot come back home until this virus ends. That is the choice: either the family or everyone else, not both. The price we pay for being together is being separated from the rest of the world.

My father, who always prayed twice daily with his community at synagogue, came home to pray alone. Prayer alone is blessed, but wherever ten are assembled in a minyan, the Divine Presence dwells among them (Avot 3:6), in the miniature sanctuary in the places where Jews have been exiled (Ezekiel 11:16). My father is nearly ninety. The very place where religious Jews like my father find solace became a prime source of transmission of the virus. My father’s father put on prayer garments in the Nazi camps. “But this is different,” my father said. “Here we have a *choice* to live, and life comes first.”

It dwells among us in secret, this virus, like a ghost. Many with the disease have no symptoms and can pass it to others unknowing, so that one moment we are dancing, the next we cough, the next we choke and fall. Life has slid along a predictable course this century. The century before saw a reduction of death in childbirth and childhood diseases, the taming of heart disease, cures for cancer, even a decline in car fatalities. The blessing of old age is widely shared; since 1900, human life expectancy on Earth has more than doubled. Doctors and clean water keep us alive an ever longer time.

And into a world built on the certainty of a limitlessly increasing lifespan the new coronavirus imposes uncertainty. It whips through us and we are astonished: the moment before, we believed we were masters over nature. And now, doctors who have fought successfully to keep us alive are impotent; we are left to fight the disease alone, to prescribe our own medicine, that is, to keep away from one another. Who knows who hides the disease and breathes it to us?

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Four winters ago, when I was still in Washington D.C., my son, my daughter, and my sister all left within weeks of one another, for other cities, other continents. I was going nowhere, but I was moving from a state of perpetual accompaniment to aloneness. When I protested to my loved ones about this prospect, they dismissed my fears. “Viva, you will *never* be alone!” they said. Yet at night I put my head down alone and when morning came, aloneness was still there with me.

Aloneness was like a migraine, a sickness that never left in the years I stayed behind after my loved ones left. No matter how hard I worked, how much I prayed, or how many deeds of kindness I did, the ache never lessened. Aloneness happened to me and I endured it, but my daughter called repeatedly to teach me that it was a condition I could cure, if I chose to. And so I moved 10,000 miles to my parents’ house. With

◀ three generations under one roof, the sickness of aloneness has vanished; I have not once wished for a night by myself.

Recently, on a plateau in Tanzania, paleontologists found the hardened footsteps of ancient humans walking across the plain together. These footsteps have become symbols of our human attachment, a confirmation that even in our early years, we traveled with one another. The strongest human need is the need for each other. We wish for connection, we ache when we cannot find it, and we are punished most intolerably when we are cut away from one another.

So when my son at Johns Hopkins told us we must cut ourselves from the rest of humanity for a time indefinite, in order to save our lives, my mother's first deed was to reach out to those who did not have the comfort we have in each other. She called them to say, "You are not alone." Our synagogue, which was notorious for its quarrels and lawsuits, has sprung such a large cadre of volunteers that there are more offering to help than there are those who know they can get help. My mother is ringing through her address book to create demand for the volunteers. Young people are flooding social media with offers, and we bridge those offers to the older ones, who don't know how to ask. One woman burst out into tears when my mother matched her with a buddy. All her food was gone and she had no way to replenish it.

In the company of this virus, I find myself exhausted. Our ecosystem evolves so fast that how we live one day is obsolete and forgotten the next. The uncertainty, the ever-changing laws, the amount of information to consume and discard, and the yearning for an end date, all leave me spent at day's end, and sleepless at night. What is the *plan*? we ask. Who is in *charge*? we wonder. Then we call friends, make face masks, and hang out the washing to dry.

Three weeks have passed since we isolated; the past week was compressed into an hour, whereas the week before was at least a year. These strange derangements of time come with the disorder of circumstance. This week we try living without news, because the week before we were addicted to news. My mind is too empty or too full. Disconnection from the world distorts time, as does excessive immersion in it. The empty mind compresses time and the full one stretches it out. And through these weeks that are years, nothing whatever is going on in Sydney, the weather is beautiful, the air is cleared of bushfires, hardly anyone has died of the virus. The disease lives among us, silent and invisible.

"Do we have enough to do for a year and a half like this?" I ask my mother.

I am waiting; I clear out a closet. So much of what we hold onto the virus has made worthless. Business suits. A handbag. A metro card. Frequent-flyer miles. And other things that

were trivial are now more precious than everything else combined. Toilet paper. Rice. Wi-fi. Neighbor on this side, neighbor on that side, neighbor opposite, whose names and faces I never knew.

The neighbor who left us a food package for Purim left another package this week. It is matzah, the unleavened bread we eat on Passover, to remind us how once we were slaves in Egypt and with signs and wonders, God let us free. We eat the unleavened bread and remember that on the night of Exodus, we did not have time to let the dough rise. Redemption might come before the bread rises, or the washing dries, if we are willing to get up and leave when we hear the call.

We are taught that the first Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed because of idol worship. The rabbis prayed for that desire to be eradicated from the human vices, and God answered their prayers. The second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed because of baseless hatred, but this time we can be redeemed only by our own deeds of baseless love. Coronavirus love. Each of us alone, together.

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