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.

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

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Masses / Misas

New Temporary Mass Schedule
(Please see page two.)
All Masses Live-streamed
Communion Service ***after*** each Mass

Nuevo horario provisional de Misas
(Consulte la página 2).
Todas las Misas transmitidas en vivo
Servicio de comunión después de cada Misa

Misal Palabra y Eucaristía /
Word & Eucharist Missalette
Today's readings can be found on page 342 of the Word & Eucharist missalette.
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 343 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

July 19 2020

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.
It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.

- Matthew 13:32

Ciertamente es la más pequeña de todas las semillas, pero cuando crece, llega a ser más grande que las hortalizas y se convierte en un arbusto, de manera que los pájaros vienen y hacen su nido en las ramas".

- Mateo 13,32

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

19 de julio 2020

EL DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

NEW *TEMPORARY* MASS SCHEDULE:

COMMUNION SERVICE *after* each Mass

(Please distance-gather at Church entrance; ~ 12:35 weekdays)

All Masses are LIVE-STREAMED, both weekday and weekend

(https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE –

Monday-Thursday, 12noon in English, *Open* to the Public

Fridays, 12noon in Spanish, *Closed* to the Public

WEEKEND *PUBLIC* MASSES –

Must sign-up in advance to attend

(https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/mass-sign-ups.html)

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4pm,

Sunday Morning Mass at 10am

Sunday 2pm Masses in Spanish for July: July 19th

WEEKEND *CLOSED* MASSES –

Sunday Closed 2pm Masses in Spanish for July: July 26

Closed to the public when Padre Jose presides.

Please provide the following information for signup:

Name, email address, cell phone number, home phone number, number of family members attending including yourself (family members must live together). Please do not sign up more than once per month.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND FOR YOUR WELL-BEING AND THAT OF ALL OUR PARISHIONERS:

All must be aware that there is an inherent risk in gathering in any large group in the midst of a pandemic, so please use your best judgment.

For everyone's safety, please observe distancing as you walk from your car to the front doors of the church where a Porter will be waiting to direct you to your seat. You must remain in your assigned seat throughout Mass. After the Final Blessing, please follow the Porter's instructions for leaving. Do not gather outdoors or in the parking lot.

As per Bishop Burbidge's instructions for the celebration of public Masses:

All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington **are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass** on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

Face Coverings · You MUST wear a cloth face covering or disposable face mask. Please bring your own. Parishes may have a limited supply designated for those in true need, not for general distribution.

Hand Hygiene · You are expected to disinfect your hands when entering the church and encouraged to do so again immediately before receiving Communion. Please bring your own hand sanitizer, which should contain at least 60% alcohol.

NUEVO HORARIO *PROVISIONAL* PARA LAS MISAS:

Servicio de Comunión después de cada Misa, reúnanse con distanciamiento en la entrada de la iglesia (12:35 días de semana)

Todas las Misas se transmitirán en vivo, durante la semana y los fines de semana

(https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington)

MISAS DURANTE LA SEMANA—

De lunes a jueves, 12 del mediodía en inglés, abiertas al público

Los viernes, 12 del mediodía en español, cerrada al público

MISAS LOS FINES DE SEMANA—

Se tiene que apuntar por anticipado para asistir

(https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/mass-sign-ups.html)

Misa de vigilia los sábados a las 4pm,

Los domingos por la mañana a las 10am

Misa en español los domingos a las 2pm 19 de julio

(Cerradas al público 26 de julio. Esto es así cuando el celebrante es el Padre José)

Proporcione la siguiente información para inscribirse:

Nombre, dirección de correo electrónico, número de teléfono celular, número de teléfono de la casa, número de miembros de la familia que asistirán, incluyéndose a usted (los miembros de la familia deben vivir juntos). Por favor, inscríbase como máximo una vez por mes.

Todos deben estar conscientes de que existe un riesgo inherente al reunirse en cualquier grupo grande en medio de una pandemia, por lo tanto, usen su mejor criterio.

Para la seguridad de todos, observe el distanciamiento mientras camina desde su automóvil hasta las puertas delanteras de la iglesia donde un anfitrión lo estará esperando para dirigirlo a su asiento. Debe permanecer en su asiento asignado durante la Misa. Después de la Bendición final, siga las instrucciones del anfitrión para salir. No se reúna al aire libre o en el estacionamiento.

Según las instrucciones del Obispo Burbidge para la celebración de misas públicas:

Todos los fieles de la Diócesis de Arlington **están dispensados de la obligación de asistir a Misa** los domingos y los días de precepto.

Protecciones faciales · TIENE QUE usar algún tipo de protección facial o mascarilla descartable. Sírvase traer su propia protección o mascarilla. Las parroquias tal vez tengan una cantidad limitada designada para quienes realmente las necesitan, pero no para distribución general.

Higiene de manos · Se espera que usted se desinfecte las manos en el momento que ingresa a la iglesia y se le invita a que repita la desinfección inmediatamente antes de comulgar. Traiga su propio gel desinfectante para las manos, con un contenido mínimo de 60% de alcohol.

ECO-TIP: Protect Forests. Each year an area the size of South Carolina is deforested worldwide adding to biodiversity loss and contributing significantly to global warming. Make sure the lumber you (or your contractors) use carries the Forest Stewardship Council certification (FSC). The FSC program is an independent organization established to promote the sustainable management of the world's forests.

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:

Fr. Ray Hall Library

Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall

Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm & by appointment

Los sábados: 3:15-3:45pm y por cita previa.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

CONGRATULATIONS! / ¡FELICIDADES!

Erin Shannahan & Phillip Murillas

Married July 18 / Casados el 18 de julio

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: $5,109

Pastoral Church in Solidarity– Africa /

Fondo de Solidaridad Pastoral - África: $ 475

Faith Direct (June Average /

promedio del mes de junio): $13,852

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 Claure, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Deborah Forczek, Yevette 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, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrisey, 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, Dale Trusheim, Fr. Tom Tunney, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EL DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (106A); Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Sabiduría 12,13, 16-19 (106A); Romanos 8,26-27; Mateo 13,24-43

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EL DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (109A); Romans 8:28-30;
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
1 Reyes 3,5, 7-12 (109A); Romanos 8,28-30; Mateo 13,44-52

MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 18-24
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 18-24 JULIO
EL DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

4 pm— for Debbie Blanco (D) by Kristine Gregos
10 am—for George Shia (D) by Sharon Plunkett
2 pm— por Blanca Tobán y Jorge Uribe (D)
de Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo
Mon. 12 noon– for Leila Lascano Damasco (D)
by Judy Francia & Wally Reyes
Tues. 12 noon– for Minnie Kallas (D) by Emily Garrahan
Wed. 12 noon– for Claire Shia (L) by Monica Amparo
Thu. 12 noon– for Jim Grimm (D) by Kathy Desmond
Fri. 12 noon– por Felícita Gutiérrez (D)
de Ysabel Milagros Lovo y la familia

Bulletin Deadline / Plazo para el boletín

Wednesday / miércoles —9 AM — office@olqpva.org

WAKE ME UP LORD

Wake me up Lord, so that the **evil of racism**
finds no home within me.
Keep watch over my heart Lord,
and remove from me any barriers to your grace,
that may oppress and offend **my brothers and sisters**.
Fill my spirit Lord. so that I may give
services of **justice and peace**.
Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory.
And finally, remind us Lord that you said,
"**blessed are the peacemakers**,
for they shall be called children of God."

Amen.

From the USCCB

MEET ELANA PAUL, a farmer in St. Joseph of Medor parish - Elana, 32 years old, joined Medor's agro-forestry program in 2014, participating in meetings, trainings, and kombits (work parties). She is respected because of her dedication to planting trees on the degraded hills, and her leadership in engaging others to join in the process.

In the spring of 2020 she received 24 pounds of bean seeds from the community seed bank and expects to harvest 540 pounds of beans, (a value of about $450.US). After she returns 28 pounds of beans to the seed bank to sustain the program, she will be able to feed to her family and have some beans remaining to sell in the market.

Elana also maintains a plot that she reforested, knowing that this will provide permanent ecological and financial benefits. She says that the tree planting, training, agricultural services, and animal husbandry program, all components of Medor's agro-forestry program, along with a new microcredit program that she will participate in, are improving her life and her livelihood.

Thank you to OLQP for your support of Medor's agro-forestry program! *Please pray for our Medor family.*

LE PRESENTAMOS A ELANA PAUL, una agricultora en la parroquia St. Joseph de Medor - Elana, que tiene 32 años, entró en el programa agroforestal de Medor en el año 2014, participó en reuniones, entrenamientos y *kombits* (grupos de trabajo). Se le respeta por su dedicación a la siembra de árboles en los montes degradados y su liderazgo al lograr que otras personas se unan al proceso.

En la primavera de este año recibió 24 libras de semillas de frijoles valoradas en $450.00. Después de devolver 28 libras de frijoles al banco de semillas para mantener el programa, ella va a poder alimentar a su familia y le van a sobrar frijoles para vender en el mercado.

Elana también mantiene una parcela que ha reforestado, sabiendo que esto va a proveer beneficios ecológicos y financieros permanentes. Ella dice que el entrenamiento en la siembra de árboles, los servicios agrarios y el programa de ganadería, partes del programa agroforestal de Medor, junto con un programa nuevo de microcréditos, en el cual va a participar, están mejorando su vida y su sustento.

¡Le agradecemos a OLQP su apoyo al programa agroforestal de Medor! *Por favor recen por nuestra familia de Medor.*

CARPENTER'S SHELTER needs volunteers age 18 and older to join their team. Please visit their website Volunteeropportunities@Carpentersshelter.org/volunteer to complete an application, or contact Jamila Smith at 703-548-7500 for more information.

EL REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO necesita voluntarios de 18 años de edad o mayores para unirse a su equipo. Por favor visite su sitio web: Volunteeropportunities@Carpentersshelter.org/volunteer para completar una solicitud, o contacte a Jamila Smith al 703-548-7500 para obtener más información.

US CENSUS 2020 -- The 2020 Census can be taken online at www.my2020census.gov or you can take the census by phone by calling 844-330-2020. Phone lines have been set up in many languages.

EL CENSO DE LOS EE.UU. 2020 – se puede completar en línea en www.my2020census.gov o puede hacerlo por teléfono si llama al 844-330-2020. Hay líneas telefónicas en muchos idiomas.

MATTHEW 25 STORE will be opening soon with your help. Volunteers are needed to work outside on the patio behind the Ministry Center. (The store will remain closed.) We will open two days a week: Thursdays and Saturdays from 9-11am. The blue donation bins will open the same week the store opens – dates yet to be determined. At this time we can **only** accept summer clothing, shoes and housewares. Please ***do not*** include winter clothing with your donation -- we are overwhelmed with winter clothing and have no space to store these items. Please consider volunteering – the community needs you! Contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org.

LA TIENDA MATT 25 abrirá muy pronto con su ayuda. Se necesitan voluntarios para trabajar afuera en el patio detrás del Ministry Center. (La tienda seguirá cerrada.) Abriremos dos días a la semana: jueves y sábados de 9-11am. Los contenedores azules para las donaciones abrirán la misma semana que abra la tienda – todavía no se sabe cuándo. En estos momentos **solo** podemos aceptar ropa de verano, zapatos y artículos para el hogar. Por favor **no** incluya ropa de invierno con su donación – tenemos demasiada ropa de invierno y no tenemos espacio para guardarla. Por favor considere ofrecerse de voluntaria/o – ¡la comunidad la/lo necesita! Contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

GABRIEL PROJECT is in urgent need of size 3, 4 and 5 diapers. GP is not open for regular distribution of baby items, but diapers and wipes are being offered to mothers who come to the Food Pantry. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. For other baby related donations, please email Rosie at rosie.saberton@verizon.net or Chrissi at chrissi152@gmail.com

EL PROYECTO GABRIEL necesita urgentemente pañales tamaño 3, 4 y 5. El Proyecto no está abierto para una distribución normal de cosas para bebés, pero los pañales y los trapitos de limpiar se les ofrecen a las madres que vienen a la Despensa de alimentos. Sus contribuciones se aprecian muchísimo. Para otros tipos de donaciones relacionadas con los bebés, por favor mande un correo electrónico a Rosie: rosie.saberton@verizon.net o a Chrissi: chrissi152@gmail.com

VIRTUAL EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to a Minkisi Zoom meet on Thurs., July 23, 6:45-9:00 pm. Come to a parish "Virtual Evening Prayer Service on the "Just Mercy' movie – Leading to Conversations on Systemic Racism and White Privilege with Fr. Tim". With prayer, music and quiet prayer, several parishioners will share their remarks. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect and respond. Sign up by July 22 to receive the Zoom info for entry. Contact Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net. (Program in English.)

SERVICIO DE ORACIÓN VIRTUAL POR LA NOCHE

Está invitada/o a la reunión zoom de Minkisi el jueves, 23 de julio de 6:45-9:00 pm. Venga al "Servicio virtual de oración por la noche basado en la película '*Just Mercy*' – Llevando a conversaciones sobre el racismo sistémico y el privilegio blanco con el Padre Tim." Varios miembros de la parroquia van a compartir sus observaciones con música y oración en silencio. Los participantes van a tener una oportunidad de reflexionar y responder. Apúntese en o antes del 22 de julio para recibir la información de Zoom. Contacte a Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net. (Programa solo en inglés.)

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). Blessings and good health to all from Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin.

¡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 las 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.

CONGRATULATIONS MONIQUE O'GRADY!!

Our own Monique O'Grady is the new Chair of the Arlington County School Board. Monique O'Grady has been selected to serve for the 2020-2021 school year as Arlington Public Schools prepares to begin remote learning for the fall. Monique said in a statement that communication and collaboration "will help us serve our students, families, and staff through these challenging times." She has been a member of the School Board since 2018, an APS parent for 23 years and an active member of OLQP for nearly 30 years!

Wonderful news, Monique!! The parish stands with you in honor and in pride as you work to accomplish your goals of focusing on the ABCs: Academics, Boundaries and Broken Links, Capacity and Communication.

ECO-TIP: Buy local, fresh and organic. Food travels an average of 1200 miles to reach your plate, so buying local can save energy and prevent air pollution. Organics benefit the environment by not relying on synthetic pesticides and fertilizer. Local and fresh can be heathier with better taste. Support farm markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs).

JUST A THOUGHT, OR TWO…. Once again this week Jesus speaks to us in parables… multifaceted gems that once tumbled around in our hearts and ruminated, upon yield, unbelievable insights into the Reign of God. While the disciples certainly preferred straightforward answers, Jesus obviously preferred parables. Of the comparisons of the reign of God to a field, a mustard seed and the leaven in bread, I have always liked the comparison of the mustard seed and the Reign of God. This tiny, tiny little seed grows into a great bush…so large that the birds of the air make their nests in it. If you take the parable at its face value, it all seems quite lovely. However there is a dark side that farmers know well: the mustard bush is an invasive plant. It grows wildly and rapidly, quickly overtaking a garden, ruining the plants that had been planted with care and reducing their yield, if not completely choking them out. Mustard bushes are uncontrollable and rapidly spread across a farm if not quickly uprooted before going to seed. Surely this reality was not lost on Jesus…nor on those who heard him tell the parable. It seems that perhaps Jesus is presenting an image of the expansion of the Reign of God as something uncontrollable, invasive and fast growing! Looking through the lens of this image…the Reign of God is not something that can be domesticated or controlled…by its very nature it grows uncontrollably and bursts forth offering refuge. I believe that most of us, though, would prefer something that we could contain and control…domesticate!

But the truth is that the Reign of God is just that: "God's Reign"; not ours. We are part of it by our baptism and we are called to help water it so that it continues to grow and "invade" every crevice and furrow of this planet…we don't get to tame it. Two thousand years ago Jesus' vision of the bursting forth of the Reign of God was nothing less than radical ….and it still is today. We are called to be part of that radical vision…to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned…to love one another as Christ loves us and to reach out and to care for "the other." To proclaim the deep and passionate love of God for all peoples, of all races and all ethnicities…a world of racial justice and an end to white privilege, an end to a world where a person of one color is valued over a person of another color or ethnicity! And wasn't it just this radical vision of the reign of God -- where every person was valued equally -- that Jesus preached that got him crucified?

As his disciple just how radical of a life am I willing live? In a world that proclaims a **"gospel of personal prosperity"** with tax cuts for the rich at the cost of healthcare cuts for the poor, to what lengths am I willing to go in building up this radical vision of the Reign of God that Jesus preached? What concrete action can I take today to "water" the Reign of God? Where and how do I see the Reign of God bursting forth in imaginative and radical ways…such as the "Black Lives Matter Movement". How can I support it and join in? How can I work to bring about racial justice and end white privilege, that is so antithetical to the most basic message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

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How moments of pause can open us to new possibilities

Time living in an unusual context could guide us toward who we're called to be.

By Meghan J. Clark

I live in what was once the epicenter of the American COVID-19 pandemic—Queens, New York. We lived through 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy, yet the pandemic feels different. An indeterminacy and isolation to the current moment elude quantification or categorization. So, as I think about the pandemic, grief, and hope, I find an upwelling of questions without answers.

"Time is greater than space," proposes Pope Francis. "It helps us patiently to endure difficult and adverse situations, or inevitable changes in our plans. It invites us to accept the tension between fullness and limitation, and to give a priority to time." When I first read *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), I did not appreciate the depth of the pope's point. As I comply with social distancing, the tensions of time and space are more palpable. The pandemic reveals many aspects of our social order, injustices, priorities, and common lives that we previously did not notice.

In this moment of pause we are called to look both inward and outward. Inward, it is a moment to consider the ecology of our daily life anew. As I write, I find the hope of declining daily death rates but not an end on the horizon. Eagerness to "get back to normal" is spreading. Yet perhaps this is a time not for returning but for reimagining the ecology of our daily lives.

Relationships with family and friends become both more intentional and precarious. How do we accompany each other while maintaining physical distance? This requires creativity, generosity, and significant self-care. In times of prolonged crisis we can easily feel like we're failing, because there is no "normal." Spiritually, I feel suspended in the anxiety of the disciples in the upper room: Where do we go from here? Who are we called to be? But perhaps there is much to learn from living in liminal space.

On Good Friday I lost a beloved great-uncle. The inability to come together to grieve, and to have a wake and funeral Mass, was painful. Can living in this context, and not rushing past it, open a space of solidarity with other Catholics, such as those in the Amazon region who because of distance and priest shortages experienced a scarcity of sacraments long before the pandemic?

As we look outward, two realities emerge. First, while everyone is at risk of the new virus, there is not equality of vulnerability. As a teacher, I am experiencing this period of distancing from a place of considerable privilege. Moving my courses online and attending to my students' academic, emotional, and spiritual needs are challenging, but I have a stable job that allows me to physically distance.

COVID-19 is exposing—not creating—social, economic, and racial injustices. The structural inequities revealed by higher death rates among African Americans bring into the public vision realities to which scholars and activists have long tried to draw attention. Now that they have our attention, will we as a country pause long enough to address the need for public health infrastructure and other basic needs? Or will we rush back to a "normal" that leaves out many of our neighbors?

Before the pandemic, lists of "frontline responders" and "essential workers" always included police, firefighters, EMTs, and hospital workers. It is wonderful to see nurses and all hospital workers receive public recognition for their indispensable contribution to the common good. Other groups of people, many of whom work without fair wages or benefits and whose work is often overlooked as "essential," are also finally receiving recognition: supermarket workers, delivery drivers, bus drivers, and many others. Can we envision a community in which their work is properly valued and their contribution celebrated rather than denigrated?

We are all called to participate in the common good. It emerges when we have full participation from all members of the community in the social, political, cultural, and economic life of the community. My hope is that we will choose to use our time living in this unusual context to ask ourselves who we are called to be. May we be open to the possibility of a more just and inclusive answer.

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