

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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Office Hours

Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

March 14—15 5:30pm and 1pm in Spanish

14-15 marzo 5:30pm y 1pm en español

MASSES / MISAS:

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

Mon-Thu 12pm / *lunes a jueves 12pm*

Fri. 6pm / *Viernes 6pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de Misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)

Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de

jóvenes adultos)

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 25:31-46. 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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30 to 8:00pm (except April 1).

This Lenten Wednesday evening program offers:

Reconciliation Service:

6:30pm – March 18 Family Reconciliation Service (open to all)

Sung Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm – March 25

Time Change during Lent for DAILY Mass on FRIDAYS: 6:00pm, March 20 & 27

LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA USTED PROGRAMA DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE LA CUARESMA:

El Sacramento de la Penitencia se ofrece todos los miércoles por la noche durante la Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8:00pm (excepto el 1ro de abril).

Este programa los miércoles de Cuaresma también incluye:

Servicios de reconciliación:

6:30pm – 18 de marzo servicio de reconciliación para familias (abierto a todos)

El Vía Crucis cantado: 7:00pm – el 25 de marzo

Cambio de horario durante la Cuaresma para la Misa DIARIA los viernes: 6:00pm, 20 y 27 de marzo

I came into this
world for
judgment,
so that those who
do not see
might see,
and those who
do see might
become blind.

John 9:39



Yo entré en este
mundo para hacer
juicio, para dar
vista a los ciegos y
para demostrarles
a los que creen que
ven, que,
en realidad,
son ciegos.
Juan 9,39

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

SERVICIOS CATÓLICOS DE AYUDA (CRS)

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

15 de marzo de 2026

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.
Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.

Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:

Please contact the parish office at least six months before your 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

Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, Wed, 6:30-8 pm during Lent in the church,
& by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, Los miércoles: 6:30-8 pm durante
la Cuaresma en la Iglesia, y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collections / Colectas del domingo: \$8,090
ParishSoft Giving - February weekly average: \$14,759

Word & Eucharist Missalette/ Misal Palabra y Eucaristía

Today's readings can be found on page 184
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 185

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesday 9am — office@olqpva.org

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /

NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Christiana Achebe, Suri Barahona, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Chris Bruns, Mary Callow, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Fred Clarke, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Donna Davis, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Judy Francia-Reyes, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Jo Marie Griesgraber, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoeft, Jan Hyland, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Gus Karns, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Alexa LaRue, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Linda Lipari, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Dick Melia, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Betty Mills, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Zoe A. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Connie Murray, Paul Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Karen Newman, Stephen Nutter, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Hazel Pulliam, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Suzie Snedgen Warner, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, George Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquizo, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Al Williams, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A); Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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Juan 9,1-41 or 9,1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

QUINTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Ezekiel 37:12-14 (36A); Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Ezequiel 37,12-14 (36A); Romanos 8,8-11;
Juan 11,1-45 or 11,3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH 14-20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 14-20 MARZO

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Saturday, March 14th

5:30 pm For The Parish

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 am John Havens (D) by Tom & Jennifer Smith

9:30 am For The Parish

11:15 am Kathy Dunne (L) by Mike & Mary Ray

1:00 pm José Roberto Cabrera (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

6:00 pm Joseph & Verna Gregos (D) by Kris Gregos

Monday, March 16th

12:00 pm For The Parish

Tuesday, March 17th

12:00 pm Faustino Saucedo (Anniversary) (D) by Melvin Méndez & family

Wednesday, March 18th

12:00 pm Sixto Laguna & Ricardo Laguna (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

Thursday, March 19th

11:00 am - Funeral Mass - Michael Savage

Friday, March 20th

11:00 am – Funeral Mass – Janie Key

6:00 pm Luis Gregory (D) by María Teresa Laguna

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome two new Christians. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a dos nuevas cristianas.

Elle Averie Renner

Baptized March 12 / Bautizada el 12 de marzo

Rosalie Day Bella

Baptized March 14 / Bautizada el 14 de marzo

IN MEMORIAM: JANIE JANE KEY

Died in the Lord February 25, 2026

Janie Key was a faithful and devoted member for more than 70 years, always cheerful and grateful to pitch in. She served on many of the parish's ministries, including the UJAMAA Committee. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Funeral arrangements at OLQP: Friday, March 20, Visitation at 10:15am, Funeral Mass at 11:00am.

<https://www.tyrabakerthompsonfs.com/obituaries/Janie-Jane-Key?obid=47450674>

IN MEMORIAM: BERTHA ULE EFIMBA

Died in the Lord January 14, 2026

Bertha is the sister of Dr. Robert Efimba. She was a faithful member while living here in the Arlington area in 2024-2025. A Memorial Mass is scheduled at OLQP on Saturday, March 21, at 12:00pm with repast immediately following in Fr. Ray Hall. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Tiko, South-west Cameroon on February 7, 2026. Please remember the Efimba family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the man born blind...familiar enough to most of us. But have we heard it so often that we miss the underlying themes? The story between the lines of the text?

We could focus on the miracle of "new sight" in the physical sense, but we could go deeper and explore Jesus' insistence that sin has nothing to do with physical sickness, disability or human tragedy...and, in fact, that it is in the midst of tragedy and human suffering that God is present.

Jesus' words and actions help us to see what the blind man saw...he saw the presence of the Living God! It is easy enough to just "see" the physical blindness of the man in the Gospel and "loose sight" of the spiritual darkness of his parents who, because of fear, fail to speak the amazing truth of their son's healing.

Fear of speaking out and failure to stand up for truth and justice makes us blind and keeps us in spiritual darkness, as individuals, as communities and as a nation.

In the midst of the unfathomable political chaos being inflicted upon our nation and the rest of the world, with

immoral and illicit war being waged, and famine and international and national crises for refugees and immigrants, we are called to be a people who look and see. To be a people who do not turn away from the suffering of our sisters and brothers. But rather, to be a people who stand with them in the midst of their suffering and work to bring healing to them through working for true and lasting peace and justice for them.

When I look at the world around me -- at all the suffering -- am I able to see God's presence *in the midst of the suffering*, in the faces of the victims of war...perhaps in the people who are speaking out, and working for the people suffering? Am I called to be there, to be used by God like the "man born blind" to show forth God's glory in the midst of a suffering world, led by leaders blinded by power and greed?

When have I felt God's presence in the midst of suffering? Do I have "blind spots" in my life where I need to ask Jesus for sight so I may see more clearly my sisters and brothers; to see them as God sees them?

May the peace and light of the Risen Christ be upon you all!

Fr. Tim



2026 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift now. The BLA unites us as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every gift, large or small, is essential. You may mail your gift or go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



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PETICIÓN CUARESIMAL DEL OBISPO DE 2026 EN CRISTO SOMOS UNO

Gracias a todas las personas que ya han hecho una promesa de contribución a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo. Si todavía no han hecho su ofrenda, reflexionen, en espíritu de oración, sobre las bendiciones recibidas y piensen en hacer una oferta hoy. La Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo nos ofrece una singular oportunidad de unirnos como familia católica para apoyar los programas, ministerios y servicios que ayudan a decenas de miles de personas. Cada donación, grande o pequeña, es vital para el éxito de la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo. Pueden enviar su promesa de contribución por correo postal o hacerla en línea por medio de arlingtondiocese.org/BLA o enviar una ofrenda al escanear el código de respuesta rápida (QR) que aparece a continuación. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



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**MASS SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY /
HOLY WEEK / EASTER**

Palm Sunday Weekend, March 28-29

Special Mass Schedule

Saturday — 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday — 8am, 9:45am, 12noon w/Outdoor
Procession, 2pm in Spanish w/Outdoor Procession, 6pm

Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm Mass, bilingual

Good Friday, April 3

11am to 1pm — Reconciliation in Fr. Ray Hall
3pm — Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
6:00pm — Stations of the Cross in Spanish
8:00pm — Tenebrae (Service in darkness)

Holy Saturday, April 4

1pm to 3pm — Reconciliation
8:30pm — Easter Vigil Mass, bilingual

Easter Sunday—April 5

Special Mass Schedule

Church: 8am, 9:45am, 12noon, 2pm in Spanish, 6pm
Fr. Ray Hall: 10am and 12:15pm (overflow Masses)

**HORARIO DE MISAS Y SERVICIOS DEL DOMINGO DE
RAMOS / SEMANA SANTA / LA PASCUA**

Fin de semana del Domingo de ramos, 28-29 de marzo

Horario especial de Misas

Sábado: 5:30pm Misa de vigilia
Domingo: 8am, 9:45am, 12 del mediodía con procesional
aire libre, 2pm en español con procesión al aire libre, 6pm

Jueves Santo, 2 de abril, 7:00pm Misa, bilingüe

Viernes Santo, 3 de abril

11am a 1pm — Reconciliación
3pm — Viernes Santo del Señor, Servicio de comunión
6:00pm Viacrucis en español
8:00pm Servicio en tinieblas

Sábado Santo, 4 de abril

1pm a 3pm — Reconciliación
8:30pm — Misa de vigilia de la Pascua, bilingüe

Domingo de Pascua – 5 de abril

Horario especial de Misas

Iglesia: 8am, 9:45 am, 12:00 del mediodía, 2pm en
español, 6pm_
Fr. Ray Hall: 10am y 12:15pm (Misa de rebose)

SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come refresh your soul during Lent with the Sung Stations of the Cross. In the musical style of Taize, these unique stations invites you to pray along with thoughtful reflections on the Via Crucis and join in a meditative refrain. The Sung Stations will be offered on March 25 at 7:00pm. Reconciliation is also offered on these dates from 6:30pm-8:00pm. For more information, contact Monica Perz-Waddington: monica.perz@verizon.net

CRS RICE BOWL: Too many Rice Bowls and not enough tables! Do you have one? It's not too late. You can learn how young people in Timor-Leste are being helped to fulfill their dreams. Adriana wants to become a doctor. Read her story at crsricebowl.org/week-org/week 4. Don't miss out on this opportunity for Lenten learning. Where is Timor-Leste? Thank you.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

This weekend, our parish will celebrate the Second Scrutiny at the 11:15am. Mass. These Rites are meant to uncover, then heal, the weaknesses that lead to personal and societal failing and sin. As the Elect prepare for the Easter sacraments, we pray that, like the one born blind, God will enable them to live always as children of the light. May we be united with our Elect and all of our OCIA participants in the Lenten journey of self-searching and repentance, evaluating our lives and the need for conversion.

VOICE ACTION: Join after-school providers, youth, parents, advocates, and elected officials to stand up for safe, high-quality after-school programs for all Arlington kids. Show our public officials that we all support putting money in the right places. Pizza and drinks will be provided. March 27th, 7:00 - 8:30pm Kenmore Middle School (200 Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington). RSVP here: https://secure.everyaction.com/C-V3go-s_ECbq3FVL6Yfnw2

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ CANTADAS

Venga y refresque su alma durante la Cuaresma con las estaciones de la cruz cantadas. En el estilo musical de Taize, estas estaciones únicas le invitan a orar con reflexiones meditativas del Vía Crucis y a repetir una frase meditativa. Las Estaciones Cantadas se ofrecerán el 25 de marzo a las 7:00pm. La reconciliación también se ofrecerá en estas fechas de 6:30pm a 8:00pm. Para recibir más información, contacte a Monica Perz-Waddington: monica.perz@verizon.net


PLATO DE ARROZ CRS: ¡Demasiados platos de arroz y no hay suficientes mesas! ¿Usted tiene uno? No es demasiado tarde. Puede aprender como jóvenes en Timor-Leste reciben ayuda para cumplir sus sueños. Adriana quiere ser una doctora. Lea su historia en crsricebowl.org/week-org/week 4. No se pierda esta oportunidad para aprender en Cuaresma. ¿Dónde está Timor-Leste? Gracias.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Este fin de semana, nuestra parroquia va a celebrar el segundo Escrutinio en la Misa de las 11:15am. El objetivo de estos ritos es descubrir y entonces sanar las debilidades que llevan al fracaso personal y social y al pecado. Mientras las personas elegidas se preparan para los sacramentos de la Pascua, oramos para que, igual que el hombre ciego de nacimiento, Dios les permita vivir siempre como hijas e hijos de la luz. Que nos unamos a nuestras elegidas y elegidos y todas las otras personas que participan en la jornada de Cuaresma de introspección y arrepentimiento, evaluando nuestras vidas y la necesidad de conversión

VOICE ACTION: Únase a proveedores de servicios extraescolares, jóvenes, madres y padres, defensores y funcionarios electos para abogar por programas extraescolares seguros, de alta calidad para todas las niñas y niños de Arlington. Demuéstreles a nuestros funcionarios electos que todos apoyamos la inversión del dinero en los lugares adecuados. Se proporcionarán pizza y bebidas el 27 de marzo, de 7:00 a 8:30pm en Kenmore Middle School (200 Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington). RSVP aquí: https://secure.everyaction.com/C-V3go-s_ECbq3FVL6Yfnw2

YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **APPLICATIONS OPEN for YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP scheduled for June 22 - 26, for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders:** <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2026>. Join us for a week of faith, fellowship, and service to the OLQP community and beyond. See the flyer at the back church.
- **"You Buy, We Fry" Take Out Lenten Fish Fry #4** - Join us Friday, March 20th at 6:00pm for Fr. Martin's fish, shrimp, or combo dinner with fries and coleslaw. \$15.00 per order. Proceeds go to support the Youth & Young Adult Ministries work camp mission and pilgrimage trips. Pre-order today - <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> or scan here,  Or for more details, contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. **To pay in advance, please go to ParishSoft Giving: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-271?tab=home>, then choose "Fellowship Fundraiser" in the drop-down box.**

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER, Thursday, March 19

Thank you for your consideration in helping with dinner this month! We're serving a favorite: baked salmon, rice, broccoli, salad, fruit, brownies & lemonade. Contact Mary Resnick with questions or for first sign-up: mary.resnick@gmail.com.


Your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Thursday, during their office hours, 8:30-4:30, or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30-5:00pm. Please label food with date and description and place it in the refrigerator, freezer or counter. Note, if you're delivering directly to the Shelter (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), label food the same and add our church name & "dinner". Thank you!

JOE NANGLE FUND for a NONVIOLENT FUTURE

Join in a virtual benefit for the Joe Nangle Fund for a Nonviolent Future. On Easter Monday, April 6, at 8pm, the Pax Christi International Fund for Peace (co-founded by Joe with Marie Dennis) will host Bishop John Stowe and PCI President Martha Ines Romero to celebrate a beloved Franciscan peacemaker and principal celebrant of the Spanish Mass at OLQP for years until his death just over a year ago. In Joe's pastoral ministry and public witness, he embraced a different path forward for the world, envisioning a future marked by nonviolence and social justice. This legacy fund supports particular needs of Pax Christi International enabling the global Catholic peace movement to further his work for integral peace, nonviolence, inclusive communities, and care for creation. To register click on www.paxchristifund.org/nangle, click on button With Courage to Hope. For any questions, contact Bill Casey, 703-568-3438.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: The St. Mary of Sorrows Council 8600 Knights of Columbus will hold a Bingo to support TEACH, a non-profit organization that actively responds to the schooling needs of underserved children in Maya communities in Guatemala. The Bingo will be held at St. Mary of Sorrows (5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax 22032) on Saturday, March 21, from 6:30 – 8:30pm. \$10 for 2 cards. Chili, Hot Dogs and Bake Sale. Everyone is invited to come and play and win some great prizes. Questions? Shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367

MINISTERIO PARA ADOLESCENTES:

- Ya puedes mandar la solicitud: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2026> para el Young Disciples Work Camp programado para futuros estudiantes de los grados 7, 8 y 9, del 22 al 26 de junio del 2026. Únete a nosotros para celebrar una semana de fe, compañerismo y servicio a la comunidad de OLQP y otras. Mira el volante en la parte de atrás de la iglesia.
- Usted compra, nosotros freímos Pescado frito #4 durante la Cuaresma para llevar - Únase a nosotros el viernes, 20 de marzo a las 6:00pm para la cena que el Padre Martin va a tener de pescado, camarones o una cena combinada con papas fritas y ensalada de col. El costo es de \$15 por pedido. Los ingresos van a apoyar el campamento de trabajo y las peregrinaciones de los ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. ¡Ordene por anticipado: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> o escanee aquí:  Para obtener más detalles, contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org, Directora de los ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. **Para pagar por adelantado, por favor vaya a Parishsoft: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-271?tab=home> y escoja "Fellowship Fundraiser" en el cuadro desplegable.**

LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO, el jueves, 19 de marzo

¡Gracias por considerar dar su ayuda con la cena este mes! Vamos a servir un plato favorito: salmón al horno, arroz, brócoli, ensalada, frutas, brownies y limonada. Contacte a Mary Resnick si tiene preguntas o para apuntarse por primera vez: mary.resnick@gmail.com. Puede llevar su contribución a la cocina de la oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves de 8:30am a 4:30pm o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 4:30 a 5:00pm. Por favor identifique la comida con la fecha y la descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador. Atención, si va a llevar la comida directamente al refugio el día de la comida (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), identifíquela de la misma manera y añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". ¡Gracias!

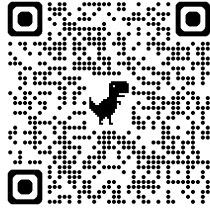
FONDO JOE NANGLE PARA UN FUTURO NO VIOLENTO

Únase en un beneficio virtual para el Fondo Joe Nangle para un futuro no violento. El lunes de Pascua, 6 de abril, a las 8pm, el Pax Christi International Fund for Peace (cofundado por Joe con Marie Dennis) será el anfitrión del Obispo John Stowe y la presidenta de PCI, Martha Inés Romero para celebrar a un amado pacificador franciscano y celebrante principal de la Misa en español en OLQP durante años hasta su muerte hace un poco más de un año. En el ministerio pastoral y testimonio público de Joe, él adoptó un camino diferente para el futuro del mundo, imaginando un futuro marcado por la no violencia y la justicia social. Este fondo de legado apoya las necesidades específicas de Pax Christi International, permitiendo que el movimiento católico mundial por la paz continúe su labor a favor de la paz integral, la no violencia, las comunidades inclusivas y el cuidado de la creación. Para apuntarse haga clic en www.paxchristifund.org/nangle, haga clic en el botón With Courage to Hope. Si tiene alguna pregunta, contacte a Bill Casey, 703-568-3438.

NOCHE DE BINGO EN FAMILIA: El Consejo 8600 Caballeros de Colón de St. Mary of Sorrows va a tener un bingo especial para apoyar a TEACH, una organización sin fines de lucro que responde activamente a las necesidades escolares de niñas y niños desatendidos en comunidades maya en Guatemala. El Bingo va a tener lugar en St. Mary of Sorrows (5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax 22032) el sábado, 21 de marzo, de 6:30 a 8:30pm. \$10 por 2 tarjetas. Chili, perros calientes y venta de pasteles. Todas las personas están invitadas a venir y jugar y ganar algunos grandes premios. Contacte a Shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367 si tiene preguntas.

**PARISH ADVISORY BOARD –
VOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

Voting continues this weekend for the Parish Advisory Board (PAB). Parishioners are highly encouraged to vote electronically via the QR code (below) or online [here](#), or by paper ballot, which can be found in the sanctuary. Please vote only once, for up to six candidates. If you cannot vote electronically or in-person via paper ballot, please email olqpelection@gmail.com or call the church office to receive a mail-in ballot.



**JUNTA CONSULTORA DE LA PARROQUIA –
¡VOTE POR NUEVOS MIEMBROS!**

La votación para la Junta consultora de la parroquia (PAB por sus siglas en inglés) comienza este fin de semana. Pedimos encarecidamente que voten electrónicamente usando el código QR (abajo) o el enlace [here](#), o usando una papeleta que puede encontrar en el santuario. Por favor, vote solo una vez por un máximo de seis personas. Si no puede votar electrónicamente o en persona por papeleta, por favor mande un correo electrónico a olqpelection@gmail.com o llame a la oficina parroquial para pedir una papeleta por correo.

HELPING OUR MEDOR FAMILY: For nearly 30 years, Our Lady Queen of Peace has walked in faith and friendship with our twin parish, St. Joseph in Medor, Haiti. Through this partnership, our two parishes help sustain St. Joseph parish's education program that now serves 2,400 students attending five primary schools and one secondary school. In today's Mass we proclaim *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want,"* and St. Paul reminds us to *"Live as children of light."* In Medor, education is one of the ways Christ's light shines brightly. Because of the shared work of our two parishes, young people who once faced darkness are given the light of education through the Light of the World. As we work to help our Medor family, please keep them in your prayers and consider supporting them financially. With your help, these children can continue to grow in knowledge, faith, and hope.



AYUDANDO A NUESTRA FAMILIA DE MEDOR: Por casi 30 años, Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz ha acompañado en fe y amistad a nuestra familia hermana, St. Joseph en Medor, Haití. Por esta asociación, nuestras dos parroquias ayudan a mantener el programa educativo de la parroquia de St. Joseph que ahora sirve a 2,400 estudiantes que asisten a cinco escuelas primarias y una secundaria. En la Misa de hoy proclamamos *"El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta"*, y San Pablo nos recuerda *"Vivan como hijas e hijos de la luz"*. En Medor, la educación es una de las maneras que la luz de Cristo brilla intensamente. Debido a la labor compartida por nuestras dos parroquias, la juventud que en un momento se enfrentó a la oscuridad ha recibido la luz de la educación por medio de la Luz del mundo. Al nosotros trabajar para ayudar a nuestra familia de Medor, por favor rece por esas personas y considere ayudarles financieramente. Con su ayuda, estas niñas y niños pueden continuar creciendo en conocimientos, fe y esperanza.

OLIVEWOOD HANDMADE CARVINGS, Mar 21-22

On the weekend of **March 21-22** a display of beautiful olive wood handmade carvings from the Holy Land will be setup in Fr. Ray Hall. These Carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. During the difficult time in the Holy Land, Bethlehem is still isolated and suffering. Tourism has completely stopped for the past two years. Most Christians in Bethlehem have no jobs and no support for their families, they are living in constant fear. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than **37%** of the population. There is less than **1%** now. As Christians of faith, please support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org. Thank you in advance for all your help and support!

**TALLADOS HECHOS A MANO DE MADERA DE OLIVO,
21-22 de marzo**

El fin de semana del **21 y 22 de marzo**, vamos a tener una exhibición en Fr. Ray Hall de unos bellos tallados de madera de olivo de la Tierra Santa hechos a mano. Las personas cristianas de Belén hacen estos tallados para ganarse la vida. Belén, durante estos momentos difíciles en la Tierra Santa, todavía está aislada y sigue sufriendo. En los últimos dos años no ha habido turismo. La mayoría de las personas cristianas en Belén no tienen trabajo ni manera de mantener a sus familias. Las personas viven en un miedo constante. Este grupo solía ser el **37%** de la población. Ahora hay menos de **1%**. Como personas cristianas de fe, por favor apoyen a nuestras hermanas y hermanos en Belén. Pueden apoyarlas comprando algunos de estos tallados después de Misa. Para obtener más información, por favor contáctenos llamando al 202-302-5889 o visitando www.BethlehemCarvings.org. ¡Gracias por anticipado por toda su ayuda y apoyo!

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.

Fresh for Neighbors

FRESH FOR NEIGHBORS: GROW & GIVE



Do you grow vegetables or fruit at home? Even a small harvest can make a difference. This season, Our Lady Queen of Peace is participating in Fresh for Neighbors: Grow & Give, a simple initiative of Catholic Garden Network that invites parishioners to share part of their harvest with neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Fresh produce is among the most requested - and least available - items at local food pantries, including the OLQP Food Pantry. Inspired by the Works of Mercy, this initiative offers a practical way to care for neighbors by sharing the fruits of our gardens. Catholic Garden Network provides simple resources and ongoing support to help along the way. **(Scan to participate)**



Learn how simple it is to participate: catholicgarden.org/fresh-for-neighbors-grow-give

A Catholic Garden Network initiative



STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES continues Friday, March 20, with 6:00pm daily Mass in the Church followed by a modest meal in Fr. Ray Hall. Join us for stories of almsgiving as discipleship, shared by three young OLQP mission trip participants. Discussion begins at 7:00pm. If you want to hear from the "Fruit of the Vine" come join us for a wonderful evening.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent, join us for Stations of the Cross in the Church beginning at 5:15pm and ending before the Friday Evening Lenten 6pm Mass (before the Stone Soup Supper which immediately follows the 6pm Mass).

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 25 3rd Annual Earth Day Dinner

"Hope and Help for Our Common Home" with Mike Tidwell, Director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network. Complimentary dinner following the 5:30pm Mass. Sponsored by the Integrity of Creation Ministry.

46TH ANNUAL GAELIC MASS

The Col. John Fitzgerald Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will celebrate its 46th annual Gaelic Mass on Monday, March 16, at 7:00pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington. Bilingual Gaelic and English missals will be available. A reception will follow.



LENTEN CALENDAR THEME: "Healthy People, Healing Planet"

This week's focus is on Energy Efficiency. The quest for more energy around the globe is unending, and demand is growing while existing and new sources are quickly being tapped into. Another way to have more energy is to use what we have more efficiently. See the references on today's calendar to learn about ways we can save energy and save on our energy bills as well.

Prayer:

"Lord, teach me to resist waste in my energy usage as I do in other areas of my life such as food, fashion, and household goods."

From the Integrity of Creation Team

Lenten Care Creation Calendar 2026

[Click here to download the calendar](#)

Or pick up a copy from the back of church.

ALL FEDERAL WORKERS: Join "Fed Up" for community building and concrete suggestions for job searches and resumes on Tuesday, March 24, from 7-9pm. The gathering will be held in Father Ray Hall Library.

ADVOCATES for JUSTICE

SINE DIE — On March 14, the 2026 Virginia General Assembly adjourned sine die (Latin for "without a date"). The Assembly can reconvene since Virginia law provides for it to do so. Usually the body is called back into session to complete unfinished work — for example, the biennial budget.

There will be many opportunities for advocates to review the bills that passed and have been signed by the Governor. Advocates will want to look for "wins" and "losses" in areas of personal interests and concerns. The Virginia General Assembly website and the LIS (Legislative Information System) would be likely places to begin checking on issues of particular concern. If you have been communicating with your elected Members, you have been receiving frequent legislative updates from them by email.

We are people of faith who stand at the intersection of the sacred and the civic. Rooted in the values of our Cristian faith, we use our faith lens to ascertain if the successful legislation benefits the Common Good. Does it support anti-racism? Does it mitigate violence? Does it provide a better way to live together? Do the new laws promote justice, peace and love of neighbor?

It is never too late to communicate with your state senators and delegates. Let us use this season of Lent to lift our hearts in prayer for elected officials that they will be guided in their decisions by a spirit of loving concern for all Virginians.

THANK YOU FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY!

We want to say a special thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the Compassionate Listening Workshop. Everyone worked so hard to engage in all the exercises and the Stephen Ministers were touched by your caring and considerate treatment of each other as Dr. Alvarado worked through the exercises. You were awesome!!

Stephen Ministers go through months of training to learn how to do compassionate listening. They meet regularly to increase their skills and share concerns. The hallmark of Stephen Ministry is confidentiality. We never use names and only the Stephen Minister providing direct service and the Stephen leader knows the identity of his/her care receivers. People struggling with depression, experiencing loss or other difficult life situations find comfort, support and continuity in the care of a Stephen Minister. If you are facing a difficult life challenge, or know of a loved one, or dear friend who could use support, please call us. We will confidentially explore with you whether having a Stephen Ministry could work for you. Thank you again for caring. Contact Louise Drucker, Stephen Ministry Leader, Smolqp@gmail.com; 703-635-0469.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC at John Paul - March 28th

Join us at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for our Girls Volleyball Clinic on Saturday, March 28th from 9-11am! Open to 4th - 8th grade girls! Participants will have the opportunity to work on fundamentals while receiving guidance from JP coaches and JP student athletes! We hope to see you there! Click here to start your registration: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

US-Israeli war on Iran is failing the Church's just war test, bishops warn

by [Gina Christian](#)

(OSV News) — Since the start of the U.S. and Israel's war on Iran, some U.S. Catholic bishops have highlighted Church teaching on what constitutes a "just war" — with one cardinal flatly declaring the current conflict fails to meet the necessary criteria, and is therefore "morally illegitimate."

Now in its second week, the war — which has spread throughout the Middle East — has seen some 2,000 people killed, with an estimated 1,300 of the deaths in Iran.

Those fatalities include that nation's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and several senior officials. At least 165, including a number of children, died at a school adjacent to an Iran Revolutionary Guard Base in Minab. Emerging footage indicates that the strike appeared to have been initiated by the U.S. With the war engulfing multiple nations in the Middle East, another 400 have been reported killed in Lebanon — among them, a Maronite Catholic priest — and 11 in Israel. Seven U.S. soldiers have so far been killed, and more than 140 injured, amid the war. The Trump administration maintains the joint U.S.-Israel attacks have been necessary to counter threats posed by Iran — but several American Catholic prelates have pushed back, either directly or indirectly, on that assertion, while urging prayer, diplomacy and moral renewal.

Two of the most explicit condemnations of the war in light of Catholic teaching have come from Cardinal Robert W. McElroy of Washington and Bishop Anthony B. Taylor of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Just war criteria

In a March 9 interview with *The Catholic Standard*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington, Cardinal McElroy said an analysis of U.S. actions against Iran "leads to the conclusion that our entry into this war was not morally legitimate."

Bishop Taylor issued a March 3 statement on the use of military force, expressing his "deep concerns that the necessary conditions for so-called 'just war' do not appear to be met" in the current war, "based on the information publicly available."

Both Cardinal McElroy and Bishop Taylor explained Church teaching on the concept of just war in their respective remarks.

Bishop Taylor noted that the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2309) outlines "four strict conditions" for "legitimate defense by military force," and quoted the Catechism's enumeration of those criteria:

- the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave and certain;
- all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
- there must be serious prospects of success;
- the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated.

For the final condition, the Catechism adds, "the power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition."

In a March 4 statement, Bishop William Joensen of Des Moines, Iowa, invited the faithful to "learn what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about conditions necessary for legitimate defense using military force," directing readers to both sections 2309 and 2310.

In his March 9 interview, Cardinal McElroy noted that the Church has historically required six conditions to be met "clearly and simultaneously" if war is to be engaged "in some emergency situations."

Along with those specified in the Catechism, "the legitimate authority in the country contemplating war must declare war," and a nation must enter war "with right intention, namely to redress the specific just cause and restore peace," said Cardinal McElroy.

Citing the relevant Latin terms, Bishop Taylor explained that the Catechism "elaborates not only on the *ius ad bellum* (the legitimate conditions for going to war), but also on the *ius in bello* (right conduct within a war).

"In other words, even if the initial use of defensive military force is morally legitimate, not all actions thereafter are necessarily morally permissible," he said.

Preventative war

Cardinal McElroy said, "At this present moment, the U.S. decision to go to war against Iran fails to meet the just war threshold for a morally legitimate war in at least three requirements."

The threshold for just cause was not met "because our country was not responding to an existing or imminent and objectively verifiable attack by Iran," said the cardinal, adding that Pope Benedict XVI (as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger) held that "Catholic teaching does not support preventative war."

"If preventative war were to be accepted morally, then all limits to the cause for going to war would be put in extreme jeopardy," Cardinal McElroy said.

He added that the U.S. had also not demonstrated "right intention" in attacking Iran. "Our goals and intentions are absolutely unclear, ranging from the destruction of Iran's conventional and nuclear weapons potential to the overthrow of its regime to the establishment of a democratic government to unconditional surrender," said Cardinal McElroy. "You cannot satisfy the just war tradition's criterion of right intention if you do not have a clear intention."

And, he said, "Our current war effort does not meet Catholic just war teaching because it is far from clear that the benefits of this war will outweigh the harm which will be done."

The cardinal described the Middle East as "the most unstable region in the world, and the most unpredictable," adding that the war has already "had unintended consequences." Among those are "Iran's morally despicable decision to target its neighbors in the region," which has "spread the expanse of destruction."

As a result, said Cardinal McElroy, "Lebanon may fall into civil war. The world's oil supply is under great strain. The potential disintegration of Iran could well produce new and dangerous realities. And the possibility of immense casualties on all sides is immense."

Avoiding prolonged war

Cardinal McElroy also said the U.S. "must insure that this war does not turn into a prolonged conflict, lurching from goal to goal and from strategy to strategy."

"One of the most important Catholic teachings on war and peace is that nations have the strict obligation to end a war as soon as possible," he said.

The cardinal, along with Bishops Taylor and Joensen, stressed the need for peace, prayer and moral renewal.

Church teaching on just war has at its heart "an abiding resistance to war," as part of Christ's call to discipleship, said Cardinal McElroy.

Ultimately, he said, "the moral questions that confront us today in Iran are part of a larger issue of moral renewal and dialogue that is deeply needed in our country that we reverence so profoundly."

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