

#### 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!**

#### Contact / Contacto:

2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204  
703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

#### Office Hours (mask required)

**Horas de oficina (se requiere el uso de mascarillas)** Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm  
**Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm**

#### Website / sitio web:

[www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org)

#### Live Stream Mass Schedule:

#### Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

22-23 January — 5:30pm and 1pm in Spanish  
22-23 de enero — 5:30pm y 1pm en español

#### Masses / Misas:

##### Weekdays / Días laborables:

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

##### 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 25:21-46. 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

January 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings.

*Luke 4:18*



Me ha ungido para llevar a los  
pobres la buena nueva,

*Lucas 4, 18*

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

#### THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

#### SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

#### LA IGLESIA EN AMÉRICA LATINA

# NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

23 de enero de 2022

TERCER DOMINGO EN  
EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

### **Baptism / Bautizo:**

Please email Baptism Coordinator Sandra Rivera,  
srivera@olqpva.org.  
Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Sandra Rivera, srivera@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 4:45-5:15pm & by appointment

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

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$3,461

Faith Direct (December Average / promedio del mes de diciembre): \$14,255

### WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/ MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 846

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 847

### BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 9am — office@olqpva.org

### OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US / NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR:**

Catherine Algeri, Suri Barahona, Gene Bétit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Marty Butner Covington, Brody Carroll, Reggie Carter, Pat Carty, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claure, Jeff Cory, Mary Daluca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, John Demajo, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yevette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Yolanda Gregorio, Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Margaret Howe, Patrick Hynes, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, 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, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrisey, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Janet O'Neil, Carol Pacello, 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, Jane Shepard, Janet Shirvanian, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquiza, Stephen Utley, Robin Vogel, Kate Witkowski, Midge Wholey, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **TERCER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C); 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27;

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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Lucas 1,1-4; 4,14-21

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **CUARTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C); 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Jeremías 1,4-5, 17-19 (72C); 1 Corintinos 12,31-13,13; Lucas 4,21-30

## MASS INTENTIONS, JANUARY 22-28

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **INTENCIÓN DE LAS MISAS, 22-28 ENERO**

#### **TERCER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

##### **Saturday January 22nd**

5:30 pm Joseph Fratus Jr. (D) by Anne Flack

##### **Sunday January 23rd**

8:00 am James Keightley (D) by Nebiyou Haile

9:30 am Martha Catul (L) by the Family

11:15 am Marilyn DeGarayh (D) by Jack & Karen McHale

1:00 pm Cecilia Fernández-Fernández (D) by Cecilia López

6:00 pm Carmelita Guzmán (D) by Susan Francia & family

##### **Monday January 24th**

12:00 pm Kevin Finan (D) by Susan Bruns

##### **Tuesday January 25th**

12:00 pm the Parish

##### **Wednesday January 26th**

Funeral Mass for Enet Checole Garet (Nigisti Michael)

##### **Thursday January 27th**

12:00 pm Margaret Dominguez by Marie Therese Dominguez

##### **Friday January 28th**

12:00 pm George and Marie Bonneau (D) by Patricia Bonneau

## 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 nuevos cristianos.

### **Vincent Francis O'Donnell & Shadé Adelaida Ogisi**

Baptized January 22 / Bautizados el 22 de enero

## OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

Pastor / Párroco: Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp, thickey@olqpva.org

Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado: Fr. Martin Vu, CSSp, mvu@olqpva.org

Ministerio Latino: Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM, j.nangleofm@yahoo.com

Deacon / Diácono: Dcn. Tony Remedios, tremedios@olqpva.org (@ajremedios) on Twitter

### Parish Office / Oficina parroquial

Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios: Christina Kozyn, ckozyn@olqpva.org

Social Justice & Outreach Minister / Ministro de Justicia Social y

Acercamiento (bilingüe): Sally Diaz-Wells, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos:

Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):

Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Evening and weekend activities (except scheduled Masses): OLQP follows the decision of Arlington Public Schools for cancellation of evening and weekend activities. Those traveling outside the local school district should use their best judgment. For the most up-to-date information for Arlington Public Schools, please visit [www.apsva.us/post/inclement-weather-announcements/](http://www.apsva.us/post/inclement-weather-announcements/) or call 1-866-322-4277

Parish Office Staff and Weekday Activities, 8am-5pm: Office and weekday, day time activities follow the decision of the Federal Government. Tune in to your local radio and tv stations for updated information or visit [www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/](http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/)

Masses: The decision to cancel Masses within the Diocese of Arlington is made by Bishop Burbidge and broadcast on local radio and tv stations.

*To the extent it's possible, notice will be placed on the parish website. Please use your best judgement when traveling outside the immediate area.*

## **NEWS FROM MEDOR**

Timote Georges, Director of the Smallholder Farmers Alliance, the group which implements the agro-forestry program in Medor, sent a progress report on the program's accomplishments in 2021. Those relating to reforestation include the following: *Each of the ten tree nurseries was replenished twice. Each nursery has 70 new active participants. An average of 7,600 trees were transplanted from each nursery so that a total of 76,000 trees were transplanted onto the degraded hills and on farmer's plots in 2021. Medor's tree survival rate is estimated to be 69%, a high number in comparison to tree transplantation survival rates in other parts of the world.* Please pray for our Medor family.

## **WEEKLY OLQP MOMENT**

Join the parish community on Wednesday at 2:21pm to reflect on the topic of **Proclamation**. There is no time requirement for your reflection and no virtual meeting to join. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, please pause for your reflection knowing you are with others from the OLQP community. Anyone wishing to add the OLQP moment to their calendar can email "OLQP Moment" to Patrick Julius

at [patjulius@verizon.net](mailto:patjulius@verizon.net) to receive the information in a calendar request. Please specify if you want the reminder in Spanish.

## **2022 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!**

The 2022 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The theme this year is "Do this in remembrance of me." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us remember the tender nature of Christ as together we give of ourselves to others. You make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) or scan the QR code below:



## **NORMAS ANTE LA INCLEMENCIA DEL CLIMA**

Las actividades nocturnas y de fin de semana (con excepción de las misas programadas): OLQP sigue la decisión de las Escuelas Públicas de Arlington para la cancelación de actividades nocturnas y de fin de semana. Las personas que estuvieran fuera del sistema escolar local deben utilizar su mejor juicio. Para obtener la información más actualizada sobre las Escuelas Públicas de Arlington, por favor llame al 1-866-322-4277.

Personal de la Oficina Parroquial: las actividades de la Oficina y del día siguen la decisión del Gobierno Federal. Sintonice las emisoras de radio y televisión locales para obtener información actualizada.

Misas: La decisión de cancelar las misas dentro de la Diócesis de Arlington es hecha por el obispo Loverde y transmitida por las estaciones de radio y televisión locales.

En la medida de lo posible, el aviso será colocado en el sitio web de la parroquia y en el mensaje telefónico.

## **NOTICIAS DE MEDOR**

Timote Georges, Director de la Alianza de los pequeños agricultores, el grupo que implementa el programa agroforestal en Medor, mandó un reporte del progreso de los logros del programa en el 2021. Los que se relacionan con la reforestación incluyen los siguientes: Cada uno de los diez viveros de árboles se repuso dos veces. Cada vivero tiene 70 participantes activos nuevos. Un promedio de 7,600 árboles se trasplantaron de cada vivero para que un total de 76,000 árboles se trasplantaron a los montes degradados y a las parcelas de los agricultores en el 2021. Se calcula que la tasa de supervivencia de los árboles de Medor es de un 69%, un número elevado en comparación con la tasa de supervivencia de árboles trasplantados en otras partes del mundo. Por favor reza por nuestra familia de Medor.

**MOMENTO SEMANAL DE OLQP** Únase a la comunidad parroquial el miércoles a las 2:21pm para reflexionar sobre el tema de la **Proclamación**. No se requiere que se reflexione por un tiempo específico y no hay que arisar a una reunión virtual. Dondequier que esté, sin importar lo que está haciendo, por favor pare para reflexionar sabiendo que está unido/a a otras personas de la comunidad de OLQP. Cualquier persona que desea añadir el momento a su calendario puede mandarle un correo electrónico "Momento de OLQP" a Patrick Julius – [patjulius@verizon.net](mailto:patjulius@verizon.net) para recibir la información en una solicitud para el calendario. Por favor especifique si quiere el recordatorio en español.

## **¡COMIENZA LA PETICIÓN CUARESMAL DEL OBISPO DE 2022!**

La correspondencia sobre la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2022 se les envió recientemente a los feligreses. El tema de este año es "Hagan esto en conmemoración mía". Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, en espíritu de oración consideren hacer una promesa de contribución. La Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo financia programas y ministerios que sirven a miles de personas en nuestra diócesis. Con la inspiración del tema de la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo, recordemos la tierra naturaleza de Cristo al unirnos para dar algo de nosotros a otras personas. Pueden hacer su ofrenda en [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) o escanear el código de respuesta rápida (QR) que aparece a continuación:



**PARISH ADVISORY BOARD –  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!**

Did you know OLQP has elected lay leadership that supports Fr. Tim and parish activities? The Parish Advisory Board members commit to attend bimonthly meetings (currently 2nd Thursday of the month), serve on committees as needed, and listen to and present parishioners' views and perspectives. The PAB strives to be a body that represents the many backgrounds, ages, mass cohorts and ministry groups of the parish. Six seats are up for election, each for a two-year term. Registered members who have been active for at least two years are eligible and encouraged to consider the PAB – nominate yourself or a fellow member. Nomination slips are now available in the sanctuary, or you may submit nominations via e-mail to [patjulius@verizon.net](mailto:patjulius@verizon.net) (Please include the nominee's full name, phone number and e-mail address). The nomination period closes at the end of the day Sunday, January 23rd.

**IMMIGRATION/REFUGEE TEAM** is working with 7 recent Afghan arrivals and our biggest challenge is transportation of large items like beds and couches. We have many offers of furniture but the one crew we have is only available briefly on Sunday. We are asking for volunteers with large vehicles to help move furniture for these families. If you can help, contact Pat Vinkenes:  
[patvinkenes@yahoo.com](mailto:patvinkenes@yahoo.com)

**PRO-LIFE VA ADVOCATES** invite you to Richmond on February 9 for prayer led by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout. This is an opportunity to meet with your legislators, and celebrate Mass. Please participate in this historic and vital effort to urge those who represent you to defend life! Visit VaProLifeDay.org to register and learn more.

**JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...**

Our liturgical year runs on a 3 year cycle -- years A, B and C. We began year C with the first Sunday of Advent which opens each new liturgical year. And year C uses the Gospel of Luke. This Sunday begins with the opening of Luke's Gospel acknowledging that many others have undertaken recording the events of Jesus' life by those who witnessed the events firsthand. Luke desired to do the same so that Theophilus would come to know the truth, mainly, that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God, who had come into the world as its Savior, manifested by his life, death and resurrection.

Both the Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles were written for this same Theophilus, all so that he might come to believe in Jesus the Christ. It has been pointed out over the years by many scholars that some of the more well-known Gospel stories are only found in Luke. Two of the most famous I would venture to say would be the annunciation by the angel Gabriel to Mary and her subsequent visit to her cousin Elizabeth from which we receive the words of the amazing Magnificat! But not to forget other stories unique to Luke such as: the good Samaritan and the Lavish Father (the Prodigal Son).

Last week in John's Gospel we had Jesus beginning his public ministry at the wedding feast at Cana and the miracle of the turning of the water into wine. Luke similarly places the beginning

**JUNTA CONSULTORA DE LA PARROQUIA --  
¡CONVOCATORIA DE NOMINACIONES!**

¿Sabía que OLQP ha elegido un liderazgo laico que apoya al Padre Tim y las actividades parroquiales? Los miembros de la Junta Consultora de la Parroquia (PAB, por sus siglas en inglés) se comprometen a asistir a reuniones bimestrales (actualmente el segundo jueves del mes), a servir en comités según sea necesario y a escuchar y presentar las opiniones y perspectivas de los feligreses. La PAB se esfuerza por ser un grupo que representa los muchos orígenes, edades, grupos de misas y grupos de ministerio de la parroquia. Hay seis plazas sujetas a reelección, cada una por un período de dos años. Personas inscritas en la parroquia que han estado activas durante al menos dos años son elegibles y se les anima a considerar la PAB. Se puede usted o nominar a otra persona miembro de la iglesia. Los formularios de nominación están disponibles ahora en el santuario o puede enviar las nominaciones por correo electrónico a [patjulius@verizon.net](mailto:patjulius@verizon.net) (Por favor incluya el nombre completo, número de teléfono y dirección de correo electrónico de la persona nominada). El período de nominación termina al final del día domingo, 23 de enero.

**EL EQUIPO DE INMIGRACIÓN/REFUGIADOS** está trabajando con 7 personas afganas que llegaron recientemente y nuestro mayor reto es la transportación de cosas grandes como camas y sofás. Tenemos muchas ofertas de muebles pero el grupo que tenemos solo está disponible por un rato el domingo. Les pedimos a las personas que tienen vehículos grandes, que se ofrezcan de voluntarias para transportar estos muebles para estas familias. Si puede ayudar, por favor contacte a Pat Vinkenes:  
[patvinkenes@yahoo.com](mailto:patvinkenes@yahoo.com)

**ABOGADORES PRO-VIDA (PRO-LIFE VA ADVOCATES)** los invita a ir a Richmond el 9 de febrero para una sesión de oración dirigida por el Obispo Burbidge y el Obispo Knestout. Esta es una oportunidad para conocer a sus legisladores y celebrar la Misa. ¡Por favor participe en este esfuerzo histórico y vital para urgir a quienes los representan a ustedes para defender la vida! Visite VaProLifeDay.org para inscribirse y aprender más.

of Jesus' ministry in the region of Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit, where he traveled about the area preaching in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

And then he heads to his hometown of Nazareth and Luke recounts this wonderful scene of Jesus going to his home synagogue and proclaiming the words of the prophet Isaiah.

Jesus proclaims these famous words of, arguably, one of the most important of the ancient prophets. That opening line; "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" ... is a proclamation of Jesus' true identity, just as at the wedding at Cana, by his miracle he revealed his true identity.

In this case it is Jesus' words when he sits down; "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." This is the moment when Jesus tells all of his boyhood friends and neighbors that he is not who they think he is! No he is MUCH MORE. He is the ONE upon whom rests "The Spirit of the Lord"! Now that is an amazing proclamation! And it had to have been shocking and somewhat unbelievable to his kin and to those who had known him all his life. But we will hear more about that next week.

What is the Spirit of the Lord moving me to do with my life? To whom is the Spirit calling me to reach out to?

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.**

### **RCIA COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

We have three participants in the English-speaking RCIA process as catechumens and candidates. Companions on the Journey (who are members of OLQP) have been praying for these participants, as well as for our sponsors and team members, as a group since we began meeting in September. In November, each of the Companions was assigned to an individual participant for whom they are praying daily and sending periodic messages of encouragement on behalf of the wider OLQP community. We send a special thank you to our Companions for their generosity and loving support: Kezia Charles, Rebecca Cunningham, Ginny Franco, Steve Glymph, Sharon Kane, Joe Martocci III, Barb McKeough, Nathan Mitchell, Anne Murphy, Elizabeth Murphy, the members of Namaste, Steven Novotny, Aimee Ramsay, and Kate Wilson.

**ECO-TIP:** Winter Energy Savings: Lower your heat by 6-7 degrees when away from the house and reduce a few degrees when asleep. Better yet, install a programmable thermostat. Seal and weatherstrip. Keep your furnace filters clean, change every 3 months.

### **UP-COMING "CARE FOR CREATION" WEBINARS:**

- **Sunday, Feb. 6, 4 pm:** The parish Integrity of Creation team invites you to a virtual presentation by world renowned climate scientist, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. Title is "Saving Us" based on her recent book sharing the most important things we can do for the environment.  
Hayhoe is a professor at Texas Tech and climate advisor for the Nature Conservancy. She has been named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people. Zoom link will be provided in future bulletins.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7 pm:** "Why Catholics Care for Creation" This webinar will highlight Catholic teaching about the created world and what our faith tells us about our responsibility to care for the Earth. Guest speaker is Dr. Catherine Wright of Wingate University. RSVP to saintjn.cch@gmail.com for Zoom link.

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?** Join me in welcoming Caitlin Morneau from Catholic Mobilizing Network on **Tuesday, January 25**, beginning 7 pm via zoom. She will be talking about restorative justice and how we can use it at our parish. Arlington County and Alexandria City have begun using restorative justice as an alternative to the usual methods to solutions for justice. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82852219640>  
Meeting ID: 828 5221 9640. Please contact Sally Diaz-Wells for more information.

**REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS!** We are in real need of plastic bags now that the county has begun charging for them. 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 10 am until 2 pm in the food collection bins behind Father Ray Hall.

**VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY** — continuing commentary/update: At our parish's service on Jan. 17 honoring the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I heard many references to human dignity and human rights and the call to do justice. Words attributed to Dr. King that he offered to the world *several decades* ago and reminder words offered by our pastor, Fr. Tim Hickey these many decades later in 2022. Words challenging you and me and our lawmakers to STAND UP and SPEAK OUT on behalf of justice for our human community.

While it is certainly important for each of us to talk about justice with our families, friends, and neighbors, it is critical to raise our concerns with the "power brokers" (elected officials) about the many *threats* to justice and human dignity and human rights that headline our news.

At the heart of our Catholic social tradition is the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. The Church proclaims that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Furthermore, it claims that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

We must use that lens as we examine the legislative bills and votes of the Virginia General Assembly. Using that lens, how can we abide the rollback of voting rights, the persistent use of solitary confinement in our prisons, the denial of adequate health care to many, the threat to reinstate the death penalty, the allowance of guns in places of worship, and more?

Did you locate your state senator and state delegate using the link in last week's bulletin? Have you been educating yourself on some of the issues of concern? There's no time to waste! ACT NOW!

### **FAITH DIRECT eGIVING**

Looking for a great stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help OLQP grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting [Faith.Direct/VA271](http://Faith.Direct/VA271). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. *Blessings, Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin*

### **REGISTER WITH THE PARISH / UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION / LET US KNOW YOU'RE MOVING**

If you have never officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. It is very helpful to us to have accurate information. Visit the parish website ([www.olqpva.org](http://www.olqpva.org)) click on about us >> register >> register with us. If you need to update your record or would like a copy of the information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly, [jgantz.daly@olqpva.org](mailto:jgantz.daly@olqpva.org).

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Lock-In retreat has been postponed to Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> and will be virtual. Stay tuned for information.

### **YOUNG ADULT**

The International Christmas potluck has been postponed until a later date.



# Compará su Fe

# Share your Faith

## Apoye la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina

Entonces, ya no digo que tengo “prójimos” a quienes debo ayudar, sino que me siento llamado a volverme yo un prójimo de los otros.

—Papa Francisco, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

## Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

**O**n June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity.

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Responder al llamado al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada es un valiente acto de fe, especialmente, en un momento y en un lugar donde los sacerdotes enfrentan actos de violencia, como le sucedió al padre Ricardo. El Subcomité para la Iglesia en América Latina reconoce la valentía y la apertura de los seminaristas como aquellos del seminario San Óscar Arnulfo Romero, apoyándoles en su formación mientras que se preparan para una vida de dedicado servicio. El apoyo de ustedes a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina hace posible que hombres jóvenes en El Salvador y en toda América Latina y el Caribe respondan a ese llamado. Muchas gracias por su generosidad.

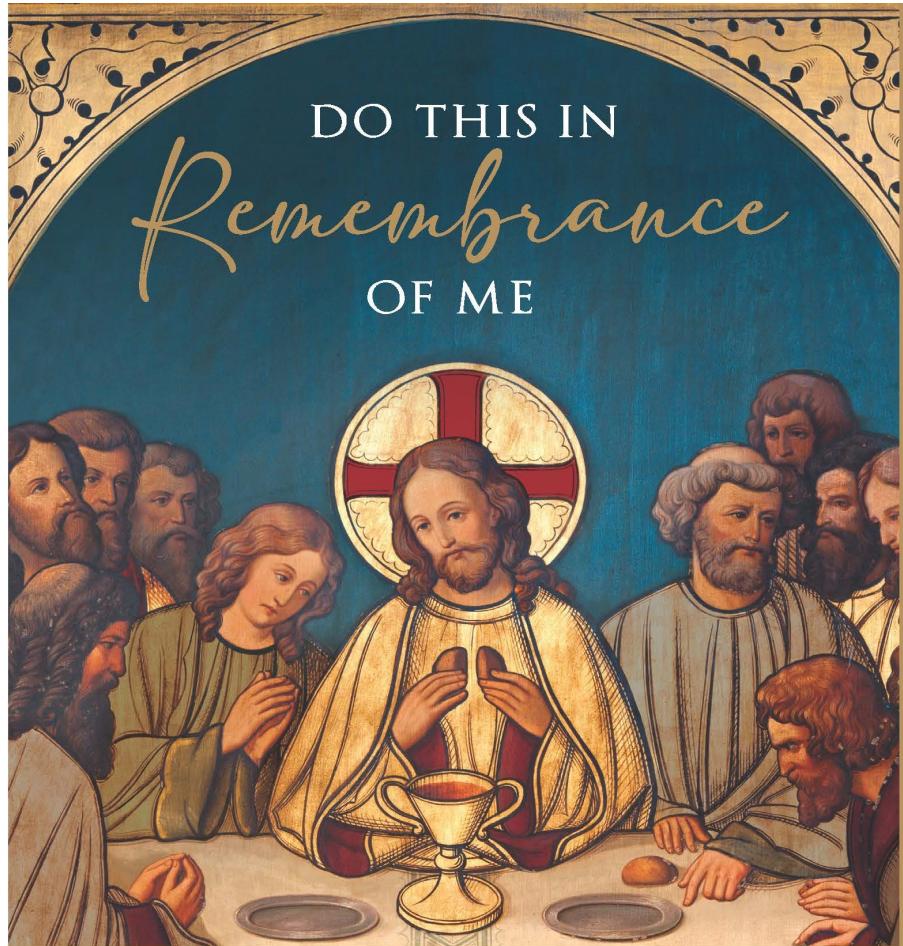
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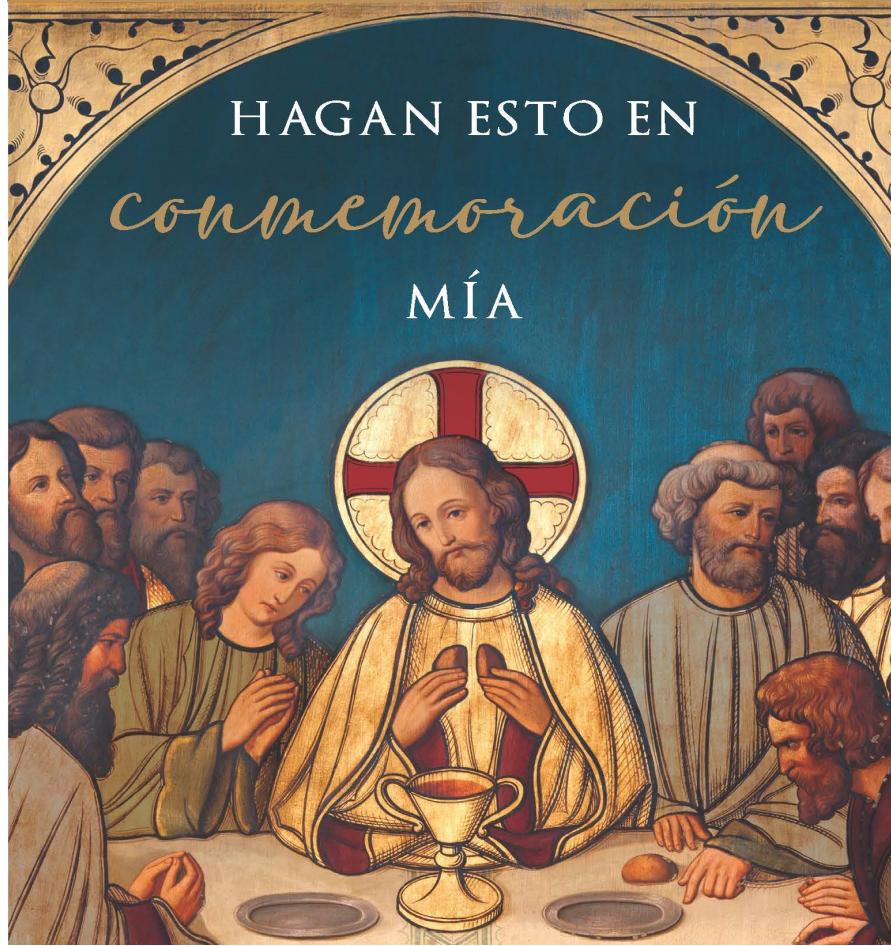
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# We need more dangerous saints

By James T. Keane

This is shaping up to be a historic week in El Salvador, one filled with the resurrection of painful memories but also with joyous celebrations marking the strength, resilience and faith of the Salvadoran people. Thirty years ago this week, on Jan. 16, 1992, representatives of the Salvadoran government and of the FMLN insurgency in El Salvador signed the Chapultepec Peace Accords, bringing an end to that country's long and brutal civil war. Over 75,000 people had died—with thousands more simply "disappeared"—and over a million Salvadorans had fled the country, but the peace accords offered hope for a new future for El Salvador.

Among those killed in the war by government forces and paramilitaries were a number of Catholic priests, men and women religious and lay missionaries, including Rutilio Grande, S.J. He will be beatified this coming weekend in San Salvador.

Father Grande and his two traveling companions, 15-year-old Nelson Rutilio Lemus and 72-year-old Manuel Solórzano, were murdered outside of the small town of El Paisnal on March 12, 1977. In addition to Father Grande's witness as a martyr, [wrote Ana María Pineda, R.S.M., in America last week](#), he is remembered by the people of El Salvador for his "personal contributions to the poor of his beloved country, his commitment to the church and the Jesuit community, his love for the people that he generously served [and] his love for his many friends and family."

It was my great privilege to attend [the beatification of Archbishop \(now Saint\) Óscar Romero in San Salvador in May 2015](#); if that celebration is any indication, Father Grande's beatification will be a joy-filled and raucous occasion, putting to shame the more staid ceremonies one might find in Vatican City or elsewhere. The people of El Salvador, [Pineda wrote](#), "will celebrate the beatification of one of their own on Jan. 22, their beloved 'Father Tilo.' Let us join with them in crying out '*iPresente!*'"

Outside of El Salvador, [Pineda noted](#), "Father Grande is primarily remembered as a close friend of Archbishop Óscar Romero. Often overlooked is the fact that at the outset of the civil war in El Salvador, Father

Grande was the first priest killed. Indeed, he was the first-born of the martyrs of this new era." His prophetic stance and his solidarity with the poor of his native country, she wrote, "led directly to his death. His influence on the church of El Salvador and those who followed him on the road to martyrdom merits profound consideration."

Father Grande's murder came just three weeks after the installation of Óscar Romero as Archbishop of San Salvador; Romero would join his longtime friend in martyrdom just three years later, murdered while saying Mass. Many other martyrs would follow, including ones well-known to *America* readers, like the ["Churchwomen of El Salvador"](#) in 1980 and the [Jesuit martyrs from the University of Central America](#) in San Salvador in 1989. In 2018, *America* reviewed ["Revolutionary Saint: The Theological Legacy of Óscar Romero"](#) by Michael E. Lee. In his review, Roger Haight, S.J. (someone who knows a thing or two about theology), noted that Lee did not seek simply to describe "Romero's life story or the social and political forces that so distinctively shaped it." Instead, he sought "to trace the way Romero understood his Christian faith in the midst of change, crushing social injustice, ecclesial upheaval and the self-interested political uses of power."

Lee noted in *Revolutionary Saint* that for many years, church officials had used traditional interpretations of martyrdom to disqualify Romero from consideration for martyrdom or sainthood. "But the argument to isolate the 'martyr' by canonical definition to a witness who dies for doctrinal truths pales when compared with a full life lived in witness to the values of the rule of God that Jesus too preached in the face of opposition," Haight wrote. "Here again the life and motivation of the minister of God's word break open the traditional language and let the substance emerge. Romero changed a restricted meaning of martyrdom by his lived commitment."

In her 2016 [review in America of Eileen Markey's \*A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura\*](#), Elizabeth Kirkland Cahill made a similar point about the martyrdom of Maura Clarke, M.M., a Maryknoll sister murdered in El Salvador the same year as Romero along with Jean

Donovan, Ita Ford, M.M., and Dorothy Kazel, O.S.U. The word "martyr," Kirkland Cahill wrote, "has perhaps lost its power to move us. It is either rendered ridiculous through misapplication to minor situations or seems so sublime that our paltry mortal minds cannot grasp its meaning." But in Markey's account of the life and death of Maura Clarke, Kirkland Cahill found a martyr who had been "reclaimed from the remoteness of the pedestal."

Writing with a reporter's eye for detail (The book begins with "The grave was fresh," and the final chapter opens with "The death squads came in the night."), Markey told a story that "resounds in the reader's heart as a deeply felt and profoundly stirring affirmation of life, of a singular life," [Kirkland Cahill wrote](#). "She succeeds brilliantly at transforming the martyr Maura, symbol of ultimate Christian commitment, into a recognizable human being—incarnate, immediate and arresting in her individuality. And in doing so, Markey opens up all sorts of possibilities for us. Because if Maura, the martyr, is like us—imperfect, thirsty for God, responding to the challenges of her time and place as best she could—then perhaps we can be like Maura."

I had a spiritual director many years ago who lamented that so many of El Salvador's martyrs—including tens of thousands of disappeared lay people—would never be recognized by the church. Óscar Romero, he said, would have to stand in as the representative for all who paid the ultimate price over the years; while Romero was certainly a deserving candidate, "once we make them saints, they are no longer dangerous to us."

Óscar Romero was finally canonized in Rome in 2018; it looks more and more likely that Father Grande will one day be declared a saint as well. Hopefully Maura Clarke, Jean Donovan, Ita Ford and Dorothy Kazel will be too—we need more dangerous saints.

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