

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

### Live Stream Mass Schedule:

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

July 8-9— 9:30am and 1pm Bilingual  
8-9 de julio— 9:30am y 1pm en bilingüe

### 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

July 9, 2023

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION AT

#### OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE: July 12-14!

Forty Hours will begin with a Mass on Wednesday, July 12th at 8:00PM  
and conclude with Benediction on Friday, July 14th at 12:00

Noon, followed by the daily Mass.

Click [here](#) for the signup link.

### ¡DEVOCIÓN DE LAS CUARENTA HORAS OLQP:

12-14 de julio!

Las Cuarenta Horas comenzarán con una Misa el miércoles, 12 de julio a las 8:00PM y terminarán con una Bendición eucarística el viernes, 14 de julio a las 12:00 del mediodía, seguido por la celebración de la Misa diaria.

[Haga clic aquí](#) para el enlace de registro.

"Come to me,  
all you who  
labor and are  
burdened,  
and I will give  
you rest."

- Matthew 11:28



"Vengan a mí,  
todos los que  
están fatigados  
y agobiados  
por la carga y  
yo les daré  
alivio."

- Mateo 11,28

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

PASTORAL SOLIDARITY FUND - AFRICA

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

FONDO DE SOLIDARIDAD PASTORAL - ÁFRICA



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

9 de julio de 2023

Decimotercero del Tiempo Ordinario

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

### ***Baptism / Bautizo:***

Please email Baptism Coordinator Juderica Dias,  
baptism@olqpva.org.  
Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Juderica Dias, baptism@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*  
Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, & by appointment.  
Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm, y por cita previa.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$8,444  
Peter's Pence / Colecta de Caridad del Papa: \$2,799  
Faith Direct (June Average / promedio del mes de junio): \$14,421

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

Today's readings can be found on page 338  
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 339

## 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:** Suri Barahona, Gene Bétit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, John Demajo, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Debbie Dumas-Hand, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Melanie Guitreaux, Harris Family, Sally Harrs, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Margaret Howe, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, Cindy Kernick, Ruth Klarman, Sally Krahn, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, 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 Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Bruyce Niligis, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **DECIMOCUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Zechariah 9:9-10 (100A); Romans 8:9,11-13; Matthew 11:25-30  
Zacarias 9,9-10 (100A); Romanos 8,9, 11-13; Mateo 11,25-30

## **FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **DECIMOQUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Isiah 55:10-11 (103A); Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-9  
Isías 55,10-11 (103A); Romanos 8,18-23; Mateo 13,1-9

## **MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 8-14**

### **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 8-14 JULIO**

### **DECIMOCUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

#### **Saturday July 8th**

5:30 pm the parish

#### **Sunday July 9th**

8:00 am the parish

9:30 am Robert Meighan (D) by Minkisi Ministry  
11:15 am Catalino Yaptenco (D) by the Francia family  
1:00 pm Rosa Aranda (D) by the Lovo family

6:00 pm the parish

#### **Monday July 10th**

12:00 pm the parish

#### **Tuesday July 11th**

11:00 am - Memorial Mass for Anne Martone

#### **Wednesday July 12th**

12:00 pm Janet O'Neil (D) by Sharon Jordan

#### **Thursday July 13th**

12:00 pm José Joey Ortiz by Judy Francia-Reyes

#### **Friday July 14th**

12:00 pm Martha Grayeb (L) by Emma Grayeb

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA**

This weekend we welcome one new Christian. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a un nuevo cristiano.

### **Noah Robert Washington**

Baptized July 8 / Bautizado el 8 de julio

### **CONGRATULATIONS! / ¡FELICIDADES!**

**Lisa Marie Roa Clark and Olivier Ekounda Abiaba**

Married July 8 / Casados el 8 de julio

## **OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA**

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

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*Deacon / Diácono:* **Dcn. Tony Remedios**, tremedios@olqpva.org

### **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 Díaz-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

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

Today's Gospel invites us to "rest in Jesus" -- to turn our burdens over to Jesus and allow the power of the Spirit, dwelling within us, to empower us to push on... ever forward...knowing that we do so not alone but with the presence of the very one who created us and loved us into being.

Jesus does not dismiss the burdens of life. On the contrary, Jesus recognizes just how heavy they are and, in the midst of the struggles of our lives, he assures us to be with us and help us.

We are not asked to set our burdens down at the door of the church as we enter. But rather, we are invited to bring them to the altar and place them side by side with the bread and wine which we offer to be blessed and broken, transformed and shared.

This Jesus, the Christ, knows first hand of our human burdens and understands our suffering. We need not fear that our God does not understand, or does not care. The message of all of Jesus' preaching and teaching was the exact opposite: our God knows us and loves us deeply and passionately and walks with us in the midst of our sufferings; our God weeps with us when we weep and suffers with us when we suffer.

And as the Body of Christ, we are invited to reach out to others whose burdens and pain overwhelm them... to be the compassion of Christ to them...to help carry their burdens and to walk with them in the midst of their suffering. As Pope Francis said, to "be a sign of mercy".

Welcoming the stranger, the immigrant, the one who is "other", is an authentic living out of our discipleship...it incarnates the Gospel in the midst of our community.

Ironically in our reaching out to others, often our burdens are lightened, our wounds begin to heal and we become more and more the living Body of Christ. We become the face of the mercy of God.

Do I have burdens or old wounds that I am holding on to and not giving over to Jesus, that getting rid of might allow me to be more available to my sisters and brothers in need? Whose burden or pain am I being called to help carry, and how might I do that? How might I become the face of mercy to those who are suffering?

Blessings,  
Fr Tim

**MATTHEW 25** -- Thank you as always for your generosity; however, we are overflowing and we need to pause with accepting donations for the time being. We will let you know when we can begin taking donations again. Thank you for your continued support.

**MISSION COLLECTION:  
Assumption Sisters of Nairobi (ASN)**

On July 22 and 23, 2023, Mr. Florian Smith, representing the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi (ASN), will speak at our Masses. He will be making an appeal, on behalf of the Assumption sisters, to contribute to the ongoing work of the Sisters in Nairobi, Kenya. Florian is a lay person who has worked closely with the ASN for over 18 years.

The mission of the ASN is to provide healthcare and educate the disenfranchised, the poorest of the poor, especially women, in Africa, from a primary school level through secondary school. Only recently have the Sisters begun the enormous project of starting a school for poor young boys who cannot go to school and then, without education, begin a life of drug abuse and crime. Further expanded curriculum are planned as money and buildings become available. Please be generous in your donations to the Assumption Sisters mission later this month.

**MATEO 25** – Como siempre, gracias por su generosidad, pero por ahora tenemos que dejar de aceptar donaciones. Le dejaremos saber cuando puede empezar a traer donaciones otra vez. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

**COLECTA PARA LAS MISIONES:  
Assumption Sisters de Nairobi (ASN)**

El 22 y 23 de julio de 2023, el Sr. Florian Smith, representante de las Assumption Sisters de Nairobi (ASN) va a dar una charla en todas nuestras Misas. Él va a presentar una apelación en nombre de las Assumption Sisters, para que contribuyamos a la labor continua de las hermanas en Nairobi, Kenia. El Sr. Florian es una persona laica que ha trabajado muy estrechamente con las hermanas por más de 18 años.

La misión de las hermanas en África es proveer cuidado de salud y educar a las personas sin derechos, a las más pobres de las pobres, especialmente a mujeres, de nivel de escuela elemental hasta escuela secundaria. Solo recientemente es que las hermanas han empezado el enorme proyecto de empezar una escuela para niños varones que no pueden ir a la escuela y entonces, sin educación, empiezan una vida de abuso de drogas y crimen. Se planea expandir el currículo cuando haya dinero y edificios disponibles. Por favor, más tarde este mes, done generosamente a la misión de las Assumption Sisters.

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN

Please enroll your children if you want them to attend religious education classes next year. Remember that sacramental preparation is a two-year program. If you need more information, please visit our website ([www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org)) or write Faith Formation Director, Cecilia Lopez at [clopez@olqpva.org](mailto:clopez@olqpva.org) , or FF Assistant, Tom Parisi at [tparisi@olqpva.org](mailto:tparisi@olqpva.org).



To register use: [rb.gy/168a1](https://rb.gy/168a1)

## LA MATRÍCULA PARA LA FORMACIÓN DE FE PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2023-2024 YA HA EMPEZADO

Por favor matricule a sus hijas e hijos si quiere que asistan a las clases de educación religiosa el próximo año. Recuerde que la preparación sacramental es un programa de dos años. Si necesita más información, por favor visite nuestro sitio web ([www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org)) o escríbale a la Directora de la Formación de fe, Cecilia López, [clopez@olqpva.org](mailto:clopez@olqpva.org) o al asistente de Formación de fe, Tom Parisi, [tparisi@olqpva.org](mailto:tparisi@olqpva.org).

Para matricularse use: [rb.gy/168a1](https://rb.gy/168a1)

### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE: July 12-14!

The celebration of Forty Hours has been going on throughout the year in every region of the Diocese as part of the Diocesan-wide preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Arlington Diocese in 2024. Our Forty Hours Devotion will be held at OLQP July 12-14 – please use sign up to take part, this way we can be sure that someone will always be present for adoration. You can come to pray by yourself or bring a friend, come as a family or a ministry group.

Click [here](#) for the signup link.

We need people to sign up to be present for adoration and prayer around the clock during the full Forty Hours Devotion. **This includes throughout the night; at which time we should have AT LEAST two parishioners present in the church from 9pm to 6am.** You may sign up for an hour or two, or for more, whatever amount of time that you are able to spend with Jesus. As long as you can see that the hour is covered by someone, and if you are only able to come for half an hour or less, please come, as long as someone is signed up for the full hour. Even if all the slots are full, please come!

Adoration will continue for Forty Hours, except during the period of the Noon Mass on Thursday, July 13th, at which time the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and then returned to the altar after the Mass for adoration to continue. **Forty Hours will begin with a Mass on Wednesday, July 12th at 8:00PM and conclude with Benediction on Friday, July 14th at 12:00 Noon**, followed by the daily Mass.

**FOOD PANTRY** -- This weekend is the parish Food Collection for our busy food pantry. If you were unable to bring food, please consider dropping by with your food donation anytime during the week or make a monetary donation on our website:

<https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/donate.html>

Thank you for your continued support.

### ¡DEVOCIÓN DE LAS CUARENTA HORAS OLQP: 12-14 de julio!

La celebración de las Cuarenta Horas se ha estado llevando a cabo durante el año en cada región de la diócesis como parte de la preparación por toda la diócesis para el Cincuenta aniversario en 2024. Nuestra Devoción de las cuarenta horas se va a llevar a cabo en OLQP del 12-14 de julio – por favor apúntese para participar y así estaremos seguros de que alguien siempre va a estar presente para la adoración. Puede venir a rezar sola/o o traer a una amiga/o, venir en familia o grupo de ministerio.

[Haga clic aquí](#) para el enlace de registro.

Necesitamos personas que se apunten para estar presentes para la adoración y oración 24 horas al día durante las 40 horas de la Devoción. **Esto incluye durante la noche, cuando deberíamos tener un mínimo de dos feligreses presentes en la iglesia de 9pm a 6am.** Puede apuntarse para pasar una o dos horas, media hora o el tiempo que pueda pasar con Jesús. Mientras pueda ver que va a haber alguien durante la hora, si solo puede estar media hora o menos, por favor venga si va a haber una persona que va a pasar la hora completa. Y aunque todos los espacios estén cubiertos, ¡por favor venga!

La adoración va a continuar por Cuarenta Horas, excepto durante la Misa de las 12 del mediodía el jueves, 13 de julio, cuando tendremos la reposición del Santísimo Sacramento y después lo volveremos a llevar al altar para que continúe la adoración. **Las Cuarenta Horas comenzarán con una Misa el miércoles, 12 de julio a las 8:00PM y terminarán con una Bendición eucarística el viernes, 14 de julio a las 12:00 del mediodía**, seguido por la celebración de la Misa diaria.

**LA DEPENSA DE ALIMENTOS** – Este fin de semana es la recogida de alimentos de la parroquia para nuestra Despensa de alimentos. Si no pudo traer comida, por favor considere traer donaciones en cualquier momento durante la semana o donar dinero en nuestro sitio web:

<https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/donate.html>

Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

## YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSEMBLY – Call to Action!

Governor Glenn Youngkin has agreed to participate in an in-person assembly on July 9 in Triangle, VA to discuss solutions to the growing youth mental health crisis in Virginia. VOICE, in partnership with the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, invited Governor Youngkin to the assembly on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> that will focus on actions to address the mental health and substance abuse crisis in Virginia, especially among our youth. The Virginia Dept of Health reports that “Self-harm emergency department visits more than doubled among Virginia youth aged 9-18 years from 6,520 visits in 2016 to 14,298 visits in 2021.” VOICE and its partners have helped bend the arc of the universe toward justice in Virginia before. As we see the suffering of youth in our community, we must work to do it again.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for OLQP parishioner’s voices to be heard. Our Lady Queen of Peace is a member of VOICE: Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement – a multifaith, non-partisan coalition of organizations in Northern Virginia that works to improve the lives of “the least of these”. If you will be able to join us please notify Chuck Moran ([chuckmoran106@gmail.com](mailto:chuckmoran106@gmail.com)) or Roy Tucker ([RoyTucker12@gmail.com](mailto:RoyTucker12@gmail.com)). The Unitarian Church, at 4444 Arlington Blvd (Rte 50), has bus transportation going to Triangle, VA. To sign up, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/xySD59MCryxqBEae9>

**Assembly:** Sunday, July 9, 3:00 to 4:30 PM (to be seated by 2:30 PM), Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 18410 Chapel Dr., Triangle, VA.

## ASAMBLEA DE SALUD CONDUCTUAL PARA LA JUVENTUD -- ¡Llamada a la acción!

El Gobernador Glenn Youngkin ha accedido a participar en persona en una asamblea el 9 de julio en Triangle, VA para discutir soluciones a la crisis en aumento de salud mental de la juventud en Virginia. VOICE, en asociación con Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association, invitaron al Gobernador Youngkin a asistir a la asamblea el domingo, 9 de julio que se va a concentrar en acciones para abordar la crisis de salud mental y el abuso de sustancias en Virginia, especialmente entre nuestra juventud. Esta es una oportunidad extraordinaria para que se oigan las voces de los feligreses de OLQP. Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz es miembro de VOICE: Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement – Una coalición multireligiosa, no partidista de organizaciones en el norte de Virginia que trabaja para mejorar las vidas de “el menor de ellos”. Si puede unirse a nosotros, por favor notifique a Chuck Moran, ([chuckmoran106@gmail.com](mailto:chuckmoran106@gmail.com)) o a Roy Tucker ([RoyTucker12@gmail.com](mailto:RoyTucker12@gmail.com)). La iglesia Unitaria, en 4444 Arlington Blvd (Rte 50), tiene transportación que va a Triangle, VA. Para apuntarse, por favor siga este enlace: <https://forms.gle/xySD59MCryxqBEae9>

**La Asamblea** es el domingo, 9 de julio, de 3:00 a 4:30 PM (para obtener asiento debe llegar a las 2:30 PM), Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 18410 Chapel Dr., Triangle, VA.

## OLQP Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive Campaña anual para recoger mochilas y materiales escolares

It’s that time again, and we need your help to send **750** local children (including Afghan & recently arrived Ukrainian children) back to school ready to learn!

**When:** Collections start now, with distributions of supplies in mid-August (right before school starts)

**What we need:** Sturdy backpacks and supplies to include the following:

- ◆ pencils,
- ◆ markers,
- ◆ erasers,
- ◆ wide and college ruled notebooks, etc.
- ◆ binders,
- ◆ glue sticks, and
- ◆ crayons



Please check the [Signup Genius](#) for the specific list.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/>

**Where:** Place donations in the food pantry collection bins by August 8th.

- **Shopping online?** Ship directly to parish, by noting “school supply drive” in the address.
- **Prefer to make a monetary donation?** Donations labelled “Backpack drive” can be dropped in the Sunday collection, dropped off in the parish office, or made online through Faith Direct.

**Want to Volunteer?** If you would like to help pack backpacks and/or help distribute backpacks, please contact [DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com](mailto:DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com).

**Questions?** please contact [Patvinkenes@yahoo.com](mailto:Patvinkenes@yahoo.com)

¡Es el momento otra vez y necesitamos su ayuda para ayudar a mandar a **750** niñas y niños locales (inclusive a niñas y niños afganos y ucranianos recién llegados) a la escuela, listos para aprender!

**¿Cuándo?:** La colecta empieza ahora, con la distribución de materiales a mediados de agosto (justo antes de que empiecen las clases)

**Lo que necesitamos:** Mochilas resistentes y materiales que incluyen los siguientes:

- ◆ lápices
- ◆ marcadores
- ◆ libretas “wide y college ruled”
- ◆ gomitas de borrar
- ◆ carpetas
- ◆ barras de pegamento y crayolas, etc.

Por favor chequee el [Signup Genius](#) para ver la lista específica. **Haga clic aquí para apuntarse**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/>

**Dónde?:** Ponga sus donaciones en los contenedores de la despensa de alimentos para el 8 de agosto (fecha límite).

- **¿Compra en línea?** Envíenla directamente a la parroquia, poniendo “school supply drive” en la dirección.
- **¿Prefiere hacer una donación monetaria?** Las donaciones marcadas con “Backpack drive” se pueden poner en la colecta del domingo, se pueden llevar a la oficina parroquial o se pueden hacer en línea por Faith Direct.

**¿Quiere ser voluntaria o voluntario?** Si quisiera ayudar a empacar las mochilas y/o ayudar a distribuir las, por favor contacte a [DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com](mailto:DeeDee.Tostanoski@gmail.com).

**¿Tiene preguntas?** Por favor contacte a [Patvinkenes@yahoo.com](mailto:Patvinkenes@yahoo.com)

**NEWS FROM MEDOR:** The approximately 3,100 students attending the schools in St. Joseph parish have started their summer vacation and are celebrating! Like so many children throughout the world, they delight in their summer break. At the same time, they join their teachers, parents and other community members in gratitude that their schools were able to operate as planned this last school year. Insecurity caused many other Haitian schools to open intermittently or remain closed altogether. We wish all Medor students a wonderful summer holiday and join them in praying for peace and security in their country.

#### **CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER – Thursday, July 15**

Carpenter's now has all families, 20 adults and 34 children. This month's dinner will be baked or fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, green salad, cornbread, birthday cake & lemonade. Food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Friday, 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 your 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"**. Regulars, look for the sign-up email; new contributors, please contact Mary Resnick to add your name or offer your choice, 703-462-4841, [mary.resnick@gmail.com](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com).

*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.*

#### **THE ADVOCATE – OLQP's Newsletter**

Check out OLQP's newsletter, The Advocate, on the parish website (About Us >>News and Bulletins). This issue includes a tribute to Tom Donahue, a legend in the labor movement and member of OLQP's Labor Team; OLQP's new ministry: Restorative Justice; much about Black History Month and the work of OLQP's UJAMAA Committee; a tribute to Fr. David Ray, CSSp.; the work of OLQP's Knitting Ministry; and news on Haitian Migrants and Haiti's Environment Program. If you would like The Advocate emailed to your inbox, please let our parish Administrative Assistant know, Jeannette Gantz Daly. Or let her know you'd prefer to have a hard copy sent to your home mailbox. Leave her a message at [jgantz Daly@olqpva.org](mailto:jgantz Daly@olqpva.org).

#### **COLLEGE NIGHT for Rising College Freshmen**

All rising college freshmen are invited to attend an Associates of St. John Bosco College Night hosted at 5 parishes throughout the Diocese. Listen to a panel of current college students give testimony about living out their Catholic faith on their college campuses. This is a great opportunity for students to meet fellow Catholics from their colleges and to learn about how to be a faithful Catholic on campus. Free pizza dinner is provided! For location information and to register for free, visit [ASJB.org](http://ASJB.org).

**NOTICIAS DE MEDOR:** ¡Los estudiantes, alrededor de 3,100, que asisten a las escuelas en St. Joseph parish han empezado sus vacaciones de verano y están celebrando! Al igual que tantos estudiantes por todo el mundo, les encantan sus vacaciones de verano. Al mismo tiempo, se unen a sus maestras, maestros, madres, padres y otros miembros de la comunidad en agradecimiento porque este último año escolar sus escuelas pudieron operar como se había planeado. La inseguridad hizo que muchas otras escuelas haitianas abrieran de vez en cuando o se mantuvieran cerradas del todo. Les deseamos unas vacaciones maravillosas a todos los estudiantes de Medor y nos unimos a todos en oración por paz y seguridad en su país.

#### **LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO**

El Refugio tiene ahora familias, 20 personas adultas y 34 niñas y niños. El menú este mes va a ser pollo frito, ensalada de papas, frijoles cocidos (baked beans), ensalada verde, pan de maíz, pastel de cumpleaños y limonada. Puede traer la comida a la cocina de la oficina de lunes a viernes durante sus horas de trabajo **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. Por favor, si lleva la comida directamente al Refugio (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria) identifique la comida de la misma manera y **añada el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner"**. Las personas que han donado antes, por favor busquen el correo electrónico para apuntarse. Las persona que donan por primera vez, por favor contacten a Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, [mary.resnick@gmail.com](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com). ¡Gracias!

**JUST FAITH** -- Are you longing to reconnect with your faith and a small community? JustFaith is a four-phase program that uses books, videos, prayer, and conversations about the most difficult topics of the day, face-to-face encounters with the poor, and an exploration of what the Catholic tradition says about addressing injustice in our world. A new cohort will begin in September. We need more than 4 participants to start one. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity. For more information, contact Sally Diaz-Wells, [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

#### **ISIDORE'S GARDEN –**

##### **Join in the Joy of Gardening!**

At Isidore's Garden, our parish community garden located on our OLQP campus, we grow fresh vegetables for our OLQP Food Pantry, along with some pollinator-friendly and native plants. All are welcome to join in the joy of gardening! Connect with nature, enter the soothing rhythm of gardening routines such as watering and weeding plants, bond with fellow parishioners and members of the community, enjoy a little exercise, and care for the earth and for others. Join us on Saturday mornings from 8 - 10 AM and/or Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8 PM. No experience is required. Weather permitting. Bring your water bottle if you wish and the tools will be provided. No need to sign-up. Email Julene at [julenejarnot@gmail.com](mailto:julenejarnot@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ECO-TIP:** *How Birds Help Us.* 5% of our food supply is pollinated by birds and they help control insects. According to the Garden Club of America, a house wren feeds 500 insects to its young in an afternoon. A pair of flickers considers 5,000 ants a snack!

# Teach us to pray

Pencil Preaching for Thursday, June 22, 2023

BY PAT MARRIN



“This is how you are to pray” (Luke 6:9).

[2 Cor 11:1-11](#); [Mt 6:7-15](#)

A serious scholar of religion, in the freedom of his retirement, was trying to find a path to the mystery at the heart of the human quest for meaning. He tried to distinguish what is original from later developments, cutting through the layers of reflection that produced theology and then doctrine, hoping to discover God. His was an approach typical of the search for the historical Jesus behind and beneath the development of the Christ of faith and the organized church.

Whether this is achievable or not - and faith requires accepting the whole continuum - this original inspiration remains the profound goal we all hope to experience for ourselves. Faith begins with the deepest longing of the human heart. We seek the very source of our existence. We want to know who created us. We cry out: “Whoever you are, I want to know you, my God.”

This intimate connection was for Jesus the heart of the “Our Father.” The prayer he taught his disciples was first his own inner conversation with his *Abba*. And before that, going back to his childhood, it was the most

familiar prayer of all, the *Sh’ma*, said daily by all Jews: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and all your strength” (Deut 6:4 ff). And to this was commonly added, “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev 19:18).

We see in the Our Father the same essential focus on God and, from that, on self and neighbor. Jesus gave his disciples his own deep practice of the *Sh’ma*. “This is how to pray. Stand with me in this absolute nexus of relationships between God, you and neighbor. Then listen. Live in this prayer and everything else will take care of itself. Obey this and you will obey the entire Law and the Prophets.”

His approach was not unique. In another Gospel account (Mark 12:28-34), a scribe asked Jesus which is the first of all the commandments. When Jesus recited the *Sh’ma*, the scribe could not resist repeating the prayer, and the two of them engaged in a kind of dueling recitation that moved them both deeply. The scribe tells Jesus, “This is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Jesus praises the scribe: “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” It is one of the most joyful scenes in the Gospels.

Jesus was attuned to this prayer. God had given him an open ear (Psalm 40:6). He was constantly listening to the hum of relationships flowing in and out of God, the source and destination of all reality. Everything Jesus said and did during his life – including the crises he provoked with institutional religion and civil authority, his immersion in the liturgical life of his Jewish faith, his decision to identify with the poor and the outcasts, his death as a pariah and his reappearance within history as messiah - all flowed from his fidelity to the *Sh’ma*.

This prayer, echoing like music in the Our Father, is the most important commandment. If you dare, go stand close to Jesus, your Jewish brother, pray as he prays, then see what happens to you.

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# Pax Christi USA deeply disappointed by Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action

On June 29, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it is unlawful for colleges and universities to take race into consideration as a specific factor in admissions, thus overturning decades of affirmative action in higher education.

Pax Christi USA Executive Director Johnny Zokovitch said, "This decision by the U.S. Supreme Court is a grave disappointment especially in its failure to acknowledge systemic racism. Pax Christi USA, however, will continue to keep our promise to work for racial justice."

In light of the decision made on June 29, we share an essay written by the **2021 Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Bryan Massingale**. Fr. Massingale wrote this piece originally for the September/October 1996 issue of *Salt of the Earth* magazine; it was republished in 2014 in *Romero's Legacy 2: Faith in the City: Poverty, Politics, and Peacebuilding*, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy.

## **The hidden faces of racism: Catholics should stand firm on affirmative action** *Written by Fr. Bryan Massingale in 1996*

In order to get a minority, they picked someone who was less qualified than me." Tales of poorly qualified persons of color being advanced or preferred over better qualified whites express the worst fears of whites and occasion the deepest resentments of people of color in the current politically charged public debate on affirmative action.

For whites, affirmative action at its worst is a fundamental negation of deeply held values and beliefs such as basic fairness – "Just reward for ability and hard work" – self-reliance, and an individual's own responsibility to make something of him- or herself. From this perspective, affirmative action connotes the granting of unfair advantage and the belief that people of color are "getting something for nothing," that is, are being rewarded without personal effort and initiative.

To blacks, however, the sentiment that affirmative action is opening the floodgates to legions of unqualified minorities is merely a flimsy rationalization justifying the pervasive presumption that most of "them" are not, and could not be, as qualified as whites. For many African Americans and other people of color, white anxiety over affirmative action is yet another sign of the endemic refusal on the part of the dominant society to admit that racial prejudice stifles the progress of even the most qualified of black persons.

Little wonder, then, that affirmative action is one of the most volatile, delicate, and emotionally charged issues in the minefield of American race relations. Writing in 1958, the U.S. Catholic bishops declared, "The heart of the race question is moral and religious." Yet the current public discourse over affirmative action is all too often marked by political expediency, the exploitation of racial fears, and polarizing rhetoric. These racial resentments and suspicions can overwhelm the voice of faith. I'd like to allow this voice of faith and its message of challenge and hope to shed some light on this contentious debate.

Let me state at the outset that I do not write as a neutral observer. I bring several biases to the discussion of affirmative action. I am a Christian who believes that faith in Jesus demands a special sensitivity to and concern for the

poor and marginalized. I also write as an African American who has benefited from affirmative action. Without the benefit of a scholarship targeted for black students, I would have been unable to attend a prestigious Catholic university and earn my degree with highest distinction. I make a point of saying "with highest distinction" to be upfront about my profound disagreement with the opinion that affirmative action necessarily results in a lowering of quality or a denial of merit.

Finally, I cast this discussion principally in terms of the African American perspective for two reasons. It is the experience with which I am most familiar; and the granting of affirmative action to black people arouses a passion and fury which other forms of affirmative action – in particular those that benefit white women – do not. ...

[Use this link to read Fr. Massingale's entire essay.](#)

**Pax Christi USA gives thanks for and affirms the statement from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities:**



PaxChristiUSA

JUNE 30, 2023

*The Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling on the use of race as a factor among the considerations for college admission is more than disappointing as it ignores the more-than-apparent effects of continued racism in our society. In doing so, it undermines the work that higher education has voluntarily taken on for many decades to be a solution in a society that provides too few solutions for this social evil.*

*At this moment of U.S. history, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities chooses to be guided by its Catholic Social Teaching and will, within the bounds articulated by this latest decision, continue to create paths by which those in society who do not have opportunity find it at our institutions.*

*Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities*