

## 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.

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

October 8, 2023

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Therefore, I say to you,  
the kingdom of God will be taken  
away from you and given to a people  
that will produce its fruit.

*Matthew 21:43*



Por esta razón les digo que les será  
quitado a ustedes el Reino  
de Dios y se le dará a un pueblo que  
produzca sus frutos.

*Mateo 21:43*

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

#### Contact / Contacto:

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703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

#### 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:

October 7-8 — 6pm and 1pm Bilingual  
8 Octubre 6pm 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.



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

8 de octubre de 2023

Vigesimoséptimo Domingo 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 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*

Saturdays, 4:45-5:15 pm and by appointment.

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

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO**

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$10,113

Special Kids / Special Needs

Niños Especiales / Necesidades Especiales: \$2,329

Faith Direct (September Average /

promedio del mes de septiembre): \$14,303

### **WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/**

#### **MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA**

Today's readings can be found on page 394

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 395

### **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 DiCerro, Ernest Donatto, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Susan Fratus, Anne Fullerton, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, 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, 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, Santos 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 Urquiza, Stephen Utley, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Bob Wilson, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata, Kate Zopp.

## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGESIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Isaiah 5:1-7 (139A); Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Isaías 5,1-7 (139A); Filipenses 4,6-9; Mateo 21,33-43

## **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGESIMOCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Isaiah 25:6-10a (142A); Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Isaías 25:6-10a (142A); Filipenses 4,12-14, 19-20;

Mateo 22,1-14 o 22,1-10

### **MASS INTENTIONS, OCTOBER 7-13**

## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 7-13 OCTUBRE VIGESIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

### **Saturday October 7th**

5:30 pm Joe Shymaski (D) by Nathalia Prada

### **Sunday October 8th**

8:00 am Bruce Nilgis (D) by Debbie & Steve Hand

9:30 am Demetrio Yabes (Anniversary) (D) by the Yabes family

11:15 am Elena Lupita Munoz de Obregon (D)

by her brother Luis Munoz & family

1:00 pm Manuel Castellanos (D) by Beatriz Castellanos

6:00 pm Jeremias Matriz (D) by Lynn Kearney & family

### **Monday October 9th**

12:00 pm Michael O'Connell (D) by Eileen Ahern

### **Tuesday October 10th**

12:00 pm Soul of Santana Pinto (D) by Jude Dias

### **Wednesday October 11th**

12:00 pm the parish

### **Thursday October 12th**

12:00 pm the parish

### **Friday October 13th**

12:00 pm the parish

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

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

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

God has entrusted the vineyard to us to care for and cultivate, and to produce fine wine! And in the sense of the parable, the fine wine is not just for ourselves but for the owner of the vineyard too. Yet, how do we care for the vineyard and with whom do we share the fruit of the earth? Do we recognize who “owns” the earth and all it contains?

Do we see ourselves as entrusted with a sacred trust or do we see the earth as something to be exploited for our own good, for our use without care of future generations without care of how the Creator/Owner feels for the land we abuse?

Many questions! But at the core of them all, I believe, seems to be one of identity and relationship. Understanding our identity as the beloved of God -- God’s daughters and sons, ALL of US -- and understanding that from that identity flows all our relationships!

And it is this reality that then is to inform all of the actions in our lives...**to live as the beloved of God!**

But we find ourselves living in a vineyard filled with vitriol and division, a place where so many are out for themselves and what they can get out of life without any concern for how it hurts the other. Many businesses around the world overwork and underpay their employees forcing them to work in subhuman conditions for less money than it is humanly possible to live on.

As a Nation we proliferate the arms race and have too often threatened war rather than sit down to talk of peace and mutual cooperation. We reel from gun violence with one mass shooting after another in our country, and seem to

make no headway in the fight against stricter gun laws to prevent such senseless acts of gun violence.

We claim that we value the dignity of all life and yet we imprison more people than any other developed nation, we own more guns per capita than any other nation and put more people to death and continue to deny basic healthcare to the most needy in our society while we round up productive, tax paying, undocumented women and men to send them back to countries where their chances of leading successful lives are far less than here.

The vineyard is not ours. It belongs to the Creator and we need to recognize that how we live on the earth and how we treat one another matters deeply to the One who made us and who made the vineyard!

During this Respect Life Month let us pray for an end to all forms of violence and disrespect of human life from conception to natural death. Let us pray for an end to systemic racism and bigotry, an end to misogyny and xenophobia and all actions that disrespect the dignity and sacredness of human life.

A prayer for the Synod in Rome: “For the Church, in a new phase in the synodal journey, that the presence of the Gospel, alive and at work in her, may make her like the vineyard in the parable, a vital place where all women and men who seek meaning in their life find a place, a word, and a breath of hope, we pray”; come Holy Spirit come, fill the hearts of all your people!

Blessings,  
Fr. Tim

**OLQP HARVEST FESTIVAL – Great Success!**

Thank you to everyone who attended the OLQP Harvest Festival on Sat, Sept 30, and thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success!

**OKTOBERFEST**

The Young Adults Ministry invites all young adults (20-40 yrs) to join them to celebrate Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 14, from 1pm - 5pm. The fest will in the Ministry Center Founders Room. Come join us, bring a friend and feel free to bring your favorite fall snack or drink to share.

**YOUTH MINISTRY: Prism Youth Ministry program** year began last Sunday, October 1st. If your a student grades 7-12, Prism is a place for you to grow in faith, fellowship, and fun! Join us on Sundays after the 6:00pm Mass in the Founders Room of the Ministry Center for our weekly gatherings and for other activities and events throughout the year.

**EL FESTIVAL DE LA COSECHA DE OLQP – ¡Un gran éxito!**

¡Gracias a todas las personas que asistieron al Festival de la cosecha de OLQP el sábado, 30 de septiembre y gracias a todas las personas que ayudaron a que fuera un éxito!

**OKTOBERFEST**

El Ministerio de los jóvenes adultos invita a todos los jóvenes adultos (20-40 años) a unirse a ellos para celebrar Oktoberfest el sábado, 14 de octubre, de 1pm a 5pm. El evento va a ser en 1915 Founders Room. Ven y únete a nosotros, trae a una amiga o amigo y si quieres trae su snack o bebida favorita para compartir.

**MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES: el año del programa de adolescentes Prism** comienza este domingo, 1 de octubre. Si eres un estudiante en los grados 7 al 12, Prism es un lugar donde puedes crecer en la fe, el compañerismo y divertirse! Únete a nosotros los domingos después de la Misa de las 6:00pm en el Founders Room del Ministry Center para nuestras reuniones semanales y para otras actividades y eventos durante el año.

**FOOD PANTRY** -This weekend is the parish Food Collection for our busy food pantry. If you are unable to bring food, please consider dropping off donations anytime during the week or making a monetary donation on our website. Thank you for your continued support.

**FOOD PANTRY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers needed to help pick up purchased bulk items from two markets. Availability during the morning and some weekends would be great. Willing to use your own car would be great, too. You would be helping us get the necessary food that is needed each week to feed our neighbors. Interested? Contact Sally Diaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER****Thursday, October 19**

Our dinner this month is baked salmon, scalloped potatoes, stuffed peppers, salad, rolls, fruit, and lemonade. We'll have cake and ice cream for dessert to celebrate our 35 years of service at the Shelter. 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 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". If you are a new contributor, or have a question, contact Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, [mary.resnick@gmail.com](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com). Thank you!

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER** relies on our volunteers to serve meals, cover the front desk, provide activities for youth residents, and much more. If you are looking for a great opportunity to live out Matt 25, please consider joining our volunteer team. All volunteers must be 18+. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Demi Henry at 703-548-7500, or [DHenry@carpentershelter.org](mailto:DHenry@carpentershelter.org) for more information.

**LA DESPESA DE ALIMENTOS** – Este fin de semana es la Colecta de alimentos para nuestra atareada despensa de alimentos. Si no pudo traer comida, por favor considere traer donaciones en cualquier momento durante la semana o hacer una donación monetaria en nuestro sitio web. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

**LA DESPESA DE ALIMENTOS BUSCA PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS**

Se necesitan personas voluntarias para ayudar a recoger compras al por mayor de dos mercados. Si está disponible durante la mañana y algunos fines de semana sería maravilloso. Si está dispuesta/o a usar su propio auto sería muy bueno también. Usted estaría ayudándonos a buscar los alimentos necesarios que se necesita cada semana para alimentar a nuestros vecinos. ¿Está interesada/o? Contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

**LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO****Jueves, 19 de octubre**

La comida este mes es salmón al horno, papas en rodajas, pimientos rellenos, ensalada, panecillos, frutas y limonada. Vamos a tener pastel y helado para celebrar nuestros 35 años de servicio en el Refugio. Puede traer la comida a la cocina de la oficina de lunes a viernes durante sus horas de trabajo, 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. 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". Si tiene preguntas, contacte a Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, [mary.resnick@gmail.com](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com). ¡Gracias!

**EL REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO** depende de nuestras personas voluntarias para servir las comidas, trabajar en el mostrador de la recepción, proveer actividades para los jóvenes residentes y mucho más. Si está buscando una buena oportunidad de vivir Mateo 25, por favor considere ofrecerse como parte de nuestro equipo voluntario. Todas las personas voluntarias tienen que tener 18 años o más. Por favor contacte a la coordinadora de las personas voluntarias, Demi Henry – 703-548 7500 o [DHenry@carpentershelter.org](mailto:DHenry@carpentershelter.org) para obtener más información.

**15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre****September 15 to October 15**



## ***Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida***

**GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION:** On Saturday, Oct. 14, justice advocates for Gun Violence Prevention will gather on the sidewalk in front of the National Rifle Association's national headquarters (11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax) to witness to an end to gun violence. It's a community event where some stand in silent witness, others meet and greet like-minded men and women. There are NO chants or confrontations. This witness event happens *EVERY* 14th of the month for the past TEN years. Please join us! 10:00 am at 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) JOIN US!**

- Seeking to be baptized?
- Already baptized in another faith tradition and considering joining the Catholic Church?
- Interested in adult confirmation?

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding of how God acts in our lives and how our faith motivates us to serve others. A new group is forming, and we invite you to be part of it by attending our "no-strings" introductory meeting this Thursday, October 5 at 7pm in Founders Room. For additional information, please contact us: Alice and Kevin Curtin (703-461-3082) or [acurtin947@aol.com](mailto:acurtin947@aol.com)).

**Parishioners needed** -- We are also seeking parishioners to support our candidates on their journey as sponsors or Companions on the Journey. Companions support our RCIA candidates through prayer and messages of support. Sponsors serve as guides and mentors to individual candidates on their faith journeys. This is a very rewarding ministry and a wonderful way to deepen your own faith as you share it with others -- responding to our call to take what we receive in the Eucharist out into the world.

**PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR ARMAS DE FUEGO:** El sábado, 14 de octubre, defensores de la justicia por la Prevención de la violencia causada por armas de fuego se van a reunir en la acera frente a la oficina central del National Rifle Association (11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax) para dar testimonio al fin de la violencia causada por armas de fuego. Es un evento comunitario donde algunas personas dan testimonio en silencio y otras conocen a mujeres y hombres de ideas afines. NO hay cantos ni enfrentamientos. Este evento de testimonio se ha llevado a cabo CADA día 14 del mes por los últimos DIEZ años. ¡Por favor únase a nosotros a las 10:00 am en 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax!

### **RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (RICA) ¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS!**

- ¿Busca ser bautizada/o?
- ¿Ya se bautizó en otra tradición de fe y está pensando convertirse a la Iglesia católica?
- ¿Está interesada/o en la confirmación para personas adultas?

El RICA es un lugar donde hacer preguntas y buscar la comprensión de cómo Dios obra en nuestras vidas y como nuestra fe nos motiva a servir a los demás. Se está formando un grupo nuevo y le invitamos a formar parte del mismo al asistir a una sesión "sin compromiso" este jueves, 5 de octubre a las 7p.m. en el Founders Room. Para obtener más información contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen – [clopez@olqpva.org](mailto:clopez@olqpva.org), para clases en español.

**Se necesitan personas miembros de la parroquia** – Estamos buscando a personas de la parroquia para apoyar a nuestras candidatas y candidatos, como madrinas, padrinos o acompañantes en su jornada. Las personas acompañantes apoyan a nuestras candidatas y candidatos por la oración y mensajes de apoyo. Las madrinas y padrinos sirven como guías y consejeras/os a las candidatas y candidatos en su jornada de fe. Este es un ministerio muy enriquecedor y una manera maravillosa de profundizar su propia vida de fe al compartirla con otras personas, al responder a nuestra llamada a tomar lo que recibimos en la Eucaristía y llevarlo al mundo.

***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.***

### **OLQP LECTOR MINISTRY – Call for Volunteers**

The Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy explains that "in proclaiming the word of God, lectors exercise their responsibility in the liturgical celebration. God speaks to the faithful through them, and the effectiveness of their proclamation of God's word depends significantly on their conviction, preparation and delivery." Lectors are given training at the parish. While they are not required to be eloquent speakers, the very nature of this ministry calls forward those who can speak/read effectively in public and who are willing to commit themselves to careful preparation. Lectors are scheduled to read approximately once a month. Please contact Beth Koprowski [beth.koprowski@gmail.com](mailto:beth.koprowski@gmail.com) or 202-360-8604 if you are interested to become an OLQP Lector.

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) support the parish by distributing the Sacred Body at the Liturgy and to our homebound, ill and hospitalized parishioners. EMHCs are mandated by the Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington for a term of five-years through participation in a required Diocesan training; in addition OLQP in-house training is also offered. Typically, ministers are scheduled once or twice a month to serve at Mass. Though full participation in this ministry comes only by way of the Bishop's mandate, interested people may also begin with visits to the homebound offering company and reading material. Please contact Keren Charles, [kerencc@gmail.com](mailto:kerencc@gmail.com), for interest in becoming an EMHC, or Kay Sempel, [kaysempel1@gmail.com](mailto:kaysempel1@gmail.com) for interest in the Visitation Ministry.

**ECO-FACTS:** Scientists have found plastic fragments in 43% of all seabird and marine mammal species and in 100% of sea turtle species. "Nothing we use for a few minutes should pollute our environment and threaten wildlife for hundreds of years." Environment Virginia

### NEWS FROM MEDOR:

Today, October 8, St. Joseph of Medor parish celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of its secondary school. The parish named the school The College of Our Lady, to honor the Blessed Mother while also recognizing its bond with Our Lady Queen of Peace. The school began in 2003 with one 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. Each subsequent year another grade was added until there were grades 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The College of Our Lady has empowered dozens of Medor's students to attend university. Six university graduates have returned to Medor to use their knowledge to better their community. We join St. Joseph parish in celebrating this milestone! Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment! Thank you to OLQP parishioners for helping support the construction and daily operating costs of the school. This is a job well done by all involved!

**ED TALKS ARE HERE** – This year's theme is *Walking with the Other*. Join us Monday, November 6, at 7 pm for a discussion on walking with the other by our very own Jack McKale and Katie Remedios who coordinate OLQP's Feast on the Streets Ministry. Please come out and support our guests. All talks will be held in the Founders Room in the Ministry Center from 7-9pm. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sally Diaz-Wells, [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org).

**YOU'RE INVITED to OLQP Minkisi's "Feel Joy!"** -- a Black Catholic History Month prayer service on Monday, November 6, 6:45 pm (in Zoom). Charlene Howard a director/teacher from Archbishop Carroll High School will be featured. For questions, contact Cecilia Braveboy, [Jisaac3@verizon.net](mailto:Jisaac3@verizon.net) and for information and Eventbrite registration by Fri., Nov. 3, see: <https://bit.ly/MinkisiNovember2023>.

### CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

The parish has an active group of members who focus on raising awareness, educating, and advocating for the concerns of Caring for God's Creation. We meet monthly and invite you join us. The next meeting is Wed., October 11 (Zoom) when we will be discussing the new apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis on the Environment. For more information, contact Bill Larme, [blarme@msn.com](mailto:blarme@msn.com).

**WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Please join us for a virtual study of the Sunday lectionary on 1st and 3rd Friday mornings, 10-11:30am by Zoom, beginning September 29. This fellowship study uses *Lectio Divina*, aided by the contemplative commentary of Liturgical Press' Ponder, to prepare us for each Sunday's readings. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Michele Chang: [rise2gthr@gmail.com](mailto:rise2gthr@gmail.com)

### THANK YOU FOR THE WELL WISHES!

John Thomas (9:30 Gospel choir member) is out of the hospital and recovering nicely. Well wishes may be sent to John at 8804 Walutes Cir, Alexandria VA 22309.

## Carpenter's Shelter & OLQP — Celebrating 35 Years of Partnership

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Carpenter's families and help with shelter needs)

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**Carpenter's Shelter  
930 N. Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314**

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Voting is a privilege, an opportunity and an obligation. It's something we do to ensure our democracy. If you have not voted yet (*remember that early voting in VA began on September 22 and voters can cast a ballot at the registrar's office in their jurisdiction in advance of the November 7 election*), **Make a Voting Plan now!** Be sure you are registered to vote at your current residential location. Review what is on *YOUR* ballot. Learn about the candidates ahead of time. Learn about the office for which the candidate(s) is vying. Determine which candidate's principles, ideas, proposals and character aligns best with your own beliefs and understanding as discerned through prayer and study of Catholic teaching. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that Catholic voters have the right to act in conscience and in freedom to make moral decisions — **casting a vote is a moral decision!**

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Luke 24:13-35

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Lucas 24:13-35



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## Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday

[Message for World Mission Day 2023 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francisco/messages/missionary/messages_syncretism_20230927.html)

[Mensaje para la Jornada Mundial de las Misiones 2023 | Francisco \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francisco/messages/missionary/messages_syncretism_20230927.html)



# Understanding Francis of Assisi in the current climate crisis

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This coming Wednesday, October 4, feast of St. Francis of Assisi, will be a memorable day in the life of the Catholic Church. It marks the closure of the Season of Creation 2023 and the promulgation of a follow up letter to the encyclical "Laudato si" by Pope Francis.

In addition to what people who read that encyclical believe, that the pope had covered in great detail the life and death issues facing our Common Home, this letter will break even newer ground. For example, the Holy Father will describe threats to the environment as "a senseless war...a terrible world war against" Mother Earth.

On that same day, October 4, the final phase of Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality will begin. The prayer for this event says it simply: "We stand before you Holy Spirit as we gather in your name... Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it."

The closure of the Season of Creation and opening of the Synod are inspired appropriately by the Patron Saint of Ecology and recently named Patron of the Synod, St. Francis of Assisi. The imagery here is unmistakable. The saint is universally acknowledged as the exemplar of relationship with and love for God's Creation.

The tendency, however, might be to leave these references to *il Poverello* at an ahistorical level of popular religiosity. This unique person of the 13th century is too often identified, superficially, with

"tripping through the tulips" a la Franco Zeffirelli's movie "Brother Sun and Sister Moon." But the true Francis of Assisi is ever so much more real. His life directly challenges our current ecological crises.

Saint Francis, with all his endearing virtues, was also a strong and challenging person. From the beginning of his Order he insisted to the pope in Rome that his way of life would not model itself on any existing religious orders. He was implacable in his embrace of poverty and demanded it of those who would join him. He went so far as to interfere physically in the reconstruction of the chapel where he had felt God's call, a chapel which he deemed too elegant. He journeyed to Egypt in a bold attempt to halt a Christian crusade. And when the armies of the pope refused his plea for peace, he crossed to the Muslim side to present his case. His feeling that the Order was sliding away from his ideal of poverty tempted him to leave it.

In addition, this "poor little man from Assisi" had a clear self-identity; he had an ego (it has been said that people who do great things must possess large egos). He knew the reputation he had gained in the medieval Church. In the spring of 1215 he wrote one of several letters to "all Christian religious people: clergy, laity, men and women, and to all who live in the whole world." The letter understandably reflects the piety of that era but very the fact that Francis wrote it and others like it says volumes about the man's character.

Extrapolating this understanding of St. Francis, this very human person, to the current historical moment and the state of the planet, we can

venture some observations in the form of specific questions for the saint:

- What would he say about the millions of "brother trees" being killed by corporations for profit in Amazonia?
- How would he see the disappearance of 509 "sister glaciers" in the past, short half-century?
- What would be his reaction to the fact that three species of "brother and sister" animal life are lost every day?

Similar questions to this lover of God's creation keep presenting themselves. His answer might well be what he said to his followers toward the end of his life: "I have done what was mine to do, may you do what is yours."

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