

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

March 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30 to 8:30pm (except April 16).

Our Lenten Wednesday evening program also includes Reconciliation Service or Sung Stations of the Cross. See schedule below:

Sung Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm – March 26 and April 9

Reconciliation Services: 7:00pm – March 19 Bilingual Service

6:30pm – April 2 Family Service (open to all)

LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA TI

PROGRAMA DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE LA CUARESMA:

El Sacramento de la Penitencia se ofrece todos los miércoles por la noche durante la Cuaresma de 6:30 a 8:30pm (excepto el 16 de abril). El programa de los miércoles también incluye el servicio de reconciliación o el Vía Crucis cantado.

El Vía Crucis cantado: 7:00pm - 26 de marzo y 9 de abril

Servicios de reconciliación: 7:00pm – 19 de marzo (bilingüe)

6:30pm – 2 de abril Servicio de reconciliación para familias (abierto a todos)

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

Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lunes a viernes – 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

March 15-16 6pm and 1pm Spanish

15-16 marzo 6pm y 1pm en español

MASSES / MISAS:

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

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

Fri. 6pm / *Viernes 6pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

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

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

1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de

jóvenes adultos)

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. 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.

They fell silent and did not
at that time tell anyone
what they had seen.

Luke 9:36



Los discípulos guardaron silencio y
por entonces no dijeron a nadie
nada de lo que habían visto.

Lucas 9,36



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

16 de marzo de 2025

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

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

Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:

Please contact the parish office at least six months before your wedding date to complete requirements.
Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:

Fr. Ray Hall Library
Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall

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

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$7,197
European Relief (Ash Weds.) / Europa Central y Oriental: \$3,265
Black & Indian Missions / Misiones Negras Indias: \$3,998
Faith Direct (February Average /
promedio del mes de febrero: \$14,075

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/ MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 740
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 741

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesday 9am — office@olqpva.org

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /

NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Suri Barahona, Marta Benites, 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, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Jo Marie Griesgraber, Fr. Tuck Grinnell, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoeft, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Ruth Klarman, 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, Betty Mills, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Zoe A. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Connie Murray, Ellen Murray, Paul Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Karen Newman, Stephen Nutter, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (27C); Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36
Génesis 15,5-12, 17-18 (27C); Filipenses 3,17-4:1; Lucas 9,28b-36

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15 (30C); 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Éxodo 3,1-8a, 13-15 (30C); 1 Corintios 10,1-6, 10-12; Lucas 13,1-9

MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH 15-21

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 15-21 MARZO

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Saturday, March 15th

5:30 pm Joseph & Verna Gregos (D) by Kris Gregos

Sunday, March 16th

8:00 am For The Parish

9:30 am Bernard Brown's family (D) by Rita Brown Hall
11:15 am Luis & Midori Francia (L) by Judith Francia-Reyes

1:00 pm Felipa Guevara (D) by Blanca Chicas & family
6:00 pm George & Marie Bonneau (D) by Patricia Bonneau

Monday, March 17th

12:00 pm Steven Curry (D) by Deborah Duffy

Tuesday, March 18th

12:00 pm Marie & Dominick Lonardo (D) by Dominick Lonardo

Wednesday, March 19th

12:00 pm Noemí Sotelo Romero (D) by the Lovo family

Thursday, March 20th

12:00 pm Helen D. & Joseph P. Martocci, MD (Birthday) (D) by their son

Friday, March 21st

6:00 pm For The Parish

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. RAQUEL "PAT" WEST HALL

DIED IN THE LORD MARCH 3, 2025

Pat was a longtime active member and the daughter of founding member Thaddenia West. Please keep the West Hall family in your thoughts and prayers. Condolences may be sent to Ms. Adrian Hall 1620 Kirby Rd, McLean VA 22101.

Funeral arrangements: OLQP Mass: Friday, March 21, 11am
Internment and Reception: National Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Falls Church, Friday, March 21, 1:00pm

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

This Sunday we hear St. Luke's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus...right before the eyes of three of the disciples, Jesus' true identity bursts forth and in one spectacularly luminous moment, Peter, James and John are themselves forever changed -- "transfigured" -- with a growing awareness of the true identity of Jesus!

I believe that each one of us have our own "moments of transfiguration." Moments in which we see or feel the very presence of God. They are moments when, "deep inside," we come to know with a deeper certainty that God is present around us and indeed within us. That God is real. These moments of awareness hold the potential to transfigure our entire lives into something new, something wonderful, something beyond our imagining.

The real challenge for us is to learn "to live out of these transfiguration moments," keeping these moments alive in our hearts and minds allowing them to continually transfigure us more and more into the image and likeness of God.

Each one of us carries within us experiences of the tenderness, mercy and love of God. So often it is the chaos of our lives that "dim" the luminous moments of encounters with our God. We can forget we ever had them in the midst of the rush and busyness of our daily lives.

Not all of these "transfiguration" moments are happy or joyful moments. Some of them come in the midst of great sadness, even in the midst of tragedy and death. I have had such "transfiguration moments" with people as they were dying -- luminous in-breakings of Grace that transfigured the dying person's last moments. And, transfigured me as well!

Surely these "transfiguration moments" are happening right now in the lives of our sisters and brothers of Ukraine and South Sudan as they fight for their lives and their freedom. These transfiguration moments are happening in refugee camps around the world. The potential for these transfiguration moments abound as grace is all around us, and in us!

In the midst of all the political chaos which is purposefully being thrust upon us in an attempt to throw us off balance, fill us with fear and send us into anxiety driven inaction and silence. Let us raise our voices all the louder. Let us seek to reach out to each other, band together, continue to resist the dismantling of our Federal Government and all the aid programs that feed, provide healthcare and social services that save the lives of millions of children and adults here at home and abroad. Let us find concrete ways to reach out to and support government workers and contractors who have lost their jobs and all those whose jobs are at risk due to the forced government firings.

In the midst of a world filled with suffering, anguish and lost-ness, these transfiguration moments continue to exist all around us -- in encounters with the poor and the marginalized, with the immigrant and refugee, with all those workers who have been fired or whose jobs are suddenly at risk and their partners and their children, there is God, waiting, wanting us to reach out and take "the other's" hand and for us both to be transfigured in the encounter.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to look for transfiguration moments as well as to step back and recall those past moments of grace when the fullness of God burst into our lives...when we realized that we were not alone...that there was something more to life, more than what we can see or touch...more than we can imagine -- "God moments" -- that hold the possibility to bring about deep and lasting inner transformation!

When was my last "God moment"? How was I transfigured by that moment? What does that "God moment" call me to do? Who does it call me to be...in response to today's chaos and suffering? Our every phone call, our every letter, our every protest and act of resistance, our every prayer, our every act of kindness matters! You, and I are filled with the Holy Spirit, let it lead us in our struggle for equality, for justice and for peace in our nation and in the world!

Lenten blessings,
Fr. Tim

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND!

Voting ends Sunday, March 16, at 7pm.

Please vote only once – either paper ballot or electronically. Vote for up to six candidates.

Paper ballots are in the sanctuary. Online voting is available using the QR code (Open your phone's camera app, point it at the QR Code – dotted image below. Your phone will automatically detect and display the voting website; tap on your screen for the website to load.), or use this

link: <https://forms.gle/jg1fwMkSXsQByGPw5>



¡LAS ELECCIONES PARA LA JUNTA CONSULTORA DE LA PARROQUIA CONTINÚAN ESTE FIN DE SEMANA!

Las votaciones terminan el domingo, 16 de marzo, 7:00 pm

Por favor vote solo una vez – o por una papeleta o electrónicamente. Vote por un máximo de seis personas. Las papeletas están en el santuario. Puede votar en línea usando el código QR (Abra la aplicación de la cámara en su teléfono, apunte hacia el código QR – la imagen de puntos abajo. Su teléfono automáticamente detectará y mostrará el sitio web de la votación. Pulse sobre su pantalla para cargar el sitio web), o use este enlace: <https://forms.gle/jg1fwMkSXsQByGPw5>

**OLQP STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT IN THE CHURCH**

5:15—5:45pm

Alternating each week
between English and Spanish:

March 21 — English
March 28 — Spanish
April 4 — English
April 11 — Spanish



**VIACRUCIS EN LA IGLESIA DE OLQP
LOS VIERNES DURANTE LA CUARESMA**

5:15 a 5:45pm

Alternando cada semana entre inglés y español:

21 de marzo — inglés
28 de marzo — español
4 de abril — inglés
11 de abril — español

SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays – March 26 & April 9 at 7pm

Come refresh your soul during Lent with the Sung Stations of the Cross. In the musical style of Taize, these unique stations invite you to pray along with thoughtful reflections on the Via Crucis and join in a meditative refrain. The Sung Stations will be offered on three Wednesdays - March 26, and April 9 at 7 pm in the church and live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington>. Reconciliation will be offered from 6:30-8 pm. For more information, contact Monica Perz-Waddington at monica.perz@verizon.net. Here's a link to an article that was written in 2018: https://www.catholicherald.com/news/arts/sung_stations_of_the_cross_at_our_lady_queen_of_peace/

VIACRUCIS CANTADO

los miércoles – el 26 de marzo y el 9 de abril a las 7pm

Venga a refrescar su alma durante la Cuaresma con el Viacrucis cantado. Al estilo musical de Taize, este Viacrucis le invita a orar y reflexionar seriamente sobre el Viacrucis y a unirse en el estribillo de meditación. El Viacrucis cantado se va a ofrecer tres miércoles – el 26 de marzo y el 9 de abril a las 7pm en la iglesia y retransmitido en directo en <https://www.facebook.com/OLQPArlington>. La reconciliación se va a ofrecer de 6:30 a 8 pm. Para obtener más información, contacte a Monica Perz-Waddington, monica.perz@verizon.net. Aquí tiene un enlace a un artículo que se escribió en el 2018: https://www.catholicherald.com/news/arts/sung_stations_of_the_cross_at_our_lady_queen_of_peace/

HOLY HOUR

SONG – SILENCE – SCRIPTURE

Please join us in the church for Holy Hour on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm. We will gather this month on the 27th. We will meditate on Scripture readings, (in Spanish and English), sing Taizé style songs and sit quietly in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A wonderful opportunity to slow down and sit with God in the midst of our busy lives.

HORA SANTA

CANCIÓN – SILENCIO – ESCRITURAS

Por favor únase a nosotros en la iglesia para una Hora Santa el cuarto jueves del mes a las 7pm. Este mes nos reuniremos el 27. Meditaremos las lecturas de las Escrituras, (en español e inglés), cantaremos canciones al estilo Taizé y nos sentaremos en silencio en oración en presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa para tranquilizarnos y pasar unos momentos con Dios en medio de nuestras vidas ajetreadas.

CRS RICE BOWL – In Nigeria, Amina and her family were forced to flee their hometown because of violence. They had to start over in a new village. This is in a country where 25 million people are hungry because of climate change, poverty and conflict. The Good News – Catholic Relief Services, with your help, helped Amina to prepare nutritious meals for her family and support others in the community to overcome their challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Thanks to all who took a Rice Bowl home last weekend. It's not too late to get one for your table. You make a difference!

PLATO DE ARROZ CRS – En Nigeria, la violencia forzó a Amina y a su familia a huir de su pueblo y a buscar un nuevo hogar en otro pueblo. Este es un país donde 25 millones de personas sufren hambre debido al cambio climático, la pobreza y el conflicto. Las buenas noticias: los Servicios de auxilio católico, con su ayuda, ayudó a Amina a preparar comidas nutritivas para su familia y apoyó a otras personas en la comunidad a superar sus dificultades por el hambre y la malnutrición. Gracias a todos ustedes que llevaron un Plato de arroz a casa el fin de semana pasado. Todavía pueden llevar uno a su mesa. ¡Usted marca la diferencia!

**YOU BUY, WE FRY TAKE-OUT LENTEN
FISH & SHRIMP FRY, MARCH 21ST.**

The third Friday of Lent, March 21st, Father Martin will again be frying up fish and shrimp options that will include coleslaw, French fries, and sauces. \$12 per order. Yes, there will be more french fries! Proceeds go to support the Youth & Young Adult Ministries work camp and pilgrimage trips. For more details, contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Youth & Young Adult Minister, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org. PLACE YOUR TODAY! GO TO: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> or

**USTED COMPRA, NOSOTROS FREÍMOS –
RECAUDADOR DE FONDOS: PESCADO Y CAMARONES
PARA LLEVAR A CASA, 21 DE MARZO**

El tercer viernes de Cuaresma, 21 de marzo, el Padre Martin va a freír pescado y camarones otra vez. Las opciones van a incluir ensalada de col, papas fritas y salsas. El costo es de \$12 por pedido. ¡Sí, va a haber más papas fritas! Los ingresos van a apoyar los campamentos de trabajo y las peregrinaciones de los Ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. Para obtener más detalles, contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos: rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org ¡HAGA SU PEDIDO HOY! VAYA A: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> o escanee el código QR:



Una comunidad católica con una ética consistente con la vida

YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

This work camp will be on the OLQP campus, July 7-11, and is for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. This camp is a week of service to OLQP ministries and in partnership with Phoenix Bikes that fosters faith, fellowship and fun in service. This year's theme is Embrace: Trust With All Your Heart. To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2025> or scan the qr code, here:



LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL CAMPAMENTO DE JÓVENES DISCÍPULOS está abierta ahora

Este campamento de trabajo va a ser en el campus de OLQP, del 7 al 11 de julio, para futuros estudiantes de los grados 7, 8 y 9. Este campamento es una semana de servicio a los ministerios OLQP y es en asociación con Phoenix Bikes que fomenta la fe, el compañerismo y la diversión en el servicio.

Attention: FEDERAL WORKERS -- Join us for breakfast and fellowship on Tuesday, March 18, from 10:15am - 11:45am. We will go to noon mass after we get together, optional. Ministry Center, 2nd floor classroom 1-2. Questions, contact Sally Diaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Atención: TRABAJADORES FEDERALES – Únanse a nosotros para desayunar y disfrutar de compañerismo el martes, 18 de marzo, de 10:15 hasta las 11:45am. Iremos a la Misa de las 12 del mediodía después de la reunión en el Ministry Center, salón de clase 1-2 en el segundo piso. Si tiene preguntas contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: sdiazwells@olqpva.org

UPDATE -- CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER, THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Thank you parishioners for your outpouring of contributions for dinner this month - the sign-up list filled rapidly! The parish is planning to expand our dinner ministry to serve a second dinner once a month at Alexandria Community Shelter, in addition to keeping our commitment to Carpenter's. Your dedication to this Ministry since 1988 continues to provide food and support to Carpenter's Shelter/The Hoffman Center, Alexandria Community Shelter, David's Place, and essential programs and ongoing support toward permanent homes for residents.

If you've signed up for dinner this week, your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday through Thursday, during their office hours, 8:30-4:30, or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30-5:00pm. Please label food with date and description and place it in the refrigerator, freezer or counter. Please note, if you're delivering directly to the Shelter (930 N. Henry Street in Alexandria), label food the same adding our church name & "dinner". If you have a question, please contact mary.resnick@gmail.com. Thank you!

ACTUALIZACIÓN – La cena del refugio del carpintero, el jueves, 20 de marzo

Gracias a las personas de la parroquia que donaron muchas contribuciones para la cena este mes. ¡La hoja para apuntarse se llenó rapidísimo! La parroquia está planeando expandir nuestro ministerio para servir una segunda cena una vez al mes en Alexandria Community Shelter, además de continuar nuestro compromiso con el Refugio. Su dedicación a este ministerio desde 1988 continúa proveyendo comida y apoyo al Refugio del carpintero/The Hoffman Center, Alexandria Community Shelter, David's Place y programas esenciales y apoyo continuo para obtener hogares permanentes para las personas residentes. **Si se ha apuntado para la cena esta semana**, puede llevar su comida a la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a jueves, durante las horas de trabajo, 8:30-4:30 o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la cena de 4:30-5:00pm. Por favor identifique la comida con la fecha y descripción y póngala en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador. Por favor, si lleva la comida directamente al Refugio (930 N. Henry Street en Alexandria), identifique la donación de la misma manera con el nombre de nuestra iglesia y "dinner". Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a mary.resnick@gmail.com. ¡Gracias!

REFLECTION ON MEDOR...

In today's gospel, Peter says to Jesus "Master, it is good for us to be here." Indeed, it is very good for Our Lady Queen of Peace to be "here" in the community of Medor, Haiti, through our twinning partnership with Saint Joseph parish. Our partnership gives us the chance to live out the gospel of Jesus, and to see the small contributions each of us makes grow into fundamental and lasting change for a whole community. Imagine the denuded land of Haiti sheltered by the shade of a million new trees! That is just one of the results of us being in Medor. Through our presence there, we are holding hands with our brothers and sisters of Saint Joseph parish. And the people of Saint Joseph parish hold our hands as well. They hold us in prayer each week; they celebrate our blessings with us and mourn our sorrows. Donations to the Haiti Easter Drive help us sustain this longstanding and fruitful partnership, which has grown a forest and continues to educate a new generation of spirit-filled leaders committed to their community. Checks may be made out to OLQP with "Haiti" on the memo line and mailed to the parish office or placed in the Haiti box at the church entrance. Online donations may be made here:



REFLEXIÓN SOBRE MEDOR...

En el evangelio de hoy, Pedro le dice a Jesús, "Maestro, que bueno que estamos aquí". Verdaderamente, es muy bueno estar "aquí" en la comunidad de Medor, Haití, por medio del hermanamiento con la parroquia St. Joseph. Nuestra asociación nos da la oportunidad de vivir el evangelio de Jesús y a ver crecer nuestras pequeñas contribuciones que cada uno de nosotros hace y convertirse en un cambio fundamental y duradero para toda una comunidad. ¡Imagine el paisaje despojado de Haití protegido por la sombra de un millón de árboles nuevos! Ese es solo uno de los resultados de nosotros estar en Medor. Por medio de nuestra presencia allí, nos damos de manos con nuestras hermanas y hermanos de la parroquia de St. Joseph. Y las personas de la parroquia de St. Joseph nos dan la mano también. Nos sostienen en oración cada semana. Celebran nuestras bendiciones con nosotros y lloran nuestras penas. Las donaciones para la Campaña de Pascua para Haití nos ayudan a mantener esta relación duradera y productiva, que ha cultivado un bosque y continúa educando a una nueva generación de líderes llenos de espíritu, comprometidos con su comunidad. Puede hacer un cheque a nombre de OLQP con "Haití" en la línea del asunto y enviarlo a la oficina parroquial o ponerlo en la caja de Haití a la entrada de la iglesia. Puede hacer donaciones en línea aquí:

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL *ABOUNDING IN HOPE*

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



SCAN ME

Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2025 *Abundando en la Esperanza*

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



ESCANÉAME

*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.*



STONE SOUP SUPPER SERIES w/Rev. Ed Bresnahan

Our annual series will continue Friday, March 21: 6pm Mass (Friday's daily Mass offering) followed by a modest meal and a speaker beginning promptly at 7pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Ed Bresnahan Parochial Vicar at Nativity Church, Burke. He will talk about fasting in ways that work for a family/child. If you need a refresher or just want to

hear a different take on what Lent has to offer, come join us for a wonderful evening. We will have the series this year in Father Ray Hall.

LIVE JESUS! 2025 The 20th Annual Live Jesus! Virginia will be held on March 29 at St. John Neumann Parish in Reston, from 9 am to 12:45 pm. This year's theme is "Bend Don't Break: The Art of Salesian Spirituality". Keynote speaker will be Rev. James Greenfield, OSFS, President of DeSales University. For more information and to register, visit Oblates.Org.

NEW! IN PERSON WEEKLY Women's Faith Sharing Group - Starting THURSDAY, March 13, 7-8:30pm in the OLQP Library. Want more Jesus, and female fellowship? Email olqp.wwp@gmail.com (parishioner Mary Wulf) to learn more. Mary has loved being part of such a group and now wants to open a group at our parish, OLQP: "This faith sharing group prompts me to do bite sized daily reading and reflection to deepen my connection to God and God's will in my life. I then get to meet with other faith filled funky female friends for fellowship to share our learnings, and how we will apply them practically in our lives. This group rocks!"

BISHOP IRETON THEATER PROGRAMS PRESENTS *GUYS AND DOLLS*

The show will run on April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7 pm; April 6 at 2pm in Garwood Whaley Auditorium at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Please click on links for more information and purchasing tickets. Event page with details: <https://www.bishopireton.org/fine-arts/theater-arts>. Direct Ticket Link: <https://bihs.booktix.com/>.

PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH SCRIPTURE

From the book *One Mother, One Family: A Scripture Meditation on the Rosary with Worldwide Sacred Art* Marymount University will host this event with guest speaker and Rosary Leader (and OLQP member), Monica Amparo, along with a Poetry Reading by Priya L. Quinn-Suku. Join us Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel (2807 N Glebe Rd). Visitor parking lot located just past guard gate to the right.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN RESOURCES:

Explore the many online resources available for spiritual growth during Lent. Review programs from Ignatian Spirituality, weekly reflection guides from Maryknoll, Audio meditations, Lenten family resources, Stations of the Cross and many more. Go to: [2025 Lenten Resources](#).

HAVE ANY PHOTOS, HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS or the like to share for our 80th anniversary celebration? We'd love to hear from you — scanned items work. Contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins: rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

MINKISI'S ANNUAL VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE

Pause and praise in **OLQP Minkisi's annual "Way of the Cross - Lament and Call for Justice"**. Come to a virtual gospel music prayer service using the Stations of the Cross icons from our church walls, scripture meditations, and quiet prayer on Thursday, March 20, 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions: worship--Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net and tech help—Julia Rocchi, rocchijulia@gmail.com. See details in the required Eventbrite registration by Sunday, March 16: <https://bit.ly/Minkisi20March2025>.

ECO-TIP from the *Integrity of Creation Ministry*: As a meaningful sacrificial practice, consider eating less meat (especially red meat) this Lent - e.g. add in a "Meatless Monday." Meat production emits more greenhouse gases and uses more water than plant agriculture. Reducing meat consumption can be good for your health and your wallet too. Grains, beans, nuts, seeds, quinoa, and soy are good sources of plant-based protein - be creative and try new recipes.

Stephen Ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Are you experiencing a life challenge
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Do you just need to talk to someone?

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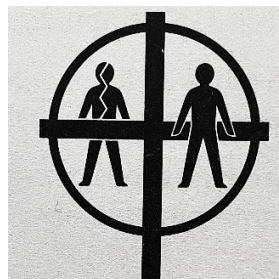
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Can Aquinas help us navigate our world's moral complexity?

Navigating moral complexity requires discernment and action,
especially in a world shaped by systemic injustice.

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Good is to be done and pursued and evil is to be avoided." So goes the first principle of natural law according to Thomas Aquinas, a morality that remains foundational for much of Catholic ethics. This principle is both obvious and profoundly complex. In an increasingly interconnected world, where our every action has far-reaching implications, what does it mean to do good and avoid evil?

A trip to the supermarket offers a glimpse of this challenge. Walking through the produce section, I think about the farmworkers who harvested the strawberries and broccoli, wondering if they were paid a fair wage. Year-round access to strawberries comes at an ecological cost, a small but significant part of global industrial agriculture's carbon footprint. Attempting to make healthy, ethical choices that also account for workers and the planet quickly reveals the extent to which we are entangled in complex moral webs. It can all feel overwhelming.

We are almost always morally complicit in these larger systems. Even when we actively work to make ethical choices, we remain entangled within them. This is the reality of social sin. Racism, sexism, and throwaway culture are just a few examples of the structures of sin that shape our world. In *Evangelii Gaudium* (On the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World), Pope Francis highlights how a throwaway culture and inequality form social systems in which many people are excluded or rendered invisible. Our economic activities inevitably participate in a global reality marked by interdependence, inequality, and indifference.

Faced with this overwhelming reality, some people retreat into a search for moral purity, focusing only on issues deemed intrinsic evils in Catholic teaching such as abortion, euthanasia, and violations of religious freedom. While understandable, this approach fails to capture the complexity of human action or the expansive command to love our neighbor found in the gospels. For Aquinas, morality is both objective and circumstantial, shaped by intention, context, and consequences.

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Catholic social teaching challenges us further, expanding our moral concerns. The list of "infa-mies" in *Gaudium et Spes* (On the Church in the Modern World) is strikingly inclusive, naming violations of human dignity ranging from subhuman living conditions to deportation. In a world marked by sin and interdependence, moral purity is unattainable for all but Jesus and Mary, the mother of God.

Yet, Christian ethics provides tools to grapple with this moral complexity and move us toward action rather than retreat. Acknowledging our moral complicity frees us to make intentional moral choices and focus our efforts on meaningful change in our lives and communities. In the supermarket, I can prioritize local produce, choose sustainably caught fish, or opt for fair trade coffee.

Practical reason and prudential judgment are essential for applying Aquinas' first principle. Invoking prudential judgment does not lessen the moral weight of a situation. It is not a "get out of jail free"

card but a method of discernment in a complicated world.

The challenge is both personal and social. Each of us must engage in this moral discernment. In contrast to social sin, solidarity is the virtue by which we come together to pursue the good and dismantle structures of sin.

Personally, I've found the Serenity Prayer helpful in preparing to live out Aquinas' maxim. Attributed to Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, the prayer acknowledges moral complexity while calling us to act for the common good: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Aquinas, Catholic social teaching, and Niebuhr each offer a realistic appreciation of sin and moral evil while empowering us to pursue the good together.

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