

## 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 23, 2025

## THIRD 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: 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: 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 22-23 5:30pm and 1pm Spanish

22-23 marzo 5:30pm y 1pm en español

#### Masses / Misas:

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

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

Fri. 6pm / *Viernes 6pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule /

*Horario de misas de fin de semana:*

**Saturday Vigil** — 5:30pm

*Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm*

**Sundays** — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

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

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

*1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de*

*jóvenes adultos)*

Leave it for  
another year;  
then perhaps  
it will bear  
fruit.

*Luke 13:9*



Déjala todavía  
este año;  
voy a aflojar la  
tierra alrededor y  
a echarle abono,  
para ver si da  
fruto.

*Lucas 13,9*

#### 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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:

**SERVICIOS CATÓLICOS DE AYUDA (CRS)**



**NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ**

**23 de marzo de 2025**

**Tercer 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: \$7,873

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 744

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 75

### **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 Harts, 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 Urquiza, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

### **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  
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### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

Joshua 5:9, 10-12 (33C); 1 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Joshua 5,9, 10-12 (33C); 1 Corintios 5,17-21; Lucas 15,1-3, 11-32

### **MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH 22-28**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 22-28 MARZO**

#### **TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

**Saturday, March 22nd**

5:30 pm For The Parish

**Sunday, March 23rd**

8:00 am Mercedes García (Birthday) (D) by Oetgen family

9:30 am Jason Jenkins (D) by Minkisi Ministry

11:15 am In Thanksgiving for Rachael Over (L) by Jude & Amit Dias

1:00 pm St. Monsignor Oscar Romero Anniversary (D) by the parish

6:00 pm For The Parish

**Monday, March 24th**

12:00 pm Lope Dysangco (Anniversary) (D) by the Dysangco family

**Tuesday, March 25th**

12:00 pm Jorge Koehlin Seminario (Anniversary) (D) by Lilia Koehlin

**Wednesday, March 26th**

12:00 pm María Laura & Matilde Bravo (D) by the Lovo family

**Thursday, March 27th**

11:00 am - Funeral Mass - Preston Geter

**Friday, March 28th**

6:00 pm Demetrio Yabes (Birthday) (D) by Yabes family

### **SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /**

#### **VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA**

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

**Luciana Isabella López Bonilla &**

**Callum John-Stanley Schmerfeld**

Baptized March 22 / Bautizados el 22 de marzo

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

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

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

*Parochial Vicar / Párroco Asociado:* **Fr. Pontien Kenfack, CSSp**, pkenfack@olqpva.org

*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...**

As we careen towards the halfway point of our Lenten journey it is good to take a moment and step back, take a deep breath and ask...what are we looking for this Lent? To get closer to God? To clean up our act? To feel more religious? Or, just to lose a few pounds?

We have to be frank about our objective because we're bound to find what we seek. The right answer might not be what we think it is. We don't have to get closer to God. We can't -- God's right here! God dwells within us, we are temples of the Holy Spirit!

Getting closer to God's 'will' might be a better goal because that alignment is often off kilter. That is what most of us struggle with -- orienting our life centered around God and struggling to understand what it is that God is calling us to in this life, not just on a grand scale but in the smaller daily choices that we make.

If we find ourselves thinking that Lent is not working -- that the enchantment of "feeling our religion" isn't happening this year -- then maybe the answer is to seek to practice a new consciousness. What if we sought to spend one hour a day trying to be more consciously aware of God in every person we met and more conscious of God's presence in every place we go? Keep searching with our eyes, our mind, our heart.

If we practice believing what we profess—that God is in our midst—then we are much more likely to

awaken to the presence of the Divine! At the very least it will begin to change how we see and relate to other people as we practice seeing and believing the Divine presence within each one of them, regardless of how they may treat us!

This is what Pope Francis is hoping will happen as we draw near to immigrants and refugees, to all those who are marginalized....that we will come to know them as sister and brother, as images of the Creator, as children of God.

In whom is it most difficult for me to see God? What deeper reality is God calling me to this Lent? To whom am I being called to "draw nearer"?

Let us pray for, and reach out to, all the federal workers and contractors and all others who are affected by the mass government firings. Let us continue to call and to write all elected public officials, our every call and letter matters! Let us continue to protest in both large and small ways. Let us continue to resist the dismantling of our democracy.

You and I are filled with the Holy Spirit -- may it lead us in our struggle for equality, for justice and for peace in our nation and in the world.

Lenten blessings,  
Fr. Tim

**2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL –  
Monthly Reminders!**

The reminder statements for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal pledges are mailed mid-month. It is important that all pledges are completed! Please try to make your pledge payment prior to the end of each month so that you will receive credit for it on your statement the following month. Thank you for supporting our diocesan Church! If you have not yet made a pledge to the BLA, please use this QR Code or complete one of the pledge envelopes in the pews.



SCAN ME

**¡Recordatorios mensuales para LA CAMPAÑA  
CUARESMAL 2025 DEL OBISPO!**

Las declaraciones recordatorias de las promesas de donar para la Campaña cuaresmal del obispo se mandan a mediados de mes. ¡Es importante que se completen todas las promesas! Por favor, trate de hacer el pago de la promesa antes del final de cada mes para que reciba crédito en su declaración de donaciones el próximo mes. ¡Gracias por apoyar nuestra Iglesia diocesana! Si todavía no se ha comprometido a donar a la BLA, por favor use este código QR o complete un de los sobres de promesa en las bancas.



ESCANÉAME

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

**5:15—5:45pm**

Alternating each week  
between English and Spanish:  
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:  
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](mailto: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/](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 estríbillo 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](mailto: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/](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** – Do you have a Rice Bowl on your table? You can learn about hungry children in Guatemala where Catholic Relief Services helps Ana Belen and her husband provide nutritious meals for their children. There are also hungry children here. 25% of funds raised provide help for programs in our Diocese such as OLQP's Food Pantry. Use your Bowl for meaningful conversations about hunger with your family. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for stories of Hope. Thank you for caring.

**PLATO DE ARROZ CRS** – ¿Tiene un Plato de arroz en su mesa? Puede aprender acerca de niñas y niños en Guatemala que tienen hambre. Allí los Servicios católicos de ayuda ayudan a Ana Belén y a su esposo a proveer comidas nutritivas para sus hijas e hijos. Aquí también hay niñas y niños que tienen hambre. El 25% de los fondos recaudados provee ayuda para programas en nuestra diócesis como la Despensa de alimentos de OLQP. Use su Plato para entablar conversaciones significativas con su familia sobre el hambre. Visite [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) para encontrar historias de esperanza. Gracias por su preocupación.

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

We invite you to remember deceased loved ones – one intention per family, please -- with an Easter Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday April 19-20. Complete the form below, make your donation payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection basket by Monday, April 14th. Please be sure to meet the deadline of 4/14! Donations can also be made through FaithDirect.net (OLQP code: VA271) but be sure to send an email with memorial information to [office@olqpva.org](mailto:office@olqpva.org) with "Flower Memorial" in the subject line, again by 4/14.

Easter Flower Memorial:

Honoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORIALES DE FLORES DE PASCUA**

Le invitamos a recordar a seres queridos – por favor, una intención por familia – con un Memorial de flores de Pascua. Los memoriales se publicarán en el boletín del domingo de Pascua, el 19-20 de abril. Complete el formulario abajo, haga su donación a nombre de Our Lady Queen of Peace (usted determina la cantidad) y mándelo a la oficina parroquial (atención de Christina) o póngalo en la colecta para la fecha límite del lunes, 14 de abril. ¡Por favor, asegúrese de que llegue para el 14 de abril! También puede donar por FaithDirect.net (código de OLQP: VA271) pero asegúrese de mandar un correo electrónico a [office@olqpva.org](mailto:office@olqpva.org) con "Flower Memorial" en la línea del asunto, para la fecha límite del 14 de abril.

Memorial de flores de Pascua:

En honor de: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitado por: \_\_\_\_\_

Donación: \_\_\_\_\_

**ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP!** This work camp will be on the OLQP campus, July 7-11, 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. To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2025> or scan the QR code, here:



**¡SOLO QUEDAN UNOS POCOS ESPACIOS PARA EL CAMPAMENTO DE TRABAJO PARA LOS JÓVENES DISCÍPULOS!** Este campamento de trabajo va a llevarse a cabo en el campus de OLQP, del 7 de julio al 11, para futuros estudiantes de los grados 7, 8 y 9. Este campamento es una semana de servicio a los ministerios de OLQP y en asociación con Phoenix Bikes que fomenta la fe, el compañerismo y la diversión en el servicio. Para inscribirte ve a: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2025> o escanea el código QR aquí:

### **FISH & SHRIMP FRY FUNDRAISER!**

The last *You Buy, We Fry Take-out Lenten Fish & Shrimp Fry Fundraiser*, will be Friday, April 4th.

Father Martin will work his magic one last time this Lenten season on Friday, April 4th. Fish & shrimp options include coleslaw, French fries, and sauces. \$12 per order. Please place your order by Wednesday, April 2nd. 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](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org).

**PLACE YOUR TODAY! GO TO:** <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> or scan the QR Code:



### **¡RECAUDADOR DE FONDOS DE PESCADO Y CAMARONES!**

El último recaudador de fondos, *Usted compra, Nosotros freímos para llevar a casa*, va a ser el viernes, 4 de abril.

El Padre Martin va a hacer su magia por última vez esta Cuaresma el viernes, 4 de abril. Opciones de pescado y camarones incluyen ensalada de col, papas fritas y salsas. El costo es de \$12 por pedido. Por favor haga su pedido para la fecha límite, el miércoles, 2 de abril. Lo recaudado apoya los campamentos de trabajo y los viajes de peregrinación del Ministerio para adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. Para obtener más detalles, contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Ministro de los ministerios para adolescentes y jóvenes adultos, [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org).

**¡HAGA SU PEDIDO HOY! VAYA A:** <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> o escanee el código QR:

**WE'RE STILL ACCEPTING PHOTOS, ARTICLES, HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS, AND MEMORABILIA FOR OLQP'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY.** If you have any of these OLQP items to share, we would be greatly appreciative. Please email scans of your material to Rebecca Grant Jenkins, [rgrantjenkins@olapva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olapva.org), or drop them off. They will be scanned and returned.

**TODAVÍA ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO FOTOS, ARTÍCULOS, DOCUMENTOS HISTÓRICOS Y MEMORABILIA PARA EL 80 ANIVERSARIO DE OLQP.** Si tiene algunos de estos artículos para compartir, lo apreciaríamos mucho. Por favor escanee estos artículos y envíenselos a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, [rgrantjenkins@olapva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olapva.org), o tráígalos. Los escanaremos y se los devolveremos.

### **CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY ELECTED**

#### **Parish Advisory Board Members:**

Jazmin Albarra  
Karen Cavanaugh  
Ginny Franco  
Maude Holt  
Elizabeth ("Liza") Maggio  
Christine Ng

#### **Who join continuing PAB Members:**

Dave Carlson  
Nishia Cairo  
Milagros Lovo  
Onyebuchi Lazarus Medani  
Melvyn Mendez  
Joy Womack

**And, thank you to our outgoing members for your service to the parish!**

Susan DeSantis  
Debra Johnson

### **FELICITACIONES A LAS PERSONAS RECIÉN ELEGIDAS**

#### **Personas miembros de la Junta consultora:**

Jazmín Albarra  
Karen Cavanaugh  
Ginny Franco  
Maude Holt  
Elizabeth ("Liza") Maggio  
Christine Ng

#### **Que se unen a personas ya elegidas:**

Dave Carlson  
Nishia Cairo  
Milagros Lovo  
Onyebuchi Lazarus Medani  
Melvyn Méndez  
Joy Womack

**¡Y gracias a nuestros miembros que han servido a la parroquia!**

Susan DeSantis  
Debra Johnson

*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



The annual series continues Friday, March 28, with 6 p.m. daily Mass followed by a modest meal with a speaker beginning promptly at 7pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Dan Misleh, Director of Catholic Climate Covenant. He will talk about fasting to help our earth. 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.

**CALLING ALL FEDERAL WORKERS** -- Join us for community building on Tuesday, April 1, from 7 – 9pm. This evening gathering will be held in the Library of Father Ray Hall. Please RSVP to Sally Diaz-Wells at [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org).

**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](http://Oblates.Org).

### 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/>.

**FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** - The St. Mary of Sorrows Council 8600 Knights of Columbus will hold a Bingo to support TEACH, a non-profit organization that actively responds to the schooling needs of underserved children in Maya communities in Guatemala. The Bingo will be held at St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax on Saturday, March 29-30 from 6:30 – 8:30PM. \$10 for 2 cards. Chili, Hot Dogs and Bake Sale. Everyone is invited to come and play and win some great prizes. Questions? [Shari.zamarra@gmail.com](mailto:Shari.zamarra@gmail.com), 703-323-9367.

### REFLECTION ON MEDOR...

In this weekend's Gospel parable, Jesus encourages the person who planted the fig tree to be patient. He promises that, though a person may not yet have yielded fruit, He will cultivate him, allowing him to flourish. Through OLQP's partnership with our brothers and sisters in Medor, Haiti, and specifically through the agroforestry program, Medor farmers have revitalized deforested land, in alignment with Jesus' parable. The farmers planted 202,600 tree seedlings on their plots and the eroded hillsides last year. These same farmers have planted close to 1.5 million trees since 2010, with an estimated survival rate of 67%. The farmers' patience as trees grew over the past 15 years has provided necessary food, building materials, and cash crops for the community. Our support directly funds farmer trainings, tools, seeds, and land maintenance through the Haiti Easter Drive. Please prayerfully consider a donation this Easter season! QR code here.



### 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](#).

### HEART OF L'ARCHE FUNDRAISER

Join the L'Arche Greater Washington D.C. community at their annual Heart of L'Arche Fundraiser. There will be gourmet food & drink, live music, a silent auction, and an inspiring program—with Special Olympics Chairman Tim Shriver as the special guest. All are welcome, including kids! RSVP by April 7th at [larche-gwdc.org/heartoflarche25](http://larche-gwdc.org/heartoflarche25) or call 202-232-4539.

**ECO-QUOTE** *from the Integrity of Creation Ministry:* Care for God's Creation is one of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. From the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation."





## 2025 EASTER DRIVE

Our mission is to support sustainable, community-based development in partnership with our twin parish, St Joseph of Medor, Haiti.

Your prayers and gifts enable St Joseph parish and its partners to strengthen their community.

### HOW ARE PARISH FUNDS USED IN ONGOING PROGRAMS?

#### TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

- **\$45** purchases school materials for four primary school students, creating opportunities
- **\$1,140** pays the annual salary of a primary school teacher
- **\$5,000** provides one year of primary school education for 87 students, expanding their horizons

#### PROTECTING THE LAND AND INCREASING INCOMES

- **\$42** provides an agricultural hand tool to three farmers
- **\$90** funds one training for an average of 67 male and female farmers
- **\$2,500** funds food and expenses for 22 *kombits* (work parties) with an average of 98 participants

### HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. Donate online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA271/6766>
2. Mail a check made out to OLQP with Haiti in the memo line to OLQP office
3. Place check (made out to OLQP with Haiti in the memo line) or cash in the Haiti box at the church entry





# Isidore's Garden - Growing Together in Faith & Community



As we prepare for the 2025 season, we take a moment to reflect on the many blessings of 2024 at Isidore's Garden, our parish community garden dedicated to growing fresh produce for the OLQP Food Pantry and fostering a space of learning, service, and connection.



## 2024 Highlights

**Garden Expansion & Renovation** – Thanks to generous grant funding, we expanded and improved the garden in spring. Special thanks to Fr. Martin for serving as project manager! The Young Disciples Work Camp added finishing touches in June.

**Festivity & Blessing** – On July 28, after the 6 PM Mass, we gathered to celebrate and bless the garden, enjoying a locally sourced menu.



**OLQP Harvest Festival** (Sept. 28) – A celebration for all ages included:

- Garden Tours & Radish Planting
- Games, Crafts & Face Painting
- Bee Station (Northern Virginia Beekeepers Association)
- Movement Station (Encore Stage & Studio)



**Pollinator-Friendly Gardening** – Our native plant garden bed continues to support local biodiversity, providing habitat for pollinators essential to a thriving ecosystem.

**613 Pounds of Produce Donated** – Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, fresh food was provided to families in need through the OLQP Food Pantry.

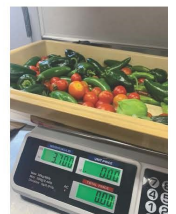
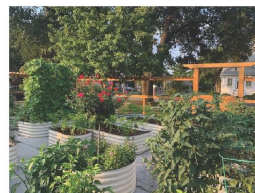


## Join Us in 2025!

**Set Volunteer times begin Sat, April 26** – No experience or sign-up needed! Just show up at the times below. Email Julene at [julenejarnot@gmail.com](mailto:julenejarnot@gmail.com) to arrange other volunteer opportunities.

### Volunteer Schedule (Weather permitting)

Tuesdays: 5:30 – 7:00 PM (Harvest Day)  
Saturdays: 8:00 – 10:00 AM



### Save the Dates!

- Garden Blessing – Feast of St. Isidore (our patron) – Thurs, May 15
- OLQP Harvest Festival – Sat, September 27



Learn more at: [www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/isidores-garden.html](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/isidores-garden.html)  
Come grow with us! Thank you for helping Isidore's Garden thrive!