

OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social ministries. The parish will continue to identify with its origin as a Black parish. As a multi-ethnic congregation we will seek to promote racial harmony and social justice. While our primary focus is within the immediate community, we will also work to provide for the well-being of the downtrodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

¡Bienvenidos a OLQP iglesia católica!

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Office Hours

Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

December 13-14 9:30am and 1pm in Spanish

13-14 diciembre 9:30am y 1pm en español

MASSES / MISAS:

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

Mon-Fri. 12pm / *lunes a viernes 12pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de Misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

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

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

1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 14, 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



UPCOMING SERVICES & MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Advent Reconciliation Service, Bilingual

Monday, December 15, 7:00pm

Individual reconciliation

beginning at 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm Family Mass

4:15 pm Family Mass in

Fr. Ray Hall

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass,

in Spanish

10:30 pm Lessons & Carols

11:00 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 25,

11:00 am

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31,

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026,

11:00am, Bilingual

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3-4, 2026

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

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

1:00 pm in Spanish & 6:00

HORARIO PARA LAS MISAS Y SERVICIOS DURANTE LA TEMPORADA DE NAVIDAD

Servicio bilingüe de reconciliación de Adviento

Lunes, 15 de diciembre, 7pm

Confesiones individuales

comenzando a las 7pm

Misas de víspera de Navidad

Miércoles, 24 de diciembre

4:00 pm Misa para familias

4:15 pm Misa para familias en

Fr. Ray Hall

6:00 pm Misa de víspera de

Navidad

8:00 pm Misa de víspera de

Navidad, en español

10:30 pm Lecciones y villancicos

11:00 pm Misa de medianoche

Misa del día de Navidad

Jueves, 25 de diciembre, 11:00 am

Solemnidad de la santísima Virgen

María, Madre de Dios

Misa de vigilia — miércoles, 31 de

diciembre, 5:00pm

jueves, 1ro de enero, 2026,

11:00am, bilingüe

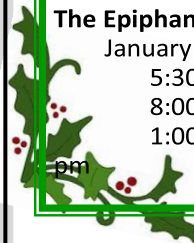
La Epifanía del Señor

3-4 enero 2026

5:30 pm Misa de vigilia

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

1:00 pm en español y 6:00 pm



Are you the one
who is to come
or shall we
look for another?

Matthew 11:3



¿Eres tú el que
ha de venir o
tenemos que
esperar a otro?

Mateo 11,3

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL PARISH
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:
COLECTA ANUAL NAVIDEÑA DE LA PARROQUIA
PARA LAS CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

14 de diciembre de 2025

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

A Consistent Ethic of Life Catholic Community

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 & by appointment.

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collections / Colectas del domingo: \$8,840

ParishSoft Giving - weekly avg.: \$11,289

Word & Eucharist Missalette/

Misal Palabra y Eucaristía

Today's readings can be found on page 116

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 117

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: Christiana Achebe, Suri Barahona, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Chris Bruns, Mary Callow, Brody Carroll, Antonio Fernandez Castillo, Louise Chambers, Fred Clarke, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Donna Davis, 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, Jo Marie Griesgraber, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoef, Jan Hyland, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Gus Karns, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Alexa LaRue, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, 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, 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, Hazel Pulliam, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, 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, Suzie Snedgen Warner, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, George Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Nancy Urquizo, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Al Williams, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (7A); James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Isaías 35, 1-6a, 10 (7A); Santiago 5,7-10; Mateo 11,2-11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A); Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Isaías 7,10-14 (10A); Romanos 1,1-7; Mateo 1,18-24

MASS INTENTIONS, DECEMBER 13-19

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 13-19 DICIEMBRE

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Saturday, December 13th

5:30 pm For The Parish

Sunday, December 14th

8:00 am Samir E. Danho (Birthday) (D)

by Elias S. Danho & Jessica Vasquez

9:30 am In Thanksgiving, Daniel D'souza (L) by Jude & Amit Dias

11:15 am Padre José Nangle, OFM (Anniversary)(D) by the parish

1:00 pm Bienaventurada Virgen María de Guadalupe (Feast Day)

by the parish

6:00 pm Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM (Anniversary) (D)

by the parish

Monday, December 15th

12:00 pm For The Parish

Tuesday, December 16th

12:00 pm For The Parish

Wednesday, December 17th

12:00 pm Luis César Cabrera (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

Thursday, December 18th

12:00 pm Malcolm Young (Birthday)(D) by Ann Young

Friday, December 19th

12:00 pm For The Parish

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome one new Christian. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a una nueva cristiana.

Sophie Theresa Ardovini

Baptized December 13 / Bautizada el 13 de diciembre

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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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...

This Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath...it is meant to mark the week as special...for centuries, in the west, the color pink has been associated with "joy"!

This 3rd Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday...from the Latin word "to rejoice"...rejoice for the Lord's coming is near! The readings this Sunday have both a sense of expectancy and joyfulness.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that the desert will break forth in bloom, and we will see the splendor of God and the weak and the fearful of heart will be made strong. The blind will see, the deaf will hear and mute will sing, and all the ransomed will return and there will be gladness and joy among the throngs of people as they enter Zion.

Wow...what a vision of the Reign of God bursting forth on the earth!

As we think about this vision of the Reign of God, and we look around at all the suffering and war and famine and injustices, our joyfulness can quickly turn to sadness and feelings of being cheated out of the Isaiah's vision of the Reign of God...OR...Instead of feeling cheated or sorry for myself, I can stand up and work with the Holy Spirit to make that vision a reality. Remember the Angel Gabriel's words, for nothing is impossible with God.

I can work to build up the Reign of God in the midst of the injustices and fear and violence by speaking out and standing up on behalf of the unhoused, the immigrant, people of color, Muslims, Jews, women and girls, members of the LGBTQ community, who in this current state of political chaos, many of them feel fearful and despised and in danger just because of who they are and where they come from.

Each one of us is called to be the voice of the prophet crying out in a wilderness, to lay down our weapons of war and destruction and to build the peaceable kingdom. As we reflect on "Gaudete Sunday" and its deeper meaning to us as disciples of Jesus Christ, let us commit to joyfully building up the Reign of God.

What will I do this week to build up the Reign of God? Who will I stand with this week? What words of truth will I speak to power on behalf of the marginalized, and what actions of justice will I take in defense of those who are in danger because of the political chaos in our nation at this time?

O, God let us, through our words and actions, prepare the way of the Lord!

Advent blessings to you all,

Fr. Tim

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This weekend, our parish takes up our annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities. Your generous gift supports vital ministries serving families, individuals, and communities across our diocese. Give online at ccda.net/Christmas, through our parish's e-giving portal or using the special bulletin insert.

COLECTA ANUAL NAVIDEÑA DE LA PARROQUIA PARA LAS CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

De este finde semana, nuestra parroquia tendrá su Colecta navideña anual para Caridades Católicas. Su generosa donación apoya ministerios esenciales que sirven a familias, personas y comunidades en toda nuestra diócesis. Done en línea en ccda.net/Christmas, a través del portal de donaciones electrónicas de la parroquia o usando el encarte en el boletín.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

TEEN NIGHT is on winter break until January 4th. Have a continued blessed Advent and Joyful Christmas season!

OLQP 80TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS are on sale for \$8! They make great gifts for family and friends! Ornaments are available for purchase through December 14, while supplies last. The double-sided acrylic ornaments, with text in English and Spanish. When paying online through our ParishSoft Giving page, choose "Christmas Ornament" in the drop-down box. Proceeds go to the Youth & Young Adult Ministries World Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage. To order for pick-up after Mass, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPOrnament> or scan the QR code:



Missed the **INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE WYD 2027** Pilgrimage to Saigon, Vietnam and Seoul, Korea but are still interested? If you will be between 16-35 by July 2027, please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org for more information.

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES:

NOCHE PARA ADOLESCENTES está de vacaciones hasta el 4 de enero. ¡Qué sigas teniendo un Adviento bendecido y una feliz temporada navideña!

¡LOS ADORNOS NAVIDEÑOS DEL 80 ANIVERSARIO DE OLQP ESTÁN EN VENTA POR \$8! ¡Son buenos regalos para familiares y amistades! Los ornamentos van estar a la venta hasta el 14 de diciembre o hasta que se agoten. Los ornamentos acrílicos, de doble cara, tienen texto en inglés y español. Si paga en línea por la página ParishSoft, escoja "Christmas Ornament" en el cuadro de lista desplegable. Lo que se recaude va a apoyar la peregrinación de la Jornada de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos 2027. Para ordenar para recoger después de Misa, vaya a: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPOrnament> o escanee el código QR:

¿TE PERDISTE LA SESIÓN INFORMATIVA PARA LA PEREGRINACIÓN WYD 2027 A SAIGÓN, VIETNAM Y SEÚL, COREA, pero todavía estás interesada/o? Si vas a tener entre 16 y 35 años para julio, 2027, por favor contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org para obtener más información.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember deceased loved ones – one intention per family, please -- with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the Sunday bulletin on the weekend of December 20-21.

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 Sunday, December 14th.

We must have all the information by Monday, December 15! Donations can also be made through [ParishSoft Giving](#) (click on Offertory and Donation Funds, use the dropdown option to select Flower Memorials) **and** be sure to send an email with names of those you are honoring to office@olqpva.org by 12/15.

Christmas Flower Memorial:

Honoring: _____

Requested by: _____

Donation: \$ _____

MEMORIALES DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Invitamos a todos a recordar a un ser querido difunto con un Memorial de flores de Navidad. Los memoriales se publicarán en el boletín del domingo del fin de semana del 20-21 de diciembre.

Complete esta información, pague a nombre de OLQP (el donativo se deja a su discreción) y mándela a la oficina parroquial (atención: Christina) o póngala en el cesto de la colecta en o antes del 14 de diciembre. **¡Necesitamos su información para la fecha límite del lunes, 15 de diciembre!**

También puede mandar su donación por [ParishSoft Giving](#) (haga click en "Fondos de ofertorio y donación" (Offertory and Donation Funds), utilice la opción desplegable para seleccionar memoriales de flores (Flower Memorials) **y** asegúrese de mandar un correo electrónico con los nombres de las personas a quien usted está honrando a office@olqpva.org en o antes del 15 de diciembre.

Memorial de flores de Navidad:

En honor de: _____

A petición de: _____

Donativo: \$ _____

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER

Thursday December 18

Dinner was such a hit in November that we're offering the menu again: baked salmon, fish filets, hash brown potato patties, broccoli, salad, fruit, brownies & lemonade. 43 children ate dinner last month; an amount of diners never experienced by us. Healthy, happy families enjoyed the food and the holiday placemats Faith Formation kids made and sent along with dinner.

For planning purposes, your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen Monday- Thursday, December 15-18, 8:30-4:30 or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30-5:00pm.

Questions? Contact mary.resnick@gmail.com. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED

The Food Pantry is seeking donations of children's new and gently used books (nursery rhymes, ABC's, early readers, children's education, etc.) for preschoolers through early grade levels. Books in both English and Spanish are welcome. Please leave clearly marked donations in the back of the church during your weekend masses, deliver to the ministry center, or leave in the Matthew 25 donation bin. These books bring smiles of delight to children accompanying their parents to the Food Pantry!

HAITI CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Our twinning with St Joseph parish is empowering people to improve their lives:

- 2,400 students are attending school, k-13th grade.
- 3,000 farmers are participating in the agroforestry program, planting trees and earning training, crop seeds and agricultural hand tools, allowing them to increase their incomes. Over 1,530,000 tree seedlings have been transplanted from the nurseries since 2010!

Your contributions enable this important work to continue! Here is how you can make a difference:

1. Donate online at:

<https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/haiti-ministry.html>

2. Write a check payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace with "Haiti" on the memo line and mail to the parish office (2700 19th St S., Arlington 22204) or place your check/cash in the Haiti box on the table at the church entrance.

The Haiti Christmas Card Alternative Gift Program offers both printed and electronic cards.

How to get Haiti printed cards:

- Pick up cards at the self-serve table at the church entrance.

How to get the Haiti e-card:

- Download from the parish website at:

https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/uploads/1/0/2/8/102893408/haiti_ecard.pdf

- Attach the card in an email to your loved ones.

Thank you to all for your love and support for the people of Medor.

CENA DEL REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO

Jueves, 18 de diciembre

La cena de noviembre fue tal éxito que estamos ofreciendo el menú otra vez: salmón asado, filetes de pescado, papas hash brown, brócoli, ensalada, frutas, brownies y limonada. 43 niñas y niños cenaron el mes pasado—un número de personas que nunca habíamos tenido. Familias saludables y alegres disfrutaron de la comida y de los manteles individuales navideños que las niñas y niños de la Formación de fe hicieron y mandaron con la comida.

Para fines de planificación, puede llevar su comida a la oficina parroquial del lunes al jueves, del 15 al 18 de diciembre, de 8:30 a 4:30 o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la cena de 4:30 a 5:00pm.

SE NECESITAN LIBROS PARA NIÑAS Y NIÑOS

La Despensa de alimentos busca donaciones de libros para niñas y niños, nuevos y de poco uso (canciones infantiles, ABC, libros de lectura para principiantes, educación infantil, etc.) para preescolares hasta niveles de primeros grados. Se aprecian libros en inglés y en español. Por favor deje donaciones bien identificadas en la parte trasera de la iglesia durante las Misas de los fines de semana. Llévelos al Ministry Center o déjelos en el contenedor de Mateo 25 ¡Estos libros les dan mucha alegría a las niñas y niños que acompañan a sus padres cuando van a la Despensa de alimentos!

CAMPAÑA NAVIDEÑA PARA HAITÍ

Nuestro hermanamiento con la parroquia St. Joseph empodera a las personas a mejorar sus vidas:

- 2,400 estudiantes asisten a escuelas de K al grado 13.
- 3,000 agricultores participan en el programa de agroforestería, sembrando árboles y obteniendo entrenamiento, semillas para la cosecha y herramientas agrícolas manuales, lo que les permite aumentar sus ingresos. ¡Más de 1,530,000 plántulas de árboles se han trasplantado de los viveros desde el 2010!

¡Sus contribuciones permiten que esta importante labor continúe! Aquí ve como marcar una diferencia para nuestra parroquia hermana:

1. Done en línea en:

<https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/haiti-ministry.html>

2. Escriba un cheque a nombre de OLQP con "Haiti" en la línea del asunto y mándelo por correo a la parroquia (2700 19th St S., Arlington 22204) o ponga su donación en la caja para Haití en la mesa en la entrada de la iglesia.

El programa de la Campaña navideña para Haití ofrece tarjetas impresas y electrónicas.

Como obtener tarjetas impresas:

- Tome las tarjetas impresas de la mesa de autoservicio en la entrada de la iglesia.

Como obtener las tarjetas electrónicas:

- Descargue tarjetas electrónicas del sitio web de la parroquia:

https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/uploads/1/0/2/8/102893408/haiti_ecard.pdf

- Adjunte la tarjeta en un correo electrónico para sus seres queridos.

Gracias por su cariño y apoyo por nuestra familia de Medor.

2025 OLQP SHOEBOX WEEKEND PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS



This Sunday – Dec 14 -- we will be packing and gift wrapping shoeboxes for the homeless. Come join us this Sunday over at Father Ray Hall anytime from 11:00am – 6:00pm. Bring your shoeboxes, donations or just come help us pack and gift wrap these thoughtful donations on behalf of the OLQP community. Children are welcome!

THE GIVING TREE – Support SEEC Day Laborers! We invite you to support the parish in providing lunch for SEEC day laborers. Each week a group of volunteers shop, prepare and package lunches for Shirlington Day Laborers through the Brown Bag Lunch Program. The Giving Tree in the sanctuary during Christmas time supports this effort: take a ‘brown bag angel’ ornament from the basket under the giving tree in the sanctuary, place your donation inside the ornament and hang it on the tree. The tree will be in the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

WALK WITH THE HOLY FAMILY STARTING IN ADVENT! To benefit Catholic Relief Services, the Virginia CRS Chapter will be hosting a state-wide virtual walk-a-thon fundraiser, “Walking with the Holy Family”, from November 30th to January 4th. Through Advent and the Christmas Season, walk on your own time in solidarity with families who must leave their homelands due to food insecurity, violence, or instability and raise funds to support CRS programs throughout the world. To participate or for more information, visit bit.ly/VACRS or scan the QR code.



FIN DE SEMANA DE CAJAS DE ZAPATOS DE OLQP 2025 Proyecto para personas sin hogar

Este domingo, 14 de diciembre, empaquemos y envolveremos cajas de zapatos para personas sin hogar. Únase a nosotros este domingo en Father Ray Hall en cualquier momento entre las 11:00am y las 6:00pm. Traiga sus cajas de zapatos, donaciones o simplemente ayúdenos a empaquetar y envolver para regalo estas donaciones en nombre de la comunidad de OLQP. ¡Las niñas y los niños son bienvenidos!

THE GIVING TREE -- ¡Apoye a los jornaleros de SEEC! Lo invitamos a apoyar a la parroquia al darle almuerzo a los jornaleros de SEEC. Cada semana un grupo de personas voluntarias que forman parte del Brown Bag Lunch van de compras, preparan y empaquetan almuerzos para los jornaleros de Shirlington. El Giving Tree en el santuario durante la temporada de Navidad apoya este esfuerzo. Tome un ornamento, “un ángel de papel”, de la canasta que está debajo del “giving tree” en el santuario, ponga su donación dentro del ornamento y cuélguelo en el árbol. El árbol va a estar en el santuario durante la temporada navideña.

¡CAMINE CON LA SAGRADA FAMILIA EMPEZANDO EN ADVIENTO! Para beneficiar los Servicios de ayuda de las Caridades católicas, el capítulo de Virginia va a patrocinar un *walk-a-thon* virtual para recaudar fondos, “Caminando con la Sagrada Familia”, del 30 de noviembre al 4 de enero. Durante el Adviento y la temporada navideña, camine a su propio ritmo en solidaridad con las familias que tienen que abandonar sus patrias debido a la inseguridad alimentaria, la violencia o la inestabilidad y recaudar fondos para apoyar los programas de la CRS por todo el mundo. Para participar o para obtener más información, visite bit.ly/VACRS o escanee el código QR.

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 LIBRARY REQUEST

During this Advent season, if you have any Advent resources at home that you no longer use or that the kids have outgrown, please consider donating them to the OLQP Library. Your contributions (Advent meditations, Advent customs and practices, etc.) will make these resources available for others to use and enjoy during this special time of year. Donations can be left in the Library or at the Parish Office. The Library is in Fr. Ray Hall, second door on the right as you enter the main hall from the street entrance. Thank you so much for your consideration and support!

The **OLQP Library** offers an array of books for spiritual enrichment, including Advent resources. Stop by after Mass to peruse the collection on a variety of topics. Books may be checked out on the honor system. Sign out cards and instructions are available on the Library desk. Look for more updates on the Library in the New Year.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CLINICS & WORKSHOPS 4TH-8TH GRADES!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School has a few exciting opportunities for younger students to hone their skills and explore their interests! Boys Wrestling Camp is back (ongoing - end of January), Super Science Saturday (Sat, Feb 28th), and more on the way! Click here to start your registration:

<https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

MATTHEW 25 -- Is looking for a volunteer to help with storage. If you can lift 20 lbs. and can come Monday through Thursday from 9am until 12noon, we can use your help. Choose the day(s) of the week that works for you, even once would be great. Interested, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at sdiazwells@olqpva.org

ECO-TIP: Looking for last minute Christmas gifts? Our gift giving traditions sometimes entail the exchange of unwanted "stuff" from well meaning people. Sadly some gifts are seldom used and end up in landfills. For more satisfaction, give "experiences" -- a nice restaurant meal, tickets to a sporting event, concert or theater. Even thoughtful "IOUs" for services around the house. Consider a gift of family fun snowboarding, bowling or at a trampoline park. Create memories with activities you enjoy doing together.



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION



God, our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear.

We ask that you touch our hearts with your love, heal our brokenness, and turn us away from violence toward peace.

Let our pens write messages demanding change while also scripting words of hope and transformation.

We ask this in the name of the God who desires that we live together in peace.

Amen.

(excerpted from Sisters of Mercy prayer to end gun violence)

To commemorate the 26 victims of the gun violence inflicted at Sandy Hook School in Newtown, CT 10 years ago on December 14, 2012, we invite you to pray as you

SAY THEIR NAMES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Charlotte Bacon	6	Grace McDonnell	7
Daniel Barden	7	Anne Marie Murphy	52
Rachel D'Avino	29	Emilie Parker	6
Olivia Engel	6	Jack Pinto	6
Josephine Gay	7	Noah Pozner	6
Dylan Hockley	6	Caroline Previdi	6
Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung	47	Jessica Rekos	6
Madeleine Hsu	6	Avielle Richman	6
Catherine Hubbard	6	Lauren Rousseau	30
Chase Kowalski	7	Mary Sherlach	56
Jesse Lewis	6	Victoria Soto	27
Ana Marquez-Greene	6	Benjamin Wheeler	6
James Mattioli	6	Allison Wyatt	6

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION -- For more than a decade on the **14th of every month** a group of advocates for justice form a witness line in front of the National Rifle Association (NRA) headquarters on Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax. All are welcome and encouraged to join OLQP's contingent **at 10:00 am, rain or shine**. Many wear orange to show their support for gun safety laws. If the hour has already passed to commemorate this 13th anniversary (today), consider this an invitation to join us January 14, 2026 at 10am.

Because thousands are maimed or killed in the US each year due to readily available guns, we advocate for state and local legislation to curb access to guns. Our Christian ideals and values call us to advocate for life, especially the life of our brothers and sisters. We welcome the presence of others, especially people of faith. We meet on the sidewalk at 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax 22030. Join us!

Three U.S. bishops: Racially profiling migrants (and Americans) is a betrayal of the Gospel

by [Daniel E. Garcia](#), [Brendan J. Cahill](#) and [Robert J. Brennan](#)

In the Gospel of Luke, a scholar of the law poses a question to Jesus that continues to echo in our hearts today: “And who is my neighbor?” ([10:29](#)). It is a question that reveals both the yearning and the resistance found within the human spirit—a desire to do what is right and yet a temptation to draw artificial boundaries around our compassion.

This Gospel truth compels us to speak with clarity and conviction in the face of injustice toward our neighbors. Today, too many of our brothers and sisters live under the shadow of fear. In particular, right now in our country, those who are Black, Brown, Asian and Native American live in fear of being profiled, detained or deported simply because of the color of their skin. This fear is not abstract. It is part of daily life for many in our parishes, our schools and our communities.

Our Lord responds to the question of “who is my neighbor” not with a definition but with a story—the parable of the good Samaritan. In doing so, he teaches us that our neighbor is not merely the one who looks like us, speaks our language or shares our customs. Rather, our neighbor is the one in need—and the one whom we are called to love. The differences within the body of Christ are to be celebrated and valued, not feared.

In his recent exhortation “[Dilexi Te](#),” Pope Leo XIV reminds us of this inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbor: “Jesus’ teaching on the primacy of love for God is clearly complemented by his insistence that one cannot love God without extending one’s love to the poor. Love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God.”

As we bishops said recently in a [special](#)

[pastoral message](#): “We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants.” And, in our 2018 pastoral letter, “[Open Wide Our Hearts](#),” we lamented the impact of immigration raids and mass deportations in which even those who are U.S. citizens have been caught up and deported, noting: “Today, many Hispanics are often assumed to be in this country illegally. These attitudes of cultural superiority, indifference, and racism need to be confronted; they are unworthy of any follower of Christ.”

We consistently reaffirm what the church has always taught: that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God, the *imago Dei*, and that the dignity of the human person does not depend on a particular legal status, nationality or occupation. We also recognize that promoting public order and upholding the rule of law are necessary endeavors, especially because these measures help guard against trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

Today, however, we see aggressive approaches to immigration enforcement that inflict harm on our sisters and brothers, sometimes restricting their ability to work, live and worship in arbitrary ways. Many citizens and lawful residents have reported being detained by methods that blur the line between legitimate enforcement and discriminatory profiling. This climate of fear makes our neighbors hesitant to go to work, [to attend Mass](#) or to visit loved ones.

In light of this, we must ask again: Who is my neighbor?

The answer, as always, is found in Christ. He calls us to see with the eyes of mercy, to walk with those who

suffer and to build a society rooted in justice and love. As disciples, we cannot remain indifferent. We are called to advocate for a just and meaningful immigration reform that respects human dignity, upholds due process and promotes the common good.

Let us follow the example of Our Lady of Guadalupe and stand in solidarity with those who live in fear, as a testament to God’s abiding peace. Let us be beacons of Christ’s light, filled with compassion and courage. Let us raise our voices in support of a meaningful reform of our immigration system, one that recognizes, as the U.S. bishops [reaffirmed last month](#), that ensuring national security and safeguarding human dignity are not in conflict. Let us reject dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. And let us never grow weary in the Gospel call to love without condition.

May the Lord, who is close to the brokenhearted, strengthen us in this mission. And may we, as one body of Christ, never forget who our neighbors are (Ps 34:19).

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Waiting and hoping this Advent season



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The priest recounted his journey of conversion from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism. He told of suffering a crisis of vocation as a young Episcopalian clergyman and felt the need to take a leave of absence from the ministry. His personal financial situation was such that he was able to take what was formerly called “The Grand Tour” – an extended journey through Europe that was a normal part of privileged English gentlemen’s education.

He said that on one leg of the trip he found himself in the cathedral of Reme near Rome, Italy. As he went down into the crypt of the church and immediately came face to face with a larger than life statue of a very pregnant young woman. His immediate reaction was irritation: “Those Roman Catholics would stick something like this in your face.” Nevertheless, he asked a passerby whom the statue represent and of course was told that it depicted Mary the mother of Jesus.

He began to think about that and came to realize that for nine months in human history, the only evidence of God’s Incarnation was a young pregnant Jewish girl. That proved to be the gateway for him eventually to embrace Roman Catholicism, to which he brought an enduring devotion to Miriam of Nazareth.

This is a truly Advent story. Mary was chosen to be the channel for our Savior’s humanity and she stands as an exemplar of the principal attitudes of this holy season: waiting and hoping. As the former Episcopalian priest observed, Mary was the sole icon of this ever-so-human beginning of salvation history and spent her pregnancy “in joyful hope for the coming of Savior.”

We imitate Mary in these days of preparation for celebrating the Lord’s birth. Her message, mostly unspoken in the Gospel infancy narrative, is “wait.” The Spanish language uses the same word for waiting and hoping (*esperar*). We wait also not only for the remembrance of Jesus’ birth. Beautiful as that memory is and the way Catholics celebrate it, we also hope for the fulfillment of the Lord’s promise to come again in glory to complete the work of God’s reign – the “already and not yet” which we celebrated a week ago on the Feast of Christ the King.

There are many Advent-like prayers which grace these weeks in our Catholic liturgical celebrations:

- ✦ “We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”
- ✦ “When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord Jesus until you come again.”
- ✦ “Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.”
- ✦ “He will come again to judge the living and the dead.”

“We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.”

A crucial corollary to these Advent themes is silence. Again, Mary exemplifies this attitude. After the angel’s visit

and the announcement that she, a virgin, would conceive and bear a son, and after her visit to her cousin Elizabeth, we hear nothing about those nine months of pregnancy. Later on Luke’s Gospel will declare that “she kept all these things in her heart.”

The Advent practice of deliberate silence even for a few minutes each day is vitally important, not only as a temporary discipline in this quiet liturgical season, but in a world of constant noise. Silence in today’s culture highlights awareness of incessant talking, surrounded by frenetic music and a lost art of listening.

But our silence has to be accompanied by what Pope Francis said referring to the Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent: “Wakefulness, attention, vigilance... Jesus warns us: There is a danger of not realizing His coming and being unprepared for His visit. I have recalled on other occasions what Saint Augustine said: ‘I fear... that the Lord will pass by and I will not recognize Him.’”

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