

## 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!**

**Contact / Contacto:**

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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:**

January 10-11 8am and 1pm in Spanish

10-11 enero 8am 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



January 11, 2026

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Mass Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Monday, January 19, 11:00am**

**Misa para honrar al Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Lunes, 19 de enero, 11:00am**

**"This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased."**

*Matthew 3:17*



**"Este es mi Hijo amado;  
estoy muy complacido con él "**

*Mateo 3,17*

**Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz**

**11 de enero de 2026**

**Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor**

## 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: \$7,234

ParishSoft Giving - weekly avg.: \$20,920

#### Word & Eucharist Missalette/

#### Misal Palabra y Eucaristía

Today's readings can be found on page 158

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 159

### 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 Hoeft, Jan Hyland, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Gus Karns, Janie J. Key, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Alexa LaRue, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Linda Lipari, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Dick Melia, 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

### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

### **FIESTA DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR**

Isiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (21A); Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17  
Isaías 42,1-4, 6-7 (21A); Hechos 10,34-38; Mateo 3,13-17

### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **SEGUNDO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Isiah 49:3, 5-6 (64A); 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34  
Isaías 49,3, 5-6 (64A); 1 Corintios 1,1-3; Juan 1,29-34

### **MASS INTENTIONS, JANUARY 10-16**

### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 10-16 ENERO**

### **FIESTA DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR**

#### **Saturday, January 10th**

5:30 pm María Jiménez (D) by Kris Gregos

#### **Sunday, January 11th**

8:00 am Joe O'Connor (D) by The Minkisi Ministry

9:30 am Gulab Bhojwani (D) by Susan Francia

11:15 am José Clavecillas (D) by Delma Buenafe & Judy Francia-Reyes

1:00 pm Guillermo Vargas González (Anniversary) (D)

by children, grandchildren & family

6:00 pm Michel Holsten (D) by Brenda & Kimber Craine

#### **Monday, January 12th**

12:00 pm Klaus Grossmann (D) by Ann Johnson

#### **Tuesday, January 13th**

12:00 pm Genoveva D. Mundo (D) by Judy Francia-Reyes

#### **Wednesday, January 14th**

12:00 pm La Divina Pastora (Divine Shepherdess) (Special Intention)

by Odalis Barrios

#### **Thursday, January 15th**

12:00 pm John Rogers (L) by Marianne Petrino

#### **Friday, January 16th**

12:00 pm For The Parish

### OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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## JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. One of the most frequently asked questions is why did Jesus have to be baptized since he was God? I think that that question comes from a place of a primary understanding of baptism as the sacrament that removes original sin; clearly a central tenant of the theology of the Sacrament of Baptism. But prior to Vatican 2, it was the core understanding of baptism.

But in Vatican II, theologically speaking, a much deeper dive was done into the history and the historical theological breadth of the sacrament of baptism. In addition to the concept of the removal of the ancient stain of original sin, one of the jewels that became a centerpiece of the post Vatican II theology of baptism was a refocusing on baptism as the sacrament of initiation into the community of believers and discipleship of Jesus Christ. So not only is one washed clean from original sin and made a new creation, but one is brought into the Body of Christ and made a disciple of Jesus!

So, back to the question of why did Jesus receive baptism from John? Many scripture scholars agree that it served as a moment to mark his entry into his public ministry. In a way it was a moment of John the Baptist presenting Jesus to the crowds as the long awaited Messiah, and John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

And in allowing himself to be baptized, like all of those who had rushed out to the Jordan to be baptized, Jesus aligns himself with humanity in all of its brokenness, even though he is Divine.

Many scholars will point out that since John's baptism was a baptism of repentance for one's sins, and since Jesus was sinless, what did this baptism of repentance then mean? It meant that Jesus was showing his willingness to take on our sins...perhaps a foreshadowing of the cross, where he would open wide his arms and surrender himself for the salvation of the world.

So as we consider the powerful message and meaning behind the baptism of the Lord, what does our baptism mean for us and how we live out our daily lives? The truth is that my baptism has made me a new creation, joined me to the Body of Christ and made me a disciple of Jesus Christ! So that means that having been baptized I have been named and called to live a very specific way of life, which Jesus has carefully laid out for

us in his words and action handed down to us in the Gospels.

He commanded us to love one another as he has loved us. He commanded us to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked and give water to the thirsty. He commanded us as his disciples to visit the sick and the imprisoned. He called us to be good Samaritans, to care for the injured and the needy. These weren't suggestion...Jesus tells us that when we do these things to the least of our sisters and brothers, we do them to him! And when we fail to do them to the least of our sisters and brothers, we fail to do them to him.

It seems like many baptized Christians in our nation and certainly many of our elected political leaders have missed this part of our baptismal call to discipleship and to living out our membership in the Body of Christ! When we make budget cuts that take food away from the hungry, we take food away from Christ himself -- his very words!

When we make healthcare unavailable and unaffordable for the most vulnerable, we do the same to Christ! When we fail to house the unhoused, we fail to house Christ. When we reject the stranger, we reject Christ himself!

Jesus' words and actions had consequences; our words and actions have consequences.

Jesus' call for actions of loving and caring for the other, they are the actions which will decide the division of the sheep from the goats, in the final judgement. This is how critical Jesus saw it was to live our discipleship following in his footsteps: loving as he loved, embracing the stranger and the outcast as he did, eating and sharing time with those society marginalizes, embracing them as sister and brother, being open to encountering the divine that dwells within them, and thus, having our own encounter with God.

Let us pray that filled with the Holy Spirit we may continue to boldly live out our discipleship each day, and to continue to stand up for and with those most in need, in our families, in our community, in our nation and in the world.

Blessings in the New Year,

Fr. Tim

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR PARISH FAMILY!**

**2026 Josephite Calendars** are available at the back of church while supplies last. Please take one for you family's use at home.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:**

Catholic Heart Work Camp is scheduled for July 19 - 24, 2026, for rising 8th - 12th graders. There will be an information meeting, Sunday, January 25th, at 5:00pm in Casa Guadalupe. Applications are now open: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVACHWC2026>. Please see the flyer in the back of church for details. Adult Volunteers - Get Involved with Work Camp! This week-long service program relies on parishes making a community effort. Join us!

Got some time on your hands? Adult volunteers needed to accompany our youth. No experience is necessary! Virtus training and background checks are required. If interested, please complete the interested form here, <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAYMVOL>. For more information, please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, [rgrantjenkins@olqpv.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpv.org).

**OLQP KNITTERS DO IT AGAIN!**

Happy New Year! Forty-five mighty knitters from OLQP and beyond had a banner 2025 making so many different items. Last year we made 569 items including 171 men's scarves and 65+ hats, 95 women's scarves and 30+ hats, 8 adult gloves+, 7 prayer shawls, 7 adult sweater vests, 100 children's scarves and hats & mittens, and 86 baby and toddler blankets. We supported Pathways, Project Gabriel, Comfort Cases, Feast on the Streets, and Visitation Ministries. The adult items were distributed along with the Showboxes in December. A shoutout to the Young Adults for individually wrapping the adult scarves and hats. We are always looking for knitters/crocheters to join us, and we welcome donations of yarn. This past year we started meeting every few weeks. Interested in joining the fun? Please contact Marilena Amoni, [mamoni530@gmail.com](mailto:mamoni530@gmail.com)

**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.

**JOIN FR. PONTIEN ON A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE**

**Fatima, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Madrid**

Fr. Pontien will lead a nine-day Marian Shrines pilgrimage to Portugal, France and Spain. The guided tour will be in English. Cost is \$3,900 for double occupancy and includes flight, hotel, motorcoach travel, breakfast and dinner. Those interested in single occupancy are encouraged to register now to guarantee space. (Cost does not include lunch, beverages at dinner, optional travel insurance or tips.)

Use this link for *online registration*:

<https://www.unitours.com/OnlineBooking.aspx?url=UAB1110DO>

Use this link for pilgrimage details and to submit *paper registration* directly to Fr. Pontien:

<https://bit.ly/KenfackMarianShrines>

Brochures in both English and Spanish are available at the back of church this weekend.

**¡SU FAMILIA PARROQUIAL LE DESEA FELIZ NAVIDAD!**

**Los calendarios josefitas para el 2026** están disponibles en la parte de atrás de la iglesia hasta que se agoten. Por favor lleve uno para que su familia lo use en casa.

**MINISTERIO PARA ADOLESCENTES:**

El Catholic Heart Work Camp se va a llevar a cabo del 19 al 24 de julio 2026 para futuros estudiantes de los grados 8 al 12. Va a haber una reunión informativa el domingo, 25 de enero, a las 5:00pm en Casa Guadalupe. Ya puedes completar tu solicitud: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVACHWC2026>. Por favor mira el volante en la parte trasera de la iglesia para obtener detalles. Personas adultas para servir de voluntarias – ¡involúcrense con el Work Camp! Este programa de servicio de una semana confía en parroquias que se comprometen a hacer un esfuerzo comunitario. ¡Únase a nosotros!

¿Tiene tiempo extra? Se necesitan personas adultas para ser voluntarias y acompañar a nuestros jóvenes. ¡No necesita tener experiencia! Se requiere entrenamiento Virtus y una verificación de antecedentes. Si está interesada/o, por favor complete el formulario de interés aquí, <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAYMVOL>. Para obtener más información, por favor contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Directora de los ministerios para adolescentes y jóvenes adultos.

**¡LAS PERSONAS QUE TEJEN LO VOLVIERON A HACER!**

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Cuarenta y cinco tejedoras y tejedores de OLQP y otros lugares han tenido un 2025 excepcional – 65+ gorros, 95 bufandas para mujeres y 30+ gorros, 8+ guantes para personas adultas, 7 mantones de oración, 7 chalecos de punto, 100 bufandas, gorros y mitones para niñas y niños y 86 frazadas para bebés y niñas y niños pequeños. Apoyamos a Pathways, el Proyecto Gabriel, Comfort Cases, Fiesta en las calles y el ministerio de visitas. En diciembre los artículos para personas adultas se distribuyeron junto con las cajas de zapatos. Un saludo a los jóvenes adultos porque involucraron individualmente las bufandas y los gorros para personas adultas. Siempre estamos buscando personas para tejer y hacer ganchillo que se unan a nosotros y agradecemos donaciones de hilo de tejer. Este año pasado empezamos a reunirnos cada unas cuantas semanas. Si está interesada/o en participar, por favor contacte a Marilena Amoni, [mamoni530@gmail.com](mailto:mamoni530@gmail.com)

**THE GIVING TREE** -- ¡Apoye a los jornaleros de SEEC! Los 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.

**ÚNASE AL PADRE PONTIEN PARA UNA**

**PEREGRINACIÓN CATÓLICA**

**Fátima, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Madrid**

Del 10 al 18 de noviembre 2026 el Padre Pontien va a ser el guía de una peregrinación mariana de nueve días a Portugal, Francia y España. La excursión guiada va a ser en inglés. El costo es de \$3,900 por habitación doble e incluye el vuelo, hotel, viajes por autocar, desayuno y cena. Las personas interesadas en una habitación sencilla deben inscribirse ahora para garantizar la disponibilidad. (El costo no incluye el almuerzo, bebidas en la cena, viajes opcionales o propinas.)

Use este enlace para inscribirse **en línea**:

<https://www.unitours.com/OnlineBooking.aspx?url=UAB1110DO>

Use este enlace para obtener detalles de la peregrinación y para someter los **papeles para la inscripción** directamente al Padre Pontien:

<https://bit.ly/KenfackMarianShrines>

Hay folletos disponibles en inglés y español en la parte de atrás de la iglesia este fin de semana.

### **NEW! Prayer Ministry at OLQP**

#### **THE ROSARY: Meditations on the Mysteries of Christ**

Join us Wednesdays in the church at 12:45pm for a weekly rotation of the meditations on the mysteries of Christ: The Joyful Mysteries, The Luminous Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries, The Glorious Mysteries. Come weekly or when convenient. As our guide, we will be using: The Rosary with Bishop Robert Barron.

#### **ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SHELTER – Wednesday, January 14**

Join us on Wednesday, January 14, for dinner service at the Alexandria Community Shelter as we come together to support our unhoused neighbors and show them we care. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office kitchen this week from Monday to Wednesday, between 8:30am and 4:30am, or directly at the Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of the dinner, from 4:00pm to 4:30pm. Please label all food items with your name, "ACS," "January 14," and a description of the item. For any questions, please reach out to Emily Porterfield at [bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com](mailto:bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com).

Use this sign-up genius link to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABA2BA7F49-61431611-acsdinnerjanuary>

#### **CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER, Thursday, January 15**

We're having turkey tetrazzini, black-eyed peas & greens soup, broccoli, green salad, fruit salad, brownies and lemonade. If you're a first time contributor or have a question, please contact Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, [mary.resnick@gmail.com](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com).

Your food can be delivered to the parish office kitchen this week Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:30 or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of dinner, 4:30-5:00pm, marked clearly "Carpenter's Shelter, Thursday, January 15". You can also deliver it directly to Carpenter's on the day of dinner; please note when you sign up. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

#### **OLQP FOOD PANTRY'S FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND**

The second weekend of the month is Food Collection Weekend. If you were unable to bring food today, please consider dropping off donations during the week or next weekend. A list of grocery items can be found on the parish website at <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/food-pantry.html>, or consider making a donation: <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/donate.html> (click on Outreach Programs).

#### **MATTHEW 25 NEEDS COATS**

Please review your coat closet — Matt 25 is in need of car length coats or jackets. We are now open to accepting donations at the Ministry Center: Saturdays—Tuesdays, 9-12noon; Wednesdays, 9-7pm; Closed to accepting donations on Thursdays and Fridays. Please consider donating a coat.

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS TUESDAY AFTERNOON VOLUNTEERS**

The Food Pantry is seeking Tuesday afternoon volunteers to help bag fresh produce for distribution with the canned and boxed food. Thank you for your continuing support of the Food Pantry! If you can help on Tuesday afternoons, please contact Paula Corbett at [corbett.pmc@gmail.com](mailto:corbett.pmc@gmail.com)

### **¡NUEVO! Ministerio de oración en OLQP**

#### **EL ROSARIO: Meditaciones sobre los misterios de Cristo**

Únase a nosotros los miércoles en la iglesia a las 12:45pm para una rotación semanal de las meditaciones sobre los misterios de Cristo: los Misterios gozosos, los Misterios luminosos, los Misterios dolorosos, los Misterios gloriosos. Venga semanalmente o cuando le sea conveniente. Nuestra guía será: The Rosary with Bishop Robert Barron. (Solo en inglés.)

#### **REFUGIO COMUNITARIO DE ALEXANDRIA – miércoles, 14 de enero**

Únase a nosotros el miércoles, 14 de enero para una comida en el Refugio comunitario de Alexandria cuando nos reunimos para apoyar a nuestras vecinas y vecinos sin hogar y demostrarles que nos importan. Se pueden traer donaciones a la cocina de la oficina parroquial de lunes a miércoles entre las 8:30am y las 4:30pm o directamente a Fr. Ray Hall el día de la cena de 4:00 a 4:30pm. Por favor identifique todas las donaciones con su nombre, "ACS", "January 14" y una descripción del artículo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Emily Porterfield: [bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com](mailto:bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com).

Use este enlace para el sign-up genius para ofrecerse de voluntaria/o:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABA2BA7F49-61431611-acsdinnerjanuary>

#### **LA CENA REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO, el jueves, 15 de enero**

Vamos a tener tetrazzini de pavo, soap de guisantes de ojo negro y verdes, brócoli, ensalada verde, ensalada de frutas, brownies y limonada. Si es la primera vez que contribuye o tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a Mary Resnick, 703-462-4841, [mary.resnick@gmail.com](mailto:mary.resnick@gmail.com).

Puede llevar las contribuciones a la cocina de la oficina de la parroquia esta semana de lunes a jueves de 8:30am a 4:30pm o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida de 4:30 a 5:00pm. Identifique la comida con "Carpenter's Shelter el jueves, 15 de enero." También puede llevar la comida directamente al refugio el día de la comida. Por favor tenga esto en cuenta al apuntarse. ¡Como siempre, gracias por su generosidad!

#### **FIN DE SEMANA PARA RECOGER ALIMENTOS PARA LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS DE OLQP**

El segundo fin de semana del mes es el fin de semana para recoger alimentos. Si no pudo traer artículos hoy, por favor considere traerlos durante la semana o el próximo fin de semana. Hay una lista de artículos en el sitio web de la parroquia en <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/food-pantry.html>, o considere hacer una donación: <https://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org/donate.html> (haga clic en Outreach Programs).

#### **MATEO 25 NECESITA ABRIGOS**

Por favor examine su armario porque Mateo 25 necesita abrigos largos o chaquetas. La tienda está abierta ahora para aceptar donaciones en el Ministry Center: de sábados a martes, 9-12 del mediodía, los miércoles de 9-7 pm. No aceptamos donaciones ni los jueves ni los viernes. Por favor considere donar un abrigo.

#### **LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS NECESITA PERSONAS VOLUNTARIAS PARA LOS MARTES POR LA TARDE**

La despensa de alimentos busca personas voluntarias para los martes por la tarde para ayudar a empaquetar productos frescos para distribuir con los artículos enlatados y en cajas. ¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo de la despensa de alimentos! Si puede ayudar los martes por la tarde, por favor contacte a Paula Corbett: [corbett.pmc@gmail.com](mailto:corbett.pmc@gmail.com)

## PARISHSOFT GIVING—OLQP's E-giving Platform

If you were an active Faith Direct user, your record was upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving. If you are accessing your account for the first time since the upgrade (9/23/25), you will need a password reset – please contact Christina in the parish office to request that: [ckozyrn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyrn@olqpva.org). ParishSOFT Giving uses the same email address for your user name as you used with Faith Direct. You will just need a new password.

Login [here](#) to view your scheduled gifts, payment information, and to view the last four weeks of your contribution history. Use the same link to add, delete and edit your scheduled gifts – once logged into your ParishSOFT Giving account, click on “scheduled” and “history” to access this information.

New online donors, please click [here](#) to setup a one-time gift or recurring gift by completing the Give Now form. Use the dropdown arrow to select the fund you would like to contribute to: Sunday Collection, Pastor's Outreach, Food Pantry, etc.

One-time donors can also use Text-To-Give. Use 703-972-5021, type the word Give and you'll receive a reply with donation information or use the QR Code on the backside of the pew (FaithDirect is now ParishSoft Giving).

Need help? Please contact OLQP's Business Manager, Christina [ckozyrn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyrn@olqpva.org) or contact ParishSOFT Giving donor support at 866-930-4774 option 6 or [donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com).

Thank you for your support and generosity. It's vital to the good work of OLQP!

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-271>

## PARISHSOFT GIVING –

### Plataforma de donaciones electrónicas de OLQP

Si usted usaba Faith Direct, su historial se cambió a ParishSOFT Giving. Si está accediendo su cuenta por primera vez desde su actualización (9/23/25), va a necesitar reestablecer una contraseña. Por favor, contacte a Christina en la oficina parroquial para pedir eso: [ckozyrn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyrn@olqpva.org). ParishSOFT Giving usa la misma dirección electrónica para su nombre de usuario/o que usó para Faith Direct. Solamente necesita una contraseña nueva.

Inicie su sesión aquí para ver sus donaciones programadas, información de pagos y para ver las últimas cuatro semanas de su historial de contribuciones. Use el mismo enlace para añadir, eliminar y editar sus donaciones programadas. Una vez que ha iniciado su sesión en su cuenta en Parish SOFT Giving, haga clic en “scheduled” y en “history” para acceder esta información.

Donantes nuevas/os en línea, por favor hagan clic en “Give Now” para configurar una donación única o periódica al completar el formulario. Use la flecha desplegable para seleccionar el fondo al que desea contribuir: Sunday Collection, Pastor's Outreach, Food Pantry, etc.

Donantes ocasionales también pueden usar Text-To-Give. Use 703-972-5021, escriba la palabra **Give** y recibirá una respuesta con información sobre donaciones o use el código QR en la parte de atrás de la banca (Faith Direct ahora es ParishSOFT Giving).

¿Necesita ayuda? Por favor contacte a la gerente de negocios de OLQP, Christina [ckozyrn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyrn@olqpva.org) o contacte ParishSOFT Giving apoyo para donantes: 866-930-4774 opción 6 o [donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com).

Gracias por su apoyo y generosidad. ¡Es esencial para las buenas obras de OLQP!

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*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.*

## NEWS FROM MEDOR, HAITI

Father Frantz Aime, pastor of our twin parish, St. Joseph of Medor, shared how the parish joyfully celebrated the birth of Christ this Christmas. After months of preparation, the church choir and liturgical dancers filled the Christmas Mass with beautiful song and movement. The church was packed with worshippers, many of whom walked for hours to be present. During the several hours-long Mass, seven baptisms were celebrated, welcoming new Catholics into the Church on the very day we rejoice in the birth of Jesus. Gift giving on Christmas is not part of the tradition in Medor. The day is centered on faith, community, and sharing a special meal with family and friends - an inspiring witness to the true joy of Christmas. Please pray for peace and security in Haiti.

## MASS and HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, January 27, scheduled for 7:30pm at St. Ann Catholic Church (5300 North 10th St). Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, please contact Richard Schaad, 703-455-6131.

## ECO-TIP -- Use Salt Wisely

To ensure safe and environmentally friendly use of salt: Shovel snow before it turns to ice; Use the recommended amount of salt (a coffee mug full is sufficient for 10 sidewalk squares or a 20 ft. driveway); Ensure there is space between the grains for maximum effectiveness; Switch to sand or other ice melters when the temperature drops below 15 degrees. Runoff from oversalting can be harmful to the environment.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOOK DISCUSSION W/THE AUTHOR

Have you ever wondered what you can do to help solve the climate crisis? Join the Integrity of Creation ministry and author Lawrence MacDonald for a discussion of his book "Am I too old to save the planet? A boomer's guide to climate action" in the Parish library on February 11 at 7:00pm. All are welcome! For more information and a chance to win a free autographed copy of the book, email Dan Herrera ([herrerawildlife@gmail.com](mailto:herrerawildlife@gmail.com)).

## ADVOCATES for JUSTICE

In the midst of events that draw our attention to so many critical issues in the United States and around the globe, and for the peoples for whom we have been praying fiercely, Advocates for Justice are invited to *learn, pray* and *act* right here in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On January 14, the Virginia General Assembly will convene for a 2 month session during which Virginia legislators will grapple with myriad issues that apply to our lives as Virginians. This Assembly will include many new members elected in November 2025 who will work with a new Administration, including the first woman governor of Virginia.

Let us *PRAY* for our state leaders that their decisions will benefit the Common Good of all. Let us *LEARN* of the needs of Virginians throughout the state and commit ourselves to *ACT* on behalf of justice for all. Find out who your State Delegate and State Senator is (<https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/>). Send them a note and say that you are praying for them and their colleagues and to encourage them to ACT for JUSTICE for all.



## OLQP CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Two events happening next week, Sunday & Monday...

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass in Observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
January 18, 2026 — 9:30am Mass  
Bishop Michael Burbidge, Presider  
Reception immediately following Mass,  
In Fr. Ray Hall.**

**Please Join Our Congregation for a  
Mass Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Monday, January 19, 2026 at 11:00 AM  
Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp, Presider  
9:30 Gospel Choir**

## What does Jesus' baptism have to do with ours?

**Baptismal solidarity calls us to reframe how we approach social issues.**

**It asks us to orient ourselves with the poor and the marginalized.**

The church is often imagined as a pyramid, with the pope at the apex, priests somewhere around the middle, and laypeople at the base. This image reinforces the idea that the church is a top-down power structure, a model the [Synod on Synodality logo](#) would have us rethink. But long before the Synod on Synodality, the church already understood its members as equal—many parts make up the one body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12–27). Catholic perspectives on Christian baptism underscore this equality.

The gospels describe John the Baptist's baptism as one of "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4), and many Christians tend to focus on this aspect of the sacrament. Yet Christ also sought baptism from John—and our church tradition is clear that Jesus was sinless. According to the gospels, the purpose of his baptism was to "fulfil all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). Looking more closely at Jesus' baptism can inspire us to live our own baptism more fully—and [the lens of solidarity](#) can

help us see Jesus' baptism more clearly.

### **The call to solidarity**

Pope John Paul II describes solidarity as "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all." Pope Francis says solidarity "means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community and confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money." Christ's baptism—which is our sacramental baptism—calls us to be in solidarity with what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) calls our "one human family."

Sadly, sometimes solidarity seems to be an elusive hope. Our one human family finds itself suffering in unspeakable ways. War tears through many parts of the world, poverty crushes more than half of the Earth's population, and recovery from the climate crisis seems more like a faraway dream than an

achievable reality. In the United States, immigrants are being victimized, abused, and unjustly deported; families are being separated; and systemic racism is tightening its grip on the nation's conscience. Women, young people, and people of color invariably experience these issues' worst effects.

Meanwhile, our global economic system—the empire of money—moves like a runaway train, with little intention of prioritizing people over profits. At this point, it is impossible to reconcile unchecked capitalism with the dignity of the poor and marginalized. Injustice may be the greatest marker of this moment in history, mostly due to the greed of a few, enormously wealthy individuals. Consuming the news these days is almost like asking to be overwhelmed with dread.

### **Participation in Jesus' ministry**

When Jesus asked his cousin John to baptize him, he was joining a fringe, marginalized crowd, proclaiming God's challenge to excessive wealth and



individualism. Through Jesus' baptism, God opens an invitation for humanity to enter into this same new experience of Divine love.

Christ's baptism, which marked the beginning of his public ministry, reveals that justice and peace are the heartbeat of Christian solidarity. Jesus' zeal for justice and peace—his solidarity with the poor and the marginalized—contributed to his public execution on the cross. Baptism, like all the deepest mysteries of our faith—the birth of Christ (the incarnation), the crucifixion, the resurrection, and Pentecost—points to the same truth: God is in solidarity with the poor and the marginalized.

Our own baptisms invite us to join Christ's public ministry. As the body of Christ, we are responsible for continuing his mission when he was on Earth. Living out our baptisms in our own unique, authentic ways helps the church join Jesus' movement for justice and peace. Our solidarity with Jesus and the oppressed develops from an invisible virtue into visible impacts through the wisdom, creativity, and compassion that come from addressing the causes and effects of injustice in our communities and the world.

Getting involved in ministry is one of the best ways to make sense of our baptism. In Matthew 25, in what church tradition calls the [corporeal works of mercy](#), Jesus describes opportunities to work for justice and peace, starting first with the poor. Because we are all equal through our baptism, we all share the responsibility of carrying on Jesus' work; ministry is not reserved solely for the clergy or a few elite members of the church.

### **Opportunities for ministry**

Because we are all so different, there is no single "correct" way to follow our baptismal call. God creates each of us with individual gifts, talents, abilities, and life experiences that prepare us for the Divine call (our vocation) in our lives. Moreover, the church supports countless ministries that address the needs of the poor and the marginalized; the USCCB's [website](#) offers many

practical ways to make a difference, including ministries to prisoners and migrants, catechesis (teaching and accompaniment), and advocacy. Even children can be involved in ministries like altar serving and reading.

Your personal individuality is exactly what our church needs. Christian baptism recognizes each person's God-given dignity, so factors such as your race, age, gender, or abilities help the Holy Spirit enrich our church through you. Christ's baptism means God depends on all of us to continue the work of salvation that Christ started.

### **Catholic examples of solidarity**

Many Catholics meaningfully engage with their baptism and enter into the solidarity that Jesus offers through baptism. Christian solidarity is made visible in the lives of these ordinary people who follow Christ in their daily lives. Dorothy Day (1897–1980), for example, a journalist and activist, advocated for justice and peace and co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement in the United States during a time when women's voices were largely ignored. Paul Farmer (1959–2022), a physician, a teacher, and another example of Christian solidarity, brought desperately needed, community-based health care to the poorest people of the world in countries such as Haiti and Rwanda.

Today, we also see Christian solidarity in action in people like Mikhail Woodruffe (b. 1988), a Carmelite priest and social worker; through community outreach and ecumenical, faith-based action, he empowers the communities of Trinidad's Maracas Valley to fight poverty and gang violence. Perhaps we see the best examples of Christian solidarity in parents who work tirelessly to raise their children well, or the staff of neglected parishes who continue to serve the needs of their communities.

### **The challenge of baptism**

Baptismal solidarity calls us to reframe how we approach contemporary issues. It asks us to orient ourselves with the poor and the marginalized, rather than

aligning ourselves with partisan ideologies. No person is more baptized than another. The rich do not get to enjoy a different baptism from the poor; men are baptized into exactly the same baptism as women; clergy are not more blessed than laypeople. Baptism shows us that the most marginalized person in our church shares equally in the same dignity as the holiest saint in our tradition—and they ought to be treated as such. Discrimination of any kind hinders solidarity. It prevents us from being responsible for all.

Baptism continues to raise unresolved questions: for instance, can our church justly deny God's call to the priesthood or diaconate because the person is not male? Does the baptismal promise that we are "no longer male or female" (Gal. 3:28) stop at the [masculinity of Christ](#)? If our church could shed its patriarchal chains, it would embrace Christian solidarity in an even deeper way.

The salvation we find in Jesus begins in solidarity with our human family, rooted in our baptism. When we meaningfully engage with our baptism, God awakens the Spirit's call in our lives. Ultimately, baptism is a call to trust the Holy Spirit and believe in the goodness and dignity of humanity.

And one thing is certain: A renewed engagement with our baptism inevitably helps us hear God say, "You are my beloved child." How will we live out this identity?

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