

## 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:**

March 21-22 8am and 1pm in Spanish  
21-22 marzo 8am y 1pm en español

**MASSES / MISAS:**

Weekdays / *Días laborables:*

Mon-Thu 12pm / *lunes a jueves 12pm*  
Fri. 6pm / *Viernes 6pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule /

*Horario de Misas de fin de semana:*

**Saturday Vigil** — 5:30pm

*Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm*

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

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

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

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

## DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:31-46. 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

March 22, 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY / HOLY WEEK / EASTER

Palm Sunday Weekend, March 28-29

#### Special Mass Schedule

Saturday — 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday — 8am, 9:45am, 12noon w/ Outdoor Procession, 2pm in Spanish w/Outdoor Procession, 6pm

**Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm Mass,** bilingual

**Good Friday, April 3**

11am to 1pm — Reconciliation, Hall  
3pm — Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
6:00pm — Stations of the Cross in, Spanish  
8:00pm — Tenebrae (Service in darkness)

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

1pm to 3pm — Reconciliation  
8:30pm — Easter Vigil Mass, bilingual

**Easter Sunday—April 5**

#### Special Mass Schedule

Church: 8am, 9:45am, 12noon, 2pm in Spanish, 6pm

Fr. Ray Hall: 10am and 12:15pm (overflow Masses)

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

#### LENTEN RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

*The Sacrament of Penance is offered each*

*Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30 to 8:00pm (except April 1).*

*This Lenten Wednesday evening program offers:*

Sung Stations of the Cross:  
7:00pm — March 25

### HORARIO DE MISAS Y SERVICIOS DEL DOMINGO DE RAMOS / SEMANA SANTA / LA PASCUA

Fin de semana del Domingo de ramos, 28-29 de marzo

#### Horario especial de Misas

Sábado: 5:30pm Misa de vigilia

Domingo: 8am, 9:45am, 12 del mediodía con procesional aire libre, 2pm en español con procesión al aire libre, 6pm

**Jueves Santo, 2 de abril, 7:00pm Misa,** bilingüe

**Viernes Santo, 3 de abril**

11am a 1pm — Reconciliación  
3pm — Viernes Santo del Señor, Servicio de comunión  
6:00pm Viacrucis en español  
8:00pm Servicio en tinieblas

**Sábado Santo, 4 de abril**

1pm a 3pm — Reconciliación  
8:30pm — Misa de vigilia de la Pascua, bilingüe

**Domingo de Pascua — 5 de abril**

#### Horario especial de Misas

Iglesia: 8am, 9:45 am, 12:00 del mediodía, 2pm en español, 6pm

Fr. Ray Hall: 10am y 12:15pm (Misa de rebose)

### LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDA PARA USTED 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 8:00pm.*

*Este programa los miércoles de Cuaresma también incluye:*

El Vía Crucis cantado:

7:00pm — el 25 de marzo

So Jesus,  
perturbed again,  
came to the tomb. It  
was a cave, and a  
stone lay across it.  
Jesus said, "Take  
away the stone."  
*John 11:38-39*



Jesús todavía estaba  
enojado cuando  
llegó a la tumba,  
una cueva con una piedra  
que tapaba la  
entrada. Corran la piedra  
a un lado, les dijo Jesús.  
*Juan 11,38-39*

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

22 de marzo de 2026

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

## 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, 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 Collections / Colectas del domingo: \$4,557  
Catholic Relief Servicess / Servicios Católic de Ayuda: \$8,110  
ParishSoft Giving - February weekly average: \$14,759

#### **Word & Eucharist Missalette/**

#### **Misal Palabra y Eucaristía**

Today's readings can be found on page 190  
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 191

#### **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, 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, Judy Francia-Reyes, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Fred Gladbach, Jo Marie Griesgraber, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Beverly Hennessey, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoeft, Jan Hyland, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Gus Karns, 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 Morrisey, 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

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

Ezekiel 37:12-14 (36A); Romans 8:8-11;  
John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Ezequiel 37,12-14 (36A); Romanos 8,8-11;  
Juan 11,1-45 or 11,3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

#### **DOMINGO DE RAMOS**

Procession – Matthew 21:1-11 (37A); Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14–27:66  
Procesión – Mateo 21,1-11 (37A); Isaías 50,4-7; Filipenes 2,6-11  
Mateo 26,14–27,66

#### **MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH 21-27**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 21-27 MARZO**

#### **QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

#### **Saturday, March 21st**

5:30 pm Gary Berry (D) by Jen Rahn

#### **Sunday, March 22nd**

8:00 am Noel McCloskey (D) by Tom & Jennifer Smith  
9:30 am For The Parish

11:15 am Paulette Nidel (L) by Mike & Mary Ray  
1:00 pm St. Monsignor Oscar Romero (Anniversary) (D) by the parish  
6:00 pm Hugh D. Blomeke (D) by Laurie de Freese

#### **Monday, March 23rd**

12:00 pm Wally D. Reyes (Anniversary) (D) by Judy Francia-Reyes

#### **Tuesday, March 24th**

12:00 pm Deceased Members—López Antuñano family (D)  
by the Oetgen López family

#### **Wednesday, March 25th**

12:00 pm Juana Teresa de la Cruz (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

#### **Thursday, March 26th**

12:00 pm Mason Hidalgo (Birthday) (L) by Isabel Hidalgo

#### **Friday, March 27th**

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

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

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

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#### **Parish Office / Oficina parroquial**

*Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios:* **Christina Kozyn**,  
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*Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adul-  
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**Zulema Ramallo and Henry Nguyen**

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

And Jesus wept.....

In today's Gospel we are given a beautiful vista into both the humanity and divinity of Jesus. Imagine Jesus weeping at the loss of his good friend...his humanness bursts forth from the pages of the Gospel as he cries out in sorrow, and tears roll down his cheeks..."God wept" for the love of Lazarus!

Even knowing that he could...and would...raise Lazarus! The emotion is raw...fully human... fully divine... at the same time. So what is the message? I think it says that none of us can escape the experiences of the loss, pain and suffering at the death of a loved one...Jesus knows how we feel.

The message of today's Gospel is that God loves us! Our God personally knows the depth of our pain, our suffering and loss and wants us to understand that death is not the end! And that God is with us in the midst our suffering; we are not alone. Jesus stands with us in our moments of loss and suffering, as surely as he stood with Martha and Mary in their moment of pain and suffering at the death of Lazarus.

Death is a moment of transformation, a movement of our soul entering into eternal life with God, that we have been promised by Jesus Christ.

God wants us to know that death is not final...it is not our master...it is not our end. Today's Gospel tells us, once and for all, that God is the God of life...and not even death can overpower God's love for us! St Paul asks... "oh death, where is your sting...now?" St. Paul

can ask this, knowing the answer, through his faith in Jesus Christ.

It is in and through the amazing nature of the incarnation of our God that we are saved...through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we are given eternal life.

Death has no hold over us...we are promised eternal life. Even though our bodies wear out, are invaded by disease or struck down in violence ...that is not the end for us. We live on! We pass into a new life...life in the fullness of the presence of God.

We will be reunited with all of our loved ones...all of those who have gone before us!

Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus has the power over life and death...and life wins! We live! Even when it appears to the non-believer that we have lost, that we have died and ceased to exist! Because of God's lavish love for each one of us, just as we are, we will not perish...we will live! So in the midst of Lent... as we reflect on our own dying to self...we are reminded that nothing, not even death can separate us from the love of God.

As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he told the people to untie the funeral bindings and in doing so set him free. What do I need to ask Jesus to be unbound from in my life?

Fr. Tim

## JOE NANGLE FUND for a NONVIOLENT FUTURE

Join in a virtual benefit for the Joe Nangle Fund for a Nonviolent Future. On Easter Monday, April 6, at 8pm, the Pax Christi International Fund for Peace (co-founded by Joe with Marie Dennis) will host Bishop John Stowe and PCI President Martha Ines Romero to celebrate a beloved Franciscan peacemaker and principal celebrant of the Spanish Mass at OLQP for years until his death just over a year ago. In Joe's pastoral ministry and public witness, he embraced a different path forward for the world, envisioning a future marked by nonviolence and social justice. This legacy fund supports particular needs of Pax Christ International enabling the global Catholic peace movement to further his work for integral peace, nonviolence, inclusive communities, and care for creation. To register click on [www.paxchristifund.org/nangle](http://www.paxchristifund.org/nangle), click on button With Courage to Hope. For any questions, contact Bill Casey, 703-568-3438.

## FONDO JOE NANGLE PARA UN FUTURO NO VIOLENTO

Únase en un beneficio virtual para el Fondo Joe Nangle para un futuro no violento. El lunes de Pascua, 6 de abril, a las 8pm, el Pax Christi International Fund for Peace (cofundado por Joe con Marie Dennis) será el anfitrión del Obispo John Stowe y la presidenta de PCI, Martha Inés Romero para celebrar a un amado pacificador franciscano y celebrante principal de la Misa en español en OLQP durante años hasta su muerte hace un poco más de un año. En el ministerio pastoral y testimonio público de Joe, él adoptó un camino diferente para el futuro del mundo, imaginando un futuro marcado por la no violencia y la justicia social. Este fondo de legado apoya las necesidades específicas de Pax Christi International, permitiendo que el movimiento católico mundial por la paz continúe su labor a favor de la paz integral, la no violencia, las comunidades inclusivas y el cuidado de la creación. Para apuntarse haga clic en [www.paxchristifund.org/nangle](http://www.paxchristifund.org/nangle), haga clic en el botón With Courage to Hope. Si tiene alguna pregunta, contacte a Bill Casey, 703-568-3438.

### SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come refresh your soul during Lent with the Sung Stations of the Cross. In the musical style of Taize, these unique stations invites you to pray along with thoughtful reflections on the Via Crucis and join in a meditative refrain. The Sung Stations will be offered on March 25 at 7:00pm. Reconciliation is also offered from 6:30pm-8:00pm. For more information, contact Monica Perz-Waddington: [monica.perz@verizon.net](mailto:monica.perz@verizon.net)

**CRS RICE BOWL:** It's all about Family -- the Family of God fed by the Eucharist, your Family learning from the Rice Bowl stories, the Family in Guatemala or Northern Virginia whose children are hungry. Your generosity unites the Global Family to allow Catholic Relief Services to help. What is your reaction to the stories of Hope? What are some creative ways you are using to fill your Rice Bowl? Visit [crsricebowl.org/week5](http://crsricebowl.org/week5). Thanks for being together on this Lenten journey toward Easter.

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

#### Good Friday, April 3, 6:00pm

We cordially invite the entire community to witness the Way of the Cross, live at OLQP. A representation of faith and reflection, accompanied by readings, prayers, and songs at each of the 14 stations of the passion and death of Jesus. Let us experience this special moment together, remembering Jesus' journey to the cross, strengthening our faith and unity as a community.



### EL VÍA CRUCIS

#### Viernes Santos 3 de abril a las 6:00 pm

Les invitamos cordialmente a toda la comunidad a presenciar el Vía Crucis en vivo. Una representación llena de fe y reflexión, acompañada de lecturas, oraciones y cantos en cada una de las 14 estaciones de la pasión y muerte de Jesús. Vivamos juntos este momento especial recordando el camino de Jesús hacia la cruz, fortaleciendo nuestra fe y unión como comunidad.

### PARISH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS 2026-2027

The Parish Advisory Board (PAB) election has concluded. Below is the list of members who will serve for the 2026-2027 term. Thank you to all who participated in this process through nominations, voting, prayers, and support for lay leadership at OLQP!

*Newly elected members : / Personas recién elegidas:*

**John Graykowski & Shiela Harmon Martin**

*Re-elected members returning for a second term: / Personas reelectas por un segundo mandato:*

**Nishia Cairo, Milagros Lovo**

**Onyebuchi Medani & Melvyn Mendez**

*Other current members: / Otras personas que sirven actualmente:*

**Jazmin Albarran, Karen Cavanaugh**

**Ginny Franco , Maude Holt**

**Liza Maggio & Christine Ng**


We would like to extend our gratitude for the service of the following outgoing members who have concluded their terms: **Dave Carlson and Joy Womack**

### MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA CONSULTORA DE LA PARROQUIA 2026-2027

La elección de la Junta consultora de la parroquia (PAB por sus siglas en inglés) ha terminado. Abajo está la lista de las personas que van a servir durante el mandato de 2026-2027. ¡Gracias a todas las personas que participaron en este proceso por las candidaturas, la votación, las oraciones y el apoyo por el liderazgo laico en OLQP!

Nos gustaría expresar nuestro agradecimiento por el servicio de los siguientes miembros salientes que han concluido su término: **Dave Carlson y Joy Womack.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **APPLICATIONS OPEN for YOUNG DISCIPLES WORK CAMP scheduled for June 22 - 26, for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders:** <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2026>. Join us for a week of faith, fellowship, and service to the OLQP community and beyond. This year's theme is TRUST. Space is limited, sign up today! Service hours count towards Confirmation requirements. See the flyer at the back of church for the application link or contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins for more information. Only a few spots left!
- **"You Buy, We Fry" Take Out Lenten 2026 Fish Fry** - Join us Friday, March 27th at 6:00pm for Fr. Martin's fish, shrimp, or combo dinner with fries and coleslaw. \$15.00 per order. Proceeds go to support the Youth & Young Adult Ministries work camp mission and pilgrimage trips. Pre-order today - <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> or scan here,  Or for more details, contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org), Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. **To pay in advance, please go to ParishSoft Giving:** <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-271?tab=home>, then choose "Fellowship Fundraiser" in the drop-down box.

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

This weekend, our parish will celebrate the Third Scrutiny at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday. These Rites are meant to uncover, then heal, the weaknesses that lead to personal and societal failing and sin. As the Elect prepare for the Easter sacraments, Jesus, who called Lazarus out of darkness, is calling them today to live in God's marvelous light. May we be united with our Elect and all of our OCIA participants in the Lenten journey of self-searching and repentance, evaluating our lives and the need for conversion.

## CELEBRATING ST JOSEPH with our Medor family and deepening community at OLQP

Last Thursday was the feast of St. Joseph, the provider and protector of the Holy Family, who emigrated to Egypt to save Mary and Jesus and later returned to Nazareth to labor as a carpenter. We celebrated St. Joseph at Mass and through our reflection on his quiet courage and what his witness asks of us during these turbulent times. With our sister parish, St. Joseph of Medor, we rejoiced in the patronal feast they celebrated over four days, gathering for prayer services each day as parishioners from surrounding areas filled their church—larger than OLQP's. A few priests from neighboring parishes were able to join, traveling carefully amid the insecurity they face. In the days leading up to the feast many offered their gifts: the choir rehearsed, liturgical dancers practiced, some prepared food and others cleaned the church and brightened up the space out front. At the same time, we built community at our Lenten liturgies, Stone Soup evenings, and Minkisi's "Way of the Cross: A Lament for Racial Justice," which also featured prayers, readings, songs and dancing to Nigerian music. May these shared celebrations bolster our hope and resilience and renew our commitment to seek peace, justice, and a better life for all in these troubled times. Thank you for your love and support of our Medor family.



## MINISTERIO PARA ADOLESCENTES:

- Ya puedes mandar la solicitud: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPYDWC2026> para el Young Disciples Work Camp programado para futuros estudiantes de los grados 7, 8 y 9, del 22 al 26 de junio del 2026. Únete a nosotros para celebrar una semana de fe, compañerismo y servicio a la comunidad de OLQP y otras. Mira el volante en la parte de atrás de la iglesia.
- Usted compra, nosotros freímos Pescado frito durante la Cuaresma para llevar - Únase a nosotros el viernes, 27 de marzo a las 6:00pm para la cena que el Padre Martin va a tener de pescado, camarones o una cena combinada con papas fritas y ensalada de col. El costo es de \$15 por pedido. Los ingresos van a apoyar el campamento de trabajo y las peregrinaciones de los ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. ¡Ordene por anticipado: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVAFISHFRY> o escanee aquí:

Para obtener más detalles, contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org), Directora de los ministerios de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. **Para pagar por adelantado, por favor vaya a Parishsoft:** <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-271?tab=home> y escoja "Fellowship Fundraiser" en el cuadro desplegable.

## RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Este fin de semana, nuestra parroquia va a celebrar el tercer Escrutinio en la Misa de las 5:30pm el sábado. El objetivo de estos ritos es descubrir y entonces sanar las debilidades que llevan al fracaso personal y social y al pecado. Mientras las personas elegidas se preparan para los sacramentos de la Pascua, Jesús, que llamó a Lázaro de las tinieblas, las está llamando hoy a vivir en la luz maravillosa de Dios. Que nos unamos a nuestras elegidas y elegidos y todas las otras personas en RICA que participan en la jornada de Cuaresma de introspección y arrepentimiento, evaluando nuestras vidas y la necesidad de conversión.

## CELEBRANDO A SAN JOSÉ con nuestra familia de Medor y profundizando la comunidad en OLQP

El jueves pasado fue el día de San José, el proveedor y protector de la Sagrada Familia, que emigró a Egipto para salvar a María y Jesús y más tarde regresó a Nazaret para trabajar como carpintero. Celebramos a San José en la Misa y por nuestra reflexión sobre su valor y lo que su testimonio nos pide durante estos momentos turbulentos. Con nuestra parroquia hermana, St. Joseph de Medor, nos regocijamos en la fiesta patronal que celebraron durante cuatro días, reuniéndose para orar cada día y personas de áreas cercanas llenaban su iglesia que es más grande que OLQP. Varios sacerdotes de parroquias vecinas pudieron unirse, viajando con mucho cuidado en medio de la inseguridad a la que se enfrentan. Durante los días antes de la fiesta muchas personas ofrecieron sus dones: el coro practicó, las bailarinas y bailarines litúrgicos practicaron, algunas personas prepararon comida y otras limpiaron la iglesia y mejoraron el espacio al frente de la iglesia. Al mismo tiempo, creamos comunidad en nuestras liturgias de Cuaresma, noches de Stone Soup y el Vía Crucis de Minkisi: "A Lament for Racial Justice", que también tiene oraciones, lecturas, canciones y bailes con música de Nigeria. Que estas celebraciones compartidas aumenten nuestra esperanza y fortaleza y renueven nuestro compromiso de buscar paz, justicia y una vida mejor para todas las personas en estos momentos turbulentos.

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

**2026 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL  
IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE**

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



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**VOICE ACTION:** Join after-school providers, youth, parents, advocates, and elected officials to stand up for safe, high-quality after-school programs for all Arlington kids. Show our public officials that we all support putting money in the right places. Pizza and drinks will be provided. March 27th, 7:00 - 8:30pm Kenmore Middle School (200 Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington). RSVP here: [https://secure.everyaction.com/C-V3go-s\\_ECbg3FVL6Yfnw2](https://secure.everyaction.com/C-V3go-s_ECbg3FVL6Yfnw2)

**PETICIÓN CUARESMA DEL OBISPO DE 2026  
EN CRISTO SOMOS UNO**

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



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**VOICE ACTION:** Únase a proveedores de servicios extraescolares, jóvenes, madres y padres, defensores y funcionarios electos para abogar por programas extraescolares seguros, de alta calidad para todas las niñas y niños de Arlington. Demuéstreles a nuestros funcionarios electos que todos apoyamos la inversión del dinero en los lugares adecuados. Se proporcionarán pizza y bebidas el 27 de marzo, de 7:00 a 8:30pm en Kenmore Middle School (200 Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington). RSVP aquí: [https://secure.everyaction.com/C-V3go-s\\_ECbg3FVL6Yfnw2](https://secure.everyaction.com/C-V3go-s_ECbg3FVL6Yfnw2)

*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** concludes Friday, March 27, with 6:00pm daily Mass followed by a modest meal in Father Ray Hall. In Matthew 25:36, Jesus calls us to visit and care for those in prison, reminding us that no one is beyond His mercy and love. Come listen to OLQP parishioners whose almsgiving extends beyond Lent in service to those whom society often condemns and abandons. Discussion begins at 7:00pm.

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays during Lent, join us for Stations of the Cross in the Church beginning at 5:15pm and ending before the Friday Evening Lenten 6pm Mass (before the Stone Soup Supper which immediately follows the 6pm Mass).

**Fresh for Neighbors**



A Catholic Garden Network initiative

**FRESH FOR NEIGHBORS:  
GROW & GIVE**

Do you grow vegetables or fruit at home? Even a small harvest can make a difference. This season, Our Lady Queen of Peace is participating in Fresh for Neighbors: Grow & Give, a simple initiative of Catholic Garden Network that invites parishioners to share part of their harvest with neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Fresh produce is among the most requested - and least available - items at local food pantries, including the OLQP Food Pantry. Inspired by the Works of Mercy, this initiative offers a practical way to care for neighbors by sharing the fruits of our gardens. Catholic Garden Network provides simple resources and ongoing support to help along the way.

**Learn how simple it is to participate:**

[catholicgarden.org/fresh-for-neighbors-grow-give](http://catholicgarden.org/fresh-for-neighbors-grow-give) (or scan the QR code)



**LENTEN CALENDAR THEME:  
"Healthy People, Healing Planet"**

Our theme for the week is "Rejoicing for our trees and gardens". Trees support not just our lives, but most of life on Earth. Their health is our health. Trees fight climate change, boost our mental and physical health, clean the air, filter our water, and provide shade and lower temperatures to save energy for cooling our homes. Trees also provide habitat for a diversity of life, as do native plants. Consider planting a pollinator garden, participating in a community garden or planting a tree this spring!

Learn more about the benefits of plants and trees in God's creation by checking out this week's calendar.

*Prayer:* O God, we thank you for this earth, our home. For the wide sky and blessed sun. For the salt sea and the running water. For the everlasting hills and the never resting winds. For trees and the common grass underfoot. -Walter Rauschenbusch

*From the Integrity of Creation Team*

[Click here to download the calendar](#)

Or pick up a copy from the back of church.

**ALL FEDERAL WORKERS:** Join "Fed Up" for community building and concrete suggestions for job searches and resumes on Tuesday, March 24, from 7-9pm. The gathering will be held in Father Ray Hall Library.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 25  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Earth Day Dinner**

"Hope and Help for Our Common Home" with Mike Tidwell, Director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network. Complimentary dinner following the 5:30pm Mass. Sponsored by the Integrity of Creation Ministry.

# Bishops establish new program for diocesan Laudato Si' efforts

**At the first meeting of the Laudato Si' Leadership Cohort, diocesan representatives gathered to discuss a faith-based response to the climate crisis.**

[Renée Roden](#)

During a January East Coast snowstorm, 18 diocesan representatives gathered in person in Washington D.C. to discuss how faith called them to respond to the climate crisis.

Starting on Friday, Jan. 23, Washington D.C. declared a state of emergency. The nor'easter dropped more than half a foot of snow on the capital. On top of the snow, sleet rained down and froze into what local agencies described as "snowcrete." The *Washington Post* reported that the accumulated snow and ice were equivalent to 20 inches of snowfall.

The representatives of these 18 dioceses—appointed by their bishops—were unfazed by the difficulties posed by the winter weather.

"I had an Uber pick me up from the airport. He said, 'Its emergency travel only,'" Amber Henning, the in-house counsel for the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings recalls. The cohort's gathering began on Tuesday, as D.C.'s state of emergency was still in effect. Henning noticed the city was sheltering indoors as she navigated it. "It was dead quiet, nobody was out, it was very different," she says in a phone interview with *U.S. Catholic*.

Despite the challenges, organizers and attendees were inspired by the commitment that the diocesan leaders showed to attending the weekend together. Out of the 19 dioceses in the cohort, 18 representatives attended in person, despite the flight delays, long layovers, and travel difficulties.

"People were so committed to coming that they arrived late, had long layovers in which they had to spend nights in the airports in strange cities," says Anna Johnson, the North America director for the Laudato Si' Movement. The Laudato Si' Movement is an international move-

ment that supports Catholics working for ecological conversion and concrete actions for sustainability. Johnson served as one of the presenters at the cohort's conference and as an ongoing mentor for the cohort members. Meeting during a natural disaster was a fitting backdrop for the work they were doing, Johnson says. "Being in the midst of the ecological crisis set the tone," Johnson says, highlighting the impact of the crisis on lives and livelihoods around the world. It emphasized the necessity of caring better for our common home. "It offered a deep sense of connection and purpose to what we were doing in the midst of it," Johnson says in a Zoom interview with *U.S. Catholic*.

Despite the blizzard, multiple attendees described the gathering as a peaceful and inspiring encounter. "It was a really prayerful experience," she says. The conference was the initial meeting of the [Laudato Si' Leadership Cohort](#), an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The cohort, committed to training diocesan leaders in how to implement *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home) in their diocese, was the brainchild of Joshua Van Cleef and Emily Schumacher-Novak.

In early 2025, the Catholic Extension Society, which supports Catholic mission dioceses and rural dioceses, asked Van Cleef if he would be willing to guide diocesan leaders in creating *Laudato Si'* action plans in mission dioceses around the country.

The [Catholic Extension Society](#) supports the church's work in poor and rural mission dioceses throughout the United States. Van Cleef is the director of peace and justice for one of those dioceses, the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, which spans the Appalachian regions of Eastern Kentucky. Van Cleef and his

family live on a 50-acre farm called Magnificat Farm in the Appalachian area of Kentucky.

Pope Francis announced that the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development was launching a seven-year Laudato Si' Action Platform in May 2021. The platform, created to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, aims to promote "ecological conversion" and a plan of action to foster sustainable practices in church institutions across the globe. Since then, thousands of dioceses, universities, and schools have made their own Laudato Si' action plans. They can be both prophetic and eminently practical. For example, Van Cleef says the Diocese of Lexington, made up of 59 parishes, made the commitment two years ago to a goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2030. "That was pretty astounding," says Dan Misleh, executive director of the Catholic Climate Covenant.

"Given the right support, all dioceses can make a plan that fits their priorities," Van Cleef says. "Every diocese can do it." When Van Cleef received this invitation to create a leadership cohort, he reached out to Schumacher-Novak, an associate director at the USCCB's Office of Justice and Peace. He wanted to make this leadership training available to all U.S. dioceses, not just rural or mission dioceses.

The Crimsonbridge Foundation provided the financial support to broaden the invitation to every U.S. diocese. Over the course of 2025, the cohort program "came together pretty quickly—it kind of snowballed," Schumacher-Novak says in a Zoom interview with *U.S. Catholic*. "There was lots of interest."

Schumacher-Novak says that the program's goal is to give dioceses looking to create an action plan for ecological con-

version and care for our common home a strategy for moving forward, together, as a diocese. "There's a lot of moving pieces in a diocese," Schumacher-Novak says. "It takes intentional engagement and corporate discernment" for these strategies to find success. Far from a one-size-fits-all solution or plan, the Laudato Si' Leadership Cohort encourages diocesan leaders to facilitate a communal discernment process in their dioceses of what steps toward a sustainable stewardship of their earth, land, and resources are possible for them, including plans to address the unique urgencies their dioceses face. Van Cleef emphasizes the importance of empowering parishes and building their capacity to do the work of ecological conversion.

"The parish is where most people experience the church; the parish is where most people experience Laudato Si'," Van Cleef says in a Zoom interview with *U.S. Catholic*. "It's a key way to engage the faithful."

Although many more dioceses were interested, Schumacher-Novak says, their team selected 19 diocesan representatives for this first cohort. The diocesan representatives came from a variety of offices and roles. Van Cleef says they had a diocesan vicar general present, and representatives from diocesan offices for sustainability, family life, properties and ground, and legal representatives.

Van Cleef and Schumacher-Novak planned an opening conference in D.C. for delegates appointed by the bishops to meet one another, to gain resources, hear from experts, share opportunities and challenges, and enjoy a few days of discussion, prayerful meditation and planning.

Although Mother Nature delivered more than half a foot of snow to D.C. the weekend before they met, both attendees and organizers were moved and energized by their gathering.

The spiritual aspect was essential for Jim Jahnz, the representative of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island.

"The work that we're doing in the world has to be grounded in our spirituality, the foundation for our house to be built on," Jahnz says in a phone interview with *U.S. Catholic*.

Jahnz, the secretary of Catholic Charities and social ministries for the Diocese of Providence, was also inspired by his cohort members' commitment to gathering in person, despite the state of emergency and travel challenges. He was also inspired by the presence of a representative from the Vatican, Monsignor Robert Vitillo of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, who attended the three-day meeting.

"Walking into the room with Monsignor Vitillo there, seeing people from around the country in this cohort of 19 dioceses, it was very heartening," Jahnz says. "There was lots of promise with the leadership in this room."

Schumacher-Novak says the presence of the global church, the Vatican Dicastery, the bishops, and the USCCB fueled a gathering that was a "really supportive and inspiring couple of days together."

After this first conference, the cohort is split into groups who meet with a mentor each month as they craft their action plans for their diocese.

The cohort's makeup was geographically diverse, and each diocese brings unique challenges and concerns to its planning stage. The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, for example, consists of 97 parishes spread across approximately 94,000 square miles—one parish per 10,000 square miles of land. On the other hand, the Diocese of Providence represents 119 parishes in the United States' smallest state, Rhode Island, which is under 2,000 square miles.

Henning says that for the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, their emphasis is formation and education. For a highly politicized issue like [climate change and ecological destruction](#), Henning wants to bring the conversation back to the action faith demands from us. "We have to do this because we are pro-

tecting this gift from God; it's imperative for our survival and for future generations," she says.

Henning notes that the climate crisis is an issue young people are concerned about, and it can be a vital form of evangelization in Catholic schools and summer camps.

"I'm Catholic today because of our stances on social justice," Henning says. She sees young people in Montana activated to work for the environment.

"Having that youth involvement is so important. It's their future too, so how can we give them the tools to voice their thoughts?" she says.

"This is our faith, this isn't an idea or a plan, this is part of who we are as church," says Jahnz from the Diocese of Providence. "The work that we're doing in the world has to be grounded in our spirituality, a solid foundation. For our house to be built on."

The cohort will convene again in October to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and to formally celebrate their work on their action plans. The USCCB plans on holding at least two more years of leadership cohorts for more diocesan representatives. The cohort, for many of the organizers and attendees, demonstrated the U.S. bishops' commitment to turning ecological conversion into concrete action.

"We don't need more statements on creation, we need more action, we need saints and people to live them out," Johnson says. "We can no longer postpone this call to conversion."

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