

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 28-29 9:30am and 1pm in Spanish

28-29 marzo 9:30am 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 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

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)

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)



GOOD FRIDAY, PASSION OF THE LORD,
ADORATION OF THE CROSS, COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, 3 PM:

HOLY LAND SHRINES

VIERNES SANTO, PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR,
ADORACIÓN DE LA CRUZ, SERVICIO DE COMUNIÓN

VIERNES, 3 DE ABRIL, 3 PM:

SANTUARIOS DE TIERRA SANTA

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

29 de marzo de 2026

Domingo de Ramos

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: \$6,741
ParishSoft Giving - February weekly average: \$14,759

Word & Eucharist Book/ Misal Palabra y Eucaristía

Today's readings can be found on page 198
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 199

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesday 9am — office@olqpva.org

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /

NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Suri Barahona, 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

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

EASTER SUNDAY

DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 (42A); Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8;
John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-25
Hechos 10,34a, 37-43 (42A); Colosenses 3,1-4 or 1 Corintios 5,6b-8;
Juan 20,1-9 o Mateo 28,1-10 o Lucas 24,13-25

MASS INTENTIONS, MARCH 28 – APRIL 2

PALM SUNDAY

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 28 MARZO – 2 ABRIL

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Saturday, March 28th

5:30 pm David Holmden (D) by Mike & Mary Ray

Sunday, March 29th

8:00 am For The Parish

9:45 am Joanne Winger (D) by Susan Bruns

12:00 pm Henry J. Hunt (D) by Judy Francia-Reyes

2:00 pm Vicente Figarella (Anniversary) (D) by Odalis Barrios

6:00 pm For The Parish

Monday, March 30th

12:00 pm Ann F. Johnson (Special Intention) by Ann F. Johnson

Tuesday, March 31st

12:00 pm Mercedes García (Birthday) (D) by the Oetgen López family

Wednesday, April 1st

12:00 pm Kevin McDonald (Birthday) (D) by the Caulfield Athy family

Thursday, April 2nd

7:00 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 un nuevo cristiano.

Logan Adrian Paredes Martínez

Baptized March 28 / Bautizado el 28 de marzo

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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JUST A THOUGHT... or two...

Palm Sunday's readings carry the sorrows and the weight of the world. The false accusations, denials, the betrayals, the injustice of it all, and the beatings Jesus faced are all heartbreaking.

Today's Eucharist begins with great joy -- with palm branches in hand, we sing victorious hymns to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Like the crowds, we too welcome and rejoice in his reign.

Similar to the disciples, we are also excited and filled with wonderful expectations. However, as we listen to the passion of Jesus Christ, we feel the mood of the crowds as well as that of the disciples swiftly changing. The crowds are fickle, cheering for Jesus one day and shouting "crucify him" the next day. Even many of his closest friends and followers sheepishly deny their knowledge of him and association with him and abandon him out of fear for their own safety.

Jesus, on the other hand, is resolved to faithfully carry out his mission: the proclamation of the advent of the Reign of God and of God's lavish love and forgiveness poured out for each one of us, and for the earth itself... "for God so loved the world".

Through the suffering and death of Jesus we have been saved -- forgiven our sins and our guilt put as far from us "as the East is from the West"! We may wonder at times if God really loves us...and just how much. Today we are

reminded how much: as Christ spread his arms wide upon the cross...this is how much we are loved by God!

How do I live out my identity as the "beloved of God"? How can I share this message of God's love and forgiveness with others? To whom am I being called to open wide my arms to embrace them in the midst of their need? Who are being crucified today...those being tortured by the illicit war waging on the people of the Middle East, the people of Ukraine, the Palestinians, Ethiopians and Eritreans, the people of Sudan and Afghanistan, the millions of refugees. People crucified because of the color of their skin. People crucified for their immigration status, for who they love, what language they speak, for what part of the world or country they were born in, or for their age. Crucified for their gender, for their intellectual or physical abilities?

As I enter this Holy Week, whose burdens will I help to shoulder to the foot of cross and meditate upon and hold in prayer as I walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross. And as I meditate upon the gift of love and forgiveness which he has so lavishly poured upon me, how can I share it with those most in need of hearing how deeply and passionately they are loved by God, just as they are? And in that sharing, allow the love of God to transform me and my life ever more closely to what God is calling me to in my life.

Holy week blessings,
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, 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, haga clic en el botón [With Courage to Hope](#). Si tiene alguna pregunta, contacte a Bill Casey, 703-568-3438.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE –

Lenten Purple Cards

Jesus rose from supper and took off his outer garments...Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel from around his waist....Then he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." -- John 13

Please take a purple Commitment to Service card from the back of church today and, if you haven't already done so, reflect on how you have served during Lent by completing the service card. Bring it back on Holy Thursday (April 2, 7pm Mass) as your offertory gift.

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.



CRS RICE BOWL – Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through His passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Our generosity serves brothers and sisters in Ghana, Guatemala, and Timor-Leste who bear heavy crosses. That's quite a conversation for the Dinner Table! Thanks for being on the journey.

ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SHELTER (ACS) – April 8

Hello friends of Alexandria Community Shelter and Carpenter's! Thank you in advance for your support in shopping for, preparing, and serving dinner this month! Menu for April 8 at ACS: - Macaroni and Cheese - Salad - Strawberries - Lemonade
Delivery Details: Please deliver your food to the parish office kitchen Monday-Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm, or to Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of the dinner between 4:30pm and 5:00pm. Clearly mark your items for "ACS, Wednesday, April 8." - If you prefer to bring your meal directly to the Alexandria Community Shelter on dinner day, please let us know in advance and mark it the same way. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and dedication! Here is the sign-up genius link: [April 8 Sign-up Genius](#). To have the link emailed please send a request message to Emily at bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH AND OLQP: UNITED IN PRAYER

On the Feast of St. Joseph, our twin parish, St. Joseph in Medor, Haiti, celebrated a joy-filled Mass that some of us at Our Lady Queen of Peace were blessed to attend via livestream. The church was adorned in gold and white. The altar, surrounded by eight visiting priests, featured a cloth lovingly stitched by a Medor seamstress, bearing the names of both St. Joseph Parish and Our Lady Queen of Peace, a powerful sign of our unity in Christ. The choir and liturgical dancers lifted hearts in praise. During the offertory, parishioners joyfully processed with gifts of their labor: live chickens, produce, sugarcane, even mops and chairs. At the conclusion of the more than three-hour celebration, Father Frantz expressed deep gratitude to Father Tim and our parish, affirming the strength of our twinning relationship. Even the crowing of roosters reminded us of the living faith of this community, united with us across the miles in love, hope, and prayer. Thank you for your love and support of our Medor family.



COMPROMISO AL SERVICIO –

Tarjetas moradas de Cuaresma

Jesús se levantó mientras cenaba, se quitó el manto...echó agua en un recipiente. Luego se puso a lavarles los pies a sus discípulos y se los secaba con la toalla. ...y dijo '¿Entienden lo que he hecho con ustedes? Les he dado un ejemplo, para que hagan lo mismo que yo hice con ustedes'". – Juan 13

Por favor lleve una de las tarjetas moradas de Compromiso al servicio que están en la parte trasera de la iglesia y reflexione sobre como planea servir. Ponga su tarjeta en un lugar que sea un recordatorio diario y entonces tráigala el Jueves Santo (2 de abril) como su ofrenda del ofertorio.

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.

PLATO DE ARROZ CRS – La Semana Santa, el corazón del año litúrgico, nos invita a compartir una jornada con Cristo por su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Al ser testigos de la Última Cena y el don de la Eucaristía que Jesús nos dio, recordamos nuestro llamado a ser pan partido para los demás. Nuestra generosidad sirve a las hermanas y hermanos en Gana, Guatemala y Timor Leste que cargan con cruces pesadas. ¡Esa es una menuda conversación para la cena! Gracias por participar en la jornada.

CENA DEL REFUGIO COMUNITARIO DE ALEXANDRIA (ACS) – 8 de abril

¡Saludos a las amistades del Alexandria Community Shelter y el Carpintero! ¡Gracias por adelantado por su apoyo al comprar, preparar y servir la cena este mes! El menú para el 8 de abril en ACS es macarrones y queso, ensalada, fresas y limonada.
Para enviar las contribuciones, por favor lleve su contribución a la cocina de la oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves, 8:30am a 4:30pm, o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall el día de la comida entre las 4:30pm y 5:00pm. Marque sus contribuciones claramente para "ACS, Wednesday, April 8." Si prefiere llevar la contribución directamente al Alexandria Community Shelter el día de la comida, por favor déjenos saber por adelantado e identifíquela de la misma manera. ¡Gracias, como siempre, por su generosidad y dedicación! Aquí está el enlace para el genius link: [April 8 Sign-up Genius](#). Para recibir el enlace por correo electrónico, por favor mándele un mensaje a Emily: bellefontebarbelle@gmail.com.

LA MISA DE LA PARROQUIA ST. JOSEPH Y OLQP: UNIDAS EN ORACIÓN

que algunas de las personas en Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz tuvieron el placer de asistir vía la retransmisión en directo. La iglesia se adornó en dorado y blanco. El altar, rodeado por ocho sacerdotes visitantes, destacaba una tela cosida con mucho cariño por una costurera de Medor. En la tela figuraban los nombres de ambas parroquias, St. Joseph y Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz, un poderoso símbolo de nuestra unidad en Cristo. El coro y los bailarines litúrgicos elevaron corazones en alabanza. Durante el ofertorio, los feligreses caminaron alegremente en procesión con frutos de su trabajo: pollos vivos, productos agrícolas, caña de azúcar e incluso fregonas y sillas. Al final de la celebración, que duró más de tres horas, el Padre Frantz le expresó su profunda gratitud al Padre Tim y a nuestra parroquia y reafirmó la solidez de nuestra relación de hermanamiento. Hasta el cantar de los gallos nos recordó la fe viva de esta comunidad, unida a nosotros a pesar de la distancia, en el amor, la esperanza y la oración. Gracias por su cariño y apoyo por nuestra familia de Medor.

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!

THANK YOU! to everyone who came out to the 'You Buy We Fry' Lenten Fish Frys. Thank you to Father Martin and the many volunteers who helped make these events a big success - we couldn't have done it without you! Your support of our Youth & Young Adult Ministry work camps and pilgrimages is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for our Pho Dinner on May 1st - Hope to see you there!

BASH 2026 -- Bishop Burbidge invites all middle school students of the Diocese to join him at BASH 2026 - Saturday, April 25th, 3:00pm - 8:00pm! BASH is our largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th -8th graders) every year! This event is an opportunity for the young Church in the Diocese of Arlington to gather annually to pray, learn, and celebrate the Catholic faith. Over one thousand middle school students gather for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun! This includes music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, and a Vigil Mass for Sunday. For more information, see the bulletin board at the back of church. To sign up, please contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

REUSE THOSE GROCERY BAGS!

We are in real need of plastic food bags. These help volunteers package our produce and give the bags a second life before recycling. Thank you for working to reduce waste. Please drop them off during office hours from 10am until 2pm in the food collection bins by the kitchen side doors of Father Ray Hall.

DINNER & FAITH SHARING - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Are you looking for community to share your faith with new friends? Join the Arlington Cursillo community and fellow parishioners on Saturday, April 11 at 6:45pm (after the 5:30pm Mass) in the Founder's Room of the Ministry Center. Together we will pray, eat, and share personal stories of God's Grace. Dinner is a potluck, so bring food or drinks to share. Questions - contact Jennifer & Linda at OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com.

HEART of L'ARCHE FUNDRAISER

Join Eric, Fritz, Hazel, Francene and the L'Arche Greater Washington D.C. community at their annual Heart of L'Arche Fundraiser! There will be gourmet food & drink, live music, a silent auction, and an inspiring program. The event is Sunday, April 26, from 3-5pm at The Barns at Wolf Trap. All are welcome, including kids! RSVP by April 6th at <https://larche-gwdc.org/make-a-difference/heart-of-larche-fundraiser/> or call 202-232-4539.

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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.

¡GRACIAS a todas las personas que asistieron a **"Usted compra y nosotros freímos" el pescado durante la Cuaresma**. Gracias Padre Martín y las muchas personas voluntarias que ayudaron a que estos eventos fueran un gran éxito. ¡No hubiéramos podido hacerlo sin ustedes! Su apoyo de nuestra labor con el Ministerio de adolescentes y jóvenes adultos, los campamentos y las peregrinaciones se aprecia muchísimo.

Marquen sus calendarios para nuestra Cena Pho el 1ro de mayo. ¡Esperamos verles allí!

BASH 2026 – ¡El Obispo Burbidge invita a todos los estudiantes de la escuela media de la diócesis a unirse a él para celebrar BASH 2026 el sábado, 25 de abril, de 3:00pm a 8:00pm! ¡BASH es la reunión más grande de estudiantes de escuela media (de los grados 6to al 8vo) todos los años! Este evento es una oportunidad para la Iglesia joven en la Diócesis de Arlington para reunirse anualmente para rezar, aprender y celebrar la fe católica. ¡Más de mil estudiantes de escuela media se reúnen para celebrar una noche de fe, compañerismo y diversión! Esto incluye música, juegos, conferenciantes motivadores, confesiones y una Misa de vigilia para el domingo. Hay más información en el tablón de anuncios en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Para apuntarte, por favor contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, directora del ministerio para adolescentes y jóvenes adultos, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

¡REUTILICE ESAS BOLSAS DEL MERCADO!

Tenemos gran necesidad de bolsas de plástico del mercado. Ayudan a las personas voluntarias a empaquetar nuestros productos frescos y les dan una segunda vida a las bolsas antes de reciclarlas. Gracias por trabajar para reducir el desperdicio. Por favor, durante las horas de trabajo, 10am a 2pm, traigan las bolsas a los contenedores de comida por las puertas del lado de la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall.

CENA Y COMPARTIR LA FE –

¡TODAS LAS PERSONAS SON BIENVENIDAS!

¿Busca una comunidad para compartir su fe con nuevas amistades? Únase a la comunidad del Cursillo de Arlington y a otros feligreses de OLQP el sábado, 11 de abril a las 6:45pm (después de la Misa de las 5:30pm) en el Founders Room en el Ministry Center. Juntas y juntos rezaremos, comeremos y compartiremos historias personales de la gracia de Dios. La cena es comida compartida, así que traiga comida o bebidas para compartir. Si tiene preguntas contacte a Jennifer y a Linda: OLQP.Ultreya@gmail.com.

RECAUDADOR DE FONDOS HEART OF L'ARCHE

¡Únase a Eric, Fritz, Hazel, Francene y la comunidad de L'Arche en el área metropolitana de Washington D.C. para su recaudador de fondos anual Heart of L'Arche! Va a haber comida y bebida gourmet, música en directo, una subasta en silencio y un programa inspirador. El evento es el domingo, 26 de abril, de 3 a 5pm en el Barns at Wolf Trap. ¡Todas las personas son bienvenidas, incluyendo niñas y niños! RSVP para la fecha límite del 6 de abril en <https://larche-gwdc.org/make-a-difference/heart-of-larche-fundraiser/> o llame al 202-232-4539.

**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 or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



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**PETICIÓN CUARESMAL 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 o enviar una ofrenda al escanear el código de respuesta rápida (QR) que aparece a continuación. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



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Programas que le dan la bienvenida a toda la comunidad, pero que solo se ofrecen en inglés.*

RESTORATIVE CIRCLE – April 18th

Even as the disciples traveled the road to Emmaus in grief, confusion and fear, we may find ourselves in similar emotional turmoil today. Join Restorative OLQP's April 18 Circle to share how times of deep emotional upheaval may have unsettled our lives, but also may lead to valuable lessons, periods of growth, or new hope. Come to support, or to be supported as you walk your own road to Emmaus. Register at <https://forms.gle/LEBZV6bfaEjwhwmXA> to receive more information, or contact Michele Chang at rise2gthr@gmail.com.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED FOR
SOUTH ARLINGTON FAMILY SUPPORT**

Need: We are seeking dependable volunteers to be drivers to assist a family living in South Arlington with food access through two local food pantries. Biweekly Food Pickup (No Client Transport Required). Weekly Family Transportation – Client must be Present. Contact: Lea Ann Gross, CVM Volunteer Manager. Cell: 703-851-6388

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 25
3rd 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.

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
(or scan the QR code)



ENVIRONMENTAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Does the climate crisis make you feel hopeless? Join the Integrity of Creation ministry for a discussion of the book "Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World" by Katherine Hayhoe, who is both a devout Christian and the Chief Scientist of The Nature Conservancy. We will meet to discuss the book in the Parish library on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00pm. All are welcome! Email Dan Herrera (herrerawildlife@gmail.com) for more information.

**REGISTER WITH THE PARISH
UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION
LET US KNOW YOU'RE MOVING**

If you have not officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. Updated, accurate information is very useful to us, especially in communicating important news like a weather-related closure. Visit the parish website (www.olqpva.org) click on About Us >> Register >> Register With Us.

If you have had an addition to your family, if you have had a change of address or if you would like to know what information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly in the parish office: jgantz Daly@olqpva.org

Fight for the Fourteenth

The bishops advocate for birthright citizenship

[Heidi Schlumpf](#)

The U.S. bishops remain divided about many issues, but immigration is not, for the most part, one of them. Their [special message](#) against mass deportations passed overwhelmingly last November, and bishops across the ideological spectrum have publicly expressed concern about immigration enforcement that has crossed moral and legal lines. But Catholics on the right don't always agree with their religious leaders on this issue, as evidenced by the reaction to a recent [amicus brief](#) filed by the bishops in the birthright citizenship case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In their "friend of the court" brief, the bishops support the current practice of conferring citizenship on all people born in the United States, a practice threatened by a Trump [executive order](#) that would deny citizenship to children whose parents have insufficient or temporary legal status. The case, *Trump v. Barbara*, will consider the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." That amendment was ratified after the Civil War to include formerly enslaved persons.

The brief, filed February 26 on behalf of the bishops' conference and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., or CLINIC, includes legal arguments but also cites Catholic social teaching to claim that ending birthright citizenship would harm families and leave children stateless and vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation. "The principle of citizenship by birth is firmly rooted in Western legal tradition, enshrined in the Fourteenth Amendment, and reaffirmed by this Court's precedent," the bishops said. "It is equally grounded in Church teaching, which affirms the inherent dignity of every human person, especially the innocent child."

The bishops' brief is one of seventy filed so far in this case, a majority of which support the respondents, three families suing under pseudonyms. A group of faith-based groups, including fourteen women's religious orders, Hope Border Institute, and NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, also filed a brief in support of birthright citizenship on the same day as the bishops. The Supreme Court expects to begin hearing oral arguments on the case on April 1.

Negative reaction to the bishops' twenty-nine-page brief was swift, and shots were fired from a number of directions, including ad-

hominem attacks on the attorney—Matthew Martens, a Baptist—and the law firm—WilmerHale, which has supported same-sex marriage and abortion rights—that filed the brief. One commentator [speculated](#) that the brief might be "revenge" for the Trump administration's funding cuts for the Church's migration and refugee services. Others called it "[incoherent](#)" or "[virtue signalling](#)."

One of critics' more serious issues with the brief centers on whether human dignity, as defined by the Church, includes the right to birthright citizenship. This could be debatable, as many more homogeneous countries do not recognize the *jus soli* (Latin for "right of soil") principle on which birthright citizenship is based. The bishops' main concern seems to be that removing birthright citizenship in the United States would endanger millions of then-stateless children. While their argument is grounded in biblical injunctions to "love your neighbor" and "welcome the stranger," it is primarily a practical one, citing United Nations documents that describe how stateless people cannot get jobs, go to school, see a doctor, open a bank account, get married, or even receive a death certificate. They are also often fearful of practicing their religion. As providers of education, health care and other services to migrants, the Catholic Church is in a unique position to comment on the potential effects of this decision.

Yet the bishops' position was so misinterpreted by critics that the conference sent an internal memo to clarify that their argument did not go farther than some said it did. The bishops did not deny that states have the authority to set standards for citizenship, nor did they say that citizenship is a natural, God-given right (though they did seem to argue that natural law makes the family the foundational unit of society—and that removing birthright citizenship would threaten family unity). What the brief did say is that in this situation, in this country, and given the current laws and precedents, birthright citizenship best protects innocent children from the fate of statelessness, which in reality denies them participation in society. I would have argued, however, that this falls under the Catholic social teaching principle of "[call to family, community and participation](#)," which says people have a right and a duty to participate in society, rather than the principle of subsidiarity, which the brief cites.

But some critics questioned whether the bishops should use Catholic social teaching or moral arguments in a legal brief at all. This idea of that amicus brief should stick to legal arguments is preposterous. Amicus briefs reg-

ularly present the ethical and practical consequences of how a ruling will affect groups of people not specifically named in the lawsuit. The U.S. bishops' conference frequently files [amicus briefs](#) on topics ranging from abortion and the death penalty to assisted suicide and various issues related to marriage, family, and sexuality. While also making legal arguments, those briefs—and the issues they consider—are clearly grounded in Catholic moral teaching. That none of the conservative critics bothered to complain about the insertion of Catholic social thought into other amicus briefs reveals the ideological motive behind their concerns with the citizenship one.

The bishops' birthright citizenship brief spends only three pages on the legal arguments, I suspect because those arguments have been made elsewhere. What the bishops and CLINIC can add to the debate is their view as moral leaders of a Church of immigrants and an organization whose mission includes serving migrants. And, of course, by its very presence, an amicus brief by the leaders of the largest religious organization in the United States signals the importance of the case.

Opponents of birthright citizenship argue that it incentivizes illegal migration, luring women to the United States for the sole purpose of having so-called "anchor babies," who can then provide citizenship status for their parents. A child's citizenship, however, does not improve a parent's immigration status, and that child cannot seek to sponsor any family to the United States until he or she turns twenty-one. Moreover, migrants repeatedly report they would prefer to stay in their home countries, if it were not for violence or severe economic conditions.

It is notable that the Fourteenth Amendment that guarantees birthright citizenship sought to undo another unjust attempt to deny citizenship to a class of human beings on U.S. soil: the *Dred Scott* decision. Once again, our country is intent on marginalizing another group of people—and again, race seems to be part of the criteria. Given the stakes, it is not only appropriate but urgent that the Church and its leaders use their voices and authority to bring morality and Catholic social teaching into this debate.

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Remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero in a season of repentance

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Today marks the 46th anniversary of the death of St. Oscar Romero, the Salvadoran archbishop who was martyred at the altar while celebrating mass, just one day after calling on the security forces and military in his country to stop the repression against the people

Today in parishes across the United States, in communities along the US-Mexico border, and in front of ICE offices, people will gather to commemorate Romero's life in Lenten vigils and services, and voice their indignation for the continuing attacks against immigrant families and communities by ICE agents, and a policy of mass detention and mass deportation that Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso has said constitutes "a grave moral evil."

What would Archbishop Romero say today, if he were proclaiming the Gospel in these times?

What would he say about ICE raids on immigrant communities, and the treatment of migrants and immigrants in our country? What would he say about the US-Israeli war against Iran and the continuing aggression against Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank? What would he say about corruption, the diversion of crucial resources for people who are poor in order to fuel obscene military budgets, and the growing disparity between rich and poor in our nation and in the world?

In these times of crisis for our country and our world, we seek to reclaim the prophetic tradition of the Church to speak up more vigorously in defense of people who are poor and the victims of war, following the example of the martyred archbishop. Romero was a pastor, first and foremost, and truly humble, but he spoke with great passion from the Gospel in defense of those on the margins:

"A Church that doesn't provoke any crises, a Gospel that doesn't unsettle, a Word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a Word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is proclaimed – what Gospel is that?"

During this Lenten season, we want to call attention to some of the most painful signs of our time and shine the light of the Gospel on these events in history. We witness increasing attacks by ICE on immigrant families and immigrant communities, and the increasing militarization of US borders; and a growing opposition in our country against the US-Israeli war in Iran and increasing attacks against Palestinian communities in the West Bank and Gaza with mounting casualties and no end in sight.

Archbishop Romero knew very well that the Gospel mandates the Church to exercise its influence in the public arena, offering pastoral judgments on issues of human dignity and human rights, of war and peace, and national security and the economy, bearing witness to the Gospel and Catholic social teaching – as Pope Leo is doing today, by calling the faithful to clear ethical and moral actions.

What would Saint Oscar Romero say in our times?

No doubt he would condemn, as did prominent US cardinals and bishops are doing today, the war on Iran as preemptive and a violation of international law. Based on his passionate defense of people who are poor and the victims of war in El Salvador during his three years as archbishop, he no doubt would also condemn US support for the current Israeli occupation and aggression against Palestinian communities as morally unjust and a violation of international law.

He would certainly condemn the use or defense of torture, under any circumstances, by any person or government, as a gross violation of human rights and an offense against God. "Whoever tortures a

human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being abuses God's image."

Romero would also condemn the growing national security ideology of our own government that institutionalizes lying and deception to pursue an agenda that favors US geopolitical and economic interests. Quoting the Latin American bishops in Puebla, Archbishop Romero criticized the ideology of national security as "a new form of idolatry... leading to the abuse of power and the violation of human rights." "In some instances," he said, "they presume to justify their positions with a subjective profession of Christian faith."

Romero would not be silent today. He would speak for the civilians at risk in Iran, Israel and Palestine, and Lebanon, and for their anxious and grieving families. He would offer pastoral guidelines and encouragement, proclaiming the duty of every Christian and citizen to resist war as a grave moral evil. And he would remind every soldier – as he did in his famous last homily – of the duty of conscience to obey God's law before obeying an unjust order to kill.

He would certainly question – in the tradition of Catholic social teaching – a blatant US and Israeli unilateralism that defies international opinion, violates international treaties, and declares itself exempt from international law, including the Geneva Conventions. And he would point the way toward peace, calling for greater justice, greater cooperation among nations, and greater commitment to a peaceful resolution of grave international conflicts.

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