

## 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:**

2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204

703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

**Office Hours**

**Horas de oficina**

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

**Website / sitioweb:**

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

**Live Stream Mass Schedule:**

**Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:**

April 25-26 6pm and 1pm in Spanish

25-26 abril 6pm 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 25:31-46. 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



April 26, 2026

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd.”

*John 10:11*



“Yo soy el buen pastor.”

*Juan 10:11*

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE ESTE FIN DE SEMANA:

**LLAMAMIENTO DE LAS MISIONES DEL HOGAR CATÓLICO**

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

26 de abril de 2026

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

## *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: \$5,670  
ParishSoft Giving - March weekly average: \$12,803

#### **Word & Eucharist Book/ Misal Palabra y Eucaristía**

Today's readings can be found on page 236  
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 237

### **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, 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, Eduardo González, 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, 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, Lidia Montero Lopez, 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

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (49A); 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10  
Hechos 2,14a, 36-41 (49A); 1 Pedro 2,20b-25; Juan 10,1-10

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Acts 6:1-7 (52A); 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12  
Hechos 6,1-7 (52A); 1 Pedro 2,4-9; Juan 14,1-12

### **MASS INTENTIONS, APRIL 25- MAY 1**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 25 ABRIL – 1 MAYO**

#### **CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

##### **Saturday, April 25th**

5:30 pm For The Parish

##### **Sunday, April 26th**

8:00 am Joe Boys (D) by Ann Campanelli

9:30 am Janie Key (D) by Minkisi Ministry

11:15 am Florence Ferrarro (D) by Shari & John Zamarrá

1:00 pm Delfina Choque Pacheco (Anniversary) (D) by Carmen Pacheco

6:00 pm For The Parish

##### **Monday, April 27th**

12:00 pm Harold & Ellen Radday (Anniversary) (D) by Jeanne Radday

##### **Tuesday, April 28th**

12:00 pm Loic Pritchard (L) by Ann F. Johnson

##### **Wednesday, April 29th**

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

##### **Thursday, April 30th**

12:00 pm Samuel & Carmela Pecora (Anniversary) (D)

by Gail Meighan & family

##### **Friday, May 1st**

12:00 pm Billie Lorrel Bready (Birthday) (D) by Cindy & Barry Willson

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

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

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

**Jovie Charlotte Haeberle & Hailey Josephine Hawryluk**

Baptized April 25 / Bautizadas el 25 de abril

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

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

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

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

*Deacon / Diácono:* **Dcn. Tony Remedios**, tremedios@olqpva.org

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

*Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios:* **Christina Kozyn**, ckozyn@olqpva.org

*Social Justice & Outreach Minister / Ministro de Justicia Social y*

*Acercamiento (bilingüe):* **Sally Díaz-Wells**, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

*Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos:* **Rebecca Grant Jenkins**, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

*Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):*

**Cecilia López Oetgen**, clopez@olqpva.org

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

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is one of the oldest images in Christianity. I remember seeing it in the catacombs of Rome...painted on the walls of ancient caverns by a people from long ago. What is it about this image that has captivated the minds and hearts of Christians for centuries? Surely for the post modern mostly urban culture of the West, this image may well seem a bit arcane and less accessible than it was to our ancestors. Jesus is depicted, through the use of this image, as a shepherd, and shepherds were, in that time and in that culture, relatively unimportant and certainly not powerful individuals; in fact, they were of a socially low status in Jesus' culture.

The disciples and all those who followed him around experienced Jesus as kind and gentle, like the good shepherd who watches over the sheep with great care and concern and even risks his/her own safety for the sake of the sheep. This image of a kind and gentle god was somewhat unique in Jesus' time, but then so was the idea of a god who would be willing to suffer and die for their people.

I believe that this image of the Good Shepherd has endured precisely because of its radical departure of the common image, in Jesus' time, of a distant and disinterested and often vengeful god...all we need do is look to the pantheon of the Greco-Roman gods whose dealings with humans were most often calamitous and certainly capricious.

This image Jesus creates, tells us that our God loves us and cares for us and journeys with us as we travel through the valleys and hills of our lives.

But too, I believe that the image of the good shepherd speaks to us of what we are called to be...in Christ's image...“good shepherds” of the lost and vulnerable, the poor and the forsaken. Understanding that we are called to go after them, to reach out to the marginalized and the ones society dismisses or demeans because of the color of their skin, or because they are women, because of their age, or because of where they were born, or who they love, or how they came to this country, or their mental health, or because of their economic status, and the list of discrimination goes on...we are called by our baptism to stand up against all forms of discrimination and bullying and any manner of action or word that demeans the human dignity of another person...all persons. And, it does not matter who is responsible for the demeaning behavior, whether a coworker, a classmate, a family member or a member of the leadership of the government of United States of America.

As Christians, as disciples of Jesus Christ we cannot turn a blind eye nor remain silent in the face of dehumanizing, and hateful speech aimed at individuals or at whole countries, cultures, races, or ethnic or religious groups.

And so given all these different realities, let us ask ourselves, as Jesus' disciples, modeling our lives on him, how am I being called to be a “good shepherd” ...in my family, in my school or place of work, in my community, *in my nation as citizen of the wider world*? What am I willing to risk “as a good shepherd” for the sake of “the other” and for the sake of creation?

Easter blessings,

Fr. Tim

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

Thank you to all 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.

The second BLA mailing has been mailed to those who have not yet made a gift. Our main goal with all our families is participation and we ask that you please give to the BLA. Thank you.



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

¡Gracias a todas las personas que han contribuido a la Petición cuaresma del Obispo!

Si todavía no ha contribuido, reflexionen, en espíritu de oración, sobre las bendiciones que ha recibido y considere hacer una oferta hoy. La Petición cuaresma del Obispo nos une como familia diocesana para apoyar programas, ministerios y servicios que ayudan a decenas de miles de personas. Cada donación, grande o pequeña, es vital. Puede enviar su contribución por correo postal, hacerla en línea en [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) o al escanear el código QR para donar.

El segundo envío de la BLA se les va a enviar por correo en las próximas semanas a las personas que todavía no han donado. Nuestra meta principal es que todas nuestras familias participen y les pedimos de favor que por favor donen a las BLA. Gracias.



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**CRS RICE BOWLS LAST CALL** – We are completing our Rice Bowl campaign but suspect there are still a few bowls out there. Please turn them into the collection basket in the sanctuary or into the office as soon as possible so our total money can be counted. Thank you so much for your participation. Hope your Lenten journey was one of learning. If you wish to write a check for your donation, make it payable to OLQP and put CRS Rice Bowl on the memo line.

### **MEDOR, HAITI:**

#### **PASSING THE MISSION TO THE NEXT GENERATION**

John Wadner Mercy, a graduate of St. Joseph Parish schools in Medor, excelled academically—earning the highest scores in the Artibonite Department on national exams—and shared his gifts by tutoring students in math and physics. He was part of the third class graduating from the parish's secondary school before entering the diocesan seminary in Gonaives. He was ordained earlier this month and celebrated his first Mass in Medor on April 12. Despite the dangers of travel, 8 priests, 3 deacons, and a seminarian gathered around the altar. Their vestments and bright yellow cloth decorating the church contrasted with the darkness enveloping Haiti today. The diocesan TV crew recorded it so those in Haiti and the US could join via livestream. Father John is the third priest who graduated from Medor's schools, with two more seminarians on the way—signs of a vibrant church. At his joyful First Mass, a 4.5-hour celebration filled with music, liturgical dancing, incense, and tributes, Father Frantz expressed gratitude to OLQP for supporting the education that set Father John on his path to the priesthood. The congregation applauded our help. The drive to Help our Family in Medor, Haiti Drive ends this weekend. Donations help educate about 2,400 children and increase harvests and incomes for families. You can place donations in the Haiti box in the back of church or donate online. Thank you for your continued love and financial support of the people of Medor.



#### **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.

**MATTHEW 25 is looking for sorters.** They work to get the store restocked and sort and store items. The days are Monday through Thursday from 9am until 12noon in the Ministry Center. Volunteer one day a week or four; we just need help. Interested, please contact Sally Diaz-Wells at [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

### **ÚLTIMA LLAMADA PARA LOS PLATOS DE ARROZ CRS –**

Estamos llegando al final de nuestra campaña, pero sospechamos que todavía faltan unos cuantos platos por entregar. Por favor póngalo en la cesta de la colecta en el santuario o llévelo a la oficina lo antes posible para que se pueda contar el total de las donaciones. Muchas gracias por su participación. Esperamos que su jornada de la Cuaresma haya sido una de aprendizaje. Si desea escribir un cheque por su donación, hágalo a nombre de OLQP y ponga “CRS Rice Bowl” en la línea del asunto.

### **MEDOR, HAITÍ:**

#### **TRANSMITIENDO LA MISIÓN A LA SIGUIENTE GENERACIÓN**

John Wadner Mercy, que se graduó de las escuelas de St. Joseph Parish en Medor, se destacó académicamente, sacó las notas más altas en el Artibonite Department en los exámenes nacionales y compartió sus conocimientos dando clases particulares de matemáticas y física a estudiantes. Él fue uno de los estudiantes de la tercera clase que se graduó de la escuela secundaria de la parroquia antes de entrar en el seminario diocesano en Gonaives. Se ordenó a principios de este mes y celebró su primera Misa en Medor el 12 de abril. A pesar de los peligros al viajar, 8 sacerdotes, 3 diáconos y un seminarista se reunieron alrededor del altar. Sus vestiduras y una tela amarilla brillante decoraban la iglesia estaban en contraste con la oscuridad que envuelve a Haití en la actualidad. El equipo de televisión de la diócesis lo grabó para que en Haití y en los Estados Unidos se pudiera ver en una retransmisión en directo. El Padre John es el tercer sacerdote que se ha graduado de las escuelas en Medor y con dos otros seminaristas en camino, esto es una señal de una Iglesia llena de vida. En su alegre primera Misa, una celebración de cuatro horas y media llena de música, danzas litúrgicas, incienso y homenajes, el Padre Frantz le expresó su agradecimiento a OLQP por haber apoyado la formación que llevó al Padre John a emprender su camino hacia el sacerdocio. La congregación aplaudió nuestra ayuda. La campaña para ayudar a nuestra familia en Medor, Haití, la Campaña para Haití, termina este fin de semana. Las donaciones ayudan a educar a unas 2,400 niñas y niños y aumentan las cosechas y los ingresos para las familias. Usted puede poner donaciones en la Caja para Haití en la parte trasera de la iglesia o donar en línea. Gracias por su continuo cariño y ayuda financiera para las personas de Medor.

#### **¡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.

**MATEO 25 busca personas para clasificar ropa.** Trabajan para reponer ropa, clasificar y guardar los artículos. Los días son de lunes a jueves de 9am hasta las 12 del mediodía en el Ministry Center. Sea voluntaria/o un día o cuatro a la semana. Necesitamos ayuda. Si está interesada/o, por favor contacte a Sally Díaz-Wells: [sdiazwells@olqpva.org](mailto:sdiazwells@olqpva.org)

## 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!

## FATHER MARTIN'S PHO DINNER,

**Friday, May 1st, 6:00pm, Father Ray Hall**

Join us for chicken or beef pho - dine-in or take-out. \$30 per person. Wine will be available for a cash donation. Proceeds go to support Youth & Young Adult Ministries pilgrimages & mission trips. For details contact, Rebecca Grant Jenkins, [rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org).

**To reserve seating or take-out, go to:**

<https://tinyurl.com/OLQPFRMARTINPHO> or scan the QR Code:



## 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.

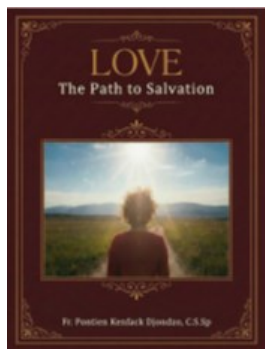
## LA CENA PHO DEL PADRE MARTIN,

**el viernes 1ro de mayo, a las 6:00pm en Fr. Ray Hall**

Únase a nosotros para disfrutar de una cena pho de pollo o carne, para comer aquí o para llevar. Se sugiere una donación mínima de \$30 por persona. Va a haber vino disponible a cambio de un donativo en efectivo. Lo recaudado va a apoyar las peregrinaciones y los viajes de misión de los ministerios de jóvenes adultos. Para obtener detalles contacte a Rebecca Grant Jenkins,

[rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org](mailto:rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org). Para hacer una reservación o para llevar a casa, vaya a: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPFRMARTINPHO> o escanee el código QR:

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join fellow parishioners for Fr. Pontien's launch of his latest book in English and Spanish: "Love: The Path to Salvation" on Friday, May 8, at 7:00pm in Fr. Ray Hall. Cost of the book is \$10 (cash or credit card); donations appreciated. All proceeds from book sales support OLQP young adults who are preparing for World Youth Day 2027 and the formation of the Spiritan seminarians in Cameroon. Please join us for this special event on May 8<sup>th</sup> or stop by after Mass the weekend of May 9-10 to purchase a copy when there will be a book signing after each Mass.



**RESERVE LA FECHA:** Únase a otros feligreses para la presentación del Padre Pontien de su último libro en inglés y en español: "El Amor: El camino a la salvación" el viernes, 8 de mayo, a las 7:00pm en Fr. Ray Hall. El libro cuesta \$10 (efectivo o tarjeta de crédito) y se agradecen las donaciones. Todo lo recaudado de las ventas del libro apoyan a los jóvenes adultos que se preparan para la Jornada mundial de la juventud 2027 y la formación de los seminaristas spiritanos en Camerún. Por favor únase a nosotros para asistir a este evento especial el 8 de mayo o venga después de la Misa el fin de semana del 9 al 10 de mayo para comprar una copia cuando va a haber una firma de libros después de cada Misa.

## SAINT ISIDORE'S GARDEN BLESSING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join us on Friday, May 15, at 7:00pm for a special Feast of Saint Isidore Garden Blessing at Saint Isidore's Garden, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome as we gather to bless the garden and celebrate the new growing season. Weekly volunteer garden times have also begun (weather permitting):  
Saturdays: 8:00–10:00 AM  
Tuesdays: 5:30–7:00 PM (*harvest for the OLQP Food Pantry*)  
No gardening experience or sign-up is needed. Stop by for the full time or even just 20–30 minutes - every helping hand makes a difference.  
Questions: [julenejarnot@gmail.com](mailto:julenejarnot@gmail.com)

SAINT ISIDORE'S GARDEN



## BENDICIÓN DEL JARDÍN DE SAN ISIDORO Y OPORTUNIDADES PARA VOLUNTARIADO

Únase a nosotros el viernes, 15 de mayo, a las 7:00pm para celebrar una bendición especial del jardín el día de San Isidoro, seguida por aperitivos ligeros. Todas las personas son bienvenidas al reunirnos para bendecir el jardín y celebrar la nueva temporada de cultivo. Hemos empezado el horario (si el tiempo lo permite) para las personas voluntarias:  
Los sábados: 8:00 a 10:00 AM  
Los martes: 5:30 a 7:00 PM (*cosecha para la Despensa de alimentos de OLQP*)  
No necesita tener experiencia de jardinería ni apuntarse. Venga por todo el tiempo o solo por 20 ó 30 minutos. Todas las personas marcan una diferencia.  
¿Preguntas? Mande un correo electrónico a [julenejarnot@gmail.com](mailto:julenejarnot@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: [ckozyn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyn@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.

Need help? Please contact OLQP’s Business Manager, Christina [ckozyn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyn@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.

<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: [ckozyn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyn@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.

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[donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com).

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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.***

### HELP US UNCOVER THE HISTORY OF ARLINGTON’S PAST

The Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington (MEA) wants to record your family’s history. MEA is a project sponsored by the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington and the Arlington Historical Society dedicated to uncovering the history of Arlington’s past. As a part of this project MEA seeks to record the oral histories of Arlington’s Black families and the journey stories perhaps originating with passed down stories about experiences during enslavement, what brought them to Arlington, where they settled, and how events shaped their family’s development over the years. A team of trained oral history facilitators will be at the Arlington’s VA250 HistoryFest at Kenmore Middle School at 200 S. Carlin Springs Road on Saturday, May 9th between 10:00am and 4:00pm to record the stories. Please contact Jessica Kaplan at [ahsedlink@gmail.com](mailto:ahsedlink@gmail.com), to schedule an interview time or learn more about the event.

**FOR GRIEVING MOTHERS:** In advance of Mother’s Day, all mothers grieving the loss of a child (from miscarriage through adulthood) are invited to a special Morning of Reflection designed to offer comfort, healing, and hope to your broken heart. Hosted by Red Bird Ministries on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:15 am to 12 noon at Morningstar Retreat Center in Great Falls. Scan the QR Code at this site for Free Registration [www.redbird.love/arlington-va](http://www.redbird.love/arlington-va). Questions? Reach out to [elizabeth@redbird.love](mailto:elizabeth@redbird.love).

### 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](http://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: [jgantzdaly@olqpva.org](mailto:jgantzdaly@olqpva.org)

**ECO THOUGHT:** Last week over a billion people around the globe celebrated Earth Day on April 22. Begun in 1970 to raise awareness of environmental issues and promote earth-friendly actions, it is often promoted throughout the month with activities such as tree plantings, park and water clean-ups, educational programs, parades and numerous other events. While focus for short periods of time is beneficial, the ideal is to reflect regularly on how we can be more responsible in our use of the earth’s resources...and put beneficial actions into practice. That way, every day can be Earth Day!

## **PRAYER FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE**

**Creator of Life,  
You shaped every human being in your image and likeness.  
We believe you created us for communion, not for war,  
For fellowship, not for destruction.**

**You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you,"  
Grant us the gift of your peace  
And the strength to make it a reality in history.  
Today we lift our prayer for peace in the world,  
Asking that nations renounce weapons  
And choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.**

**Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference,  
So we may become instruments of reconciliation.  
Help us understand that true security  
Does not come from control fueled by fear,  
But from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.**

**Creator God, enlighten the leaders of the nations,  
So they may have the courage to abandon projects of death,  
Halt the arms race,  
And place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center.  
May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.**

**Holy Spirit,  
Make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace:  
In our hearts, our families,  
Our communities, and our cities.  
May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation,  
And every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.  
Amen.**

*Prayer Service outside ICE headquarters, April 23, 2026  
Adapted from Pope Leo's prayer for disarmament and peace.*

# Budgeting for War

Trump wants to immiserate millions of Americans to fund his wars abroad.

## Editorial

It wasn't true of course, but there was at least a measure of honesty in President Trump's assertion, made during a private Easter luncheon on April 1, that it is simply "not possible" for the federal government to pay for things like Medicare, Medicaid, and child care. Services like these, he opined, should be left to the states, so that the government can fund his aggression abroad: "We're fighting wars. We can't take care of day-care.... You can't do it on a federal [sic]. We have to take care of one thing: military protection. We have to guard the country." Sure, states would need to raise taxes to pay for these programs, but Trump would "lower our taxes a little bit to help them out."

Democrats across the country were quick to seize on these remarks as fodder for their midterm campaigns, while Trump's spokespeople claimed, implausibly, that the president was merely referring to the need to root out blue-state "fraud." Whatever the spin, the costs of Trump's war in Iran have already been astronomical: about \$12 billion in the first six days alone and \$1 billion per day since then.

Experts believe that the true cost of the war in Iran will likely exceed \$1 trillion before it concludes. (For context, the Iraq war, which ended up lasting years, cost about \$5.8 trillion.) That figure doesn't include externalities like the global energy crisis, but it's certainly in keeping with Office of Management and Budget director Russell Vought's request for a staggering \$1.5 trillion for the Pentagon to be included in the Trump administration's 2027 budget, a 50 percent increase over the previous year. Vought claims that this added expense would be recouped by eliminating "fraud" and, of course, a cut in non-defense spending—on the order of ten percent.

It is obvious by now that Republicans have no interest in reducing the deficit, despite often campaigning on "fiscal

responsibility." Nor do they have any intention of helping ordinary Americans fight the rising cost of living, exacerbated by Trump's tariffs and the surge in gas prices caused by the Iran war.

Imagine what we could pay for instead of an unnecessary and massively destructive war. Forgoing just two weeks of strikes in Iran could, according to reporter Nik Popli of Time, fully fund the following: health care for 1.3 million Americans, full food assistance for 5.5 million, housing assistance for 1 million, the National Park Service, pre-K for nine hundred thousand children, Pell grants for 1.5 million students, and the salaries of more than one hundred thousand teachers and nurses.

An unpopular war combined with an affordability crisis may explain why so many Republicans in Congress are either retiring or refusing to appear at town halls in red states. They blame inflation on Joe Biden and insist that the economic hardships borne by working people in their districts are merely "temporary." Meanwhile rural hospitals and daycare centers are closing in states all across the country.

Massive spikes in health-insurance premiums, often on the order of several thousand dollars per month, mean that millions of Americans will go without care in 2027—including an estimated 5.3 million who depend on Medicaid. As Vought explained to the House budget committee, the fact that 15 million Americans are set to lose their health care in coming years is actually one of the Trump administration's proudest achievements: those recipients, he claimed, were either illegal immigrants or poor Americans defrauding the system. Besides, Vought continued, "able-bodied" Americans who lose their health insurance because of the Republicans' One Big Beautiful Bill Act will be free to return to the workforce and receive the "benefit" of a job with an employer-sponsored plan.

Budgets are boring, which is why most

Americans, burdened as they are with their taxes and medical bills, with paying for child care, groceries, and transportation, usually don't pay attention to how they're made. But budgets, as Martin Luther King Jr. said, are also moral documents. They reveal a nation's priorities. What this budget proposal reveals is a scandalous disregard not only for people who experience any kind of material hardship but for anyone who isn't rich.

Not long after Trump's infamous Truth Social rant about the pope, Leo told an audience in Cameroon that "the masters of war pretend not to know that it takes only a moment to destroy, yet a lifetime is often not enough to rebuild. They turn a blind eye to the fact that billions of dollars are spent on killing and devastation, yet the resources needed for healing, education, and restoration are nowhere to be found."

The pope later insisted that he was not referring to anyone in particular. And it's true, unfortunately, that Leo's description of what the "masters of war" are up to applies to several world leaders. But Trump and his supporters have good reason to take it personally. A man who promised to be "the peace president" has revealed himself to be an unabashed if incompetent warmonger, threatening to take Iranians "back to the Stone Age, where they belong," while also hinting at the prospect of new military adventures in Cuba and Greenland. And to pay for all this, he and his party are willing to immiserate millions of vulnerable Americans, including many who voted for him. If the pope did not name names, it was at least partly because he didn't have to.

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