

## OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

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

**Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!**

**¡Bienvenidos a OLQP iglesia católica!**

**Contact / Contacto:**

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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:**

May 30-31 11:15am and 1pm in Spanish

30-31 mayo 11:15am 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



May 31, 2026

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

*John 3:17*



Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por Él.

*Juan 3,17*

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

COLECTA DEL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA

**CAMPAÑA DE COMUNICACIÓN CATÓLICA**

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

31 de mayo de 2026

La Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

## 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: \$5,629  
Spiritians Pentecost Appeal /  
Llamamiento Espiritano de Pentecostés: \$10,585  
ParishSoft Giving - April weekly average: \$14,699

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

Today's readings can be found on page 274  
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 275

### 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, 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, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Gus Karns, Ruth Klarman, Felicia Kusano, 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

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

#### **LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD**

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9 (164A); 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18  
Éxodo 34,4b-6, 8-9 (164A); 2 Corintios 13,11-13; Juan 3,16-18

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

#### **LA SOLEMNIDAD DEL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO**

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a (167A); 1 Corinthians 10:16-17;  
John 6:51-58  
Deuteronomio 8,2-3, 14b-16a (167A); 1 Corintios 10,16-17;  
Juan 6,51-58

### **MASS INTENTIONS, MAY 31- JUNE 5**

#### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

#### **INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 31 MAYO – 5 JUNIO**

#### **LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD**

##### **Saturday, May 30th**

5:30 pm Owusu-Ansa Poku (L) by the Obiorah family

##### **Sunday, May 31st**

8:00 am For The Parish

9:30 am Sansiki Daniels (D) by Joseph Coleman

11:15 am Felicísimo Morales (D) by Judy & Regina Reyes

1:00 pm Carlos & Ruth Melgar (Anniversary)(D)  
by Melvin Méndez & family

6:00 pm Agnes Cherestal (D) by her children

##### **Monday, June 1st**

12:00 pm Patricia Spencer (D) by Carol & Chuck Moran

##### **Tuesday, June 2nd**

12:00 pm For The Parish

##### **Wednesday, June 3rd**

12:00 pm Yolanda Gallo (D) by María Margarita Cabrera

##### **Thursday, June 4th**

12:00 pm Ricardo Yabes (Anniversary) (D) by the Yabes family

##### **Friday, June 5th**

12:00 pm Sister Alice Zachmann (D) by David Lamdin

#### **CONGRATULATIONS! / ¡FELICIDADES!**

**Jennifer Camden and Ariel Castellon**

Married May 30 / Casados el 30 de mayo

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

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

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

"The Holy Mystery" that is God...is always a reality that is infinitely beyond my understanding....and St. Augustine's as well, who proclaimed that God was a mystery beyond our understanding, and that if we think we have come to understand God...whatever it is that we understand, it is not God...God will always remain a mystery. A deep and profound truth...beyond my grasp as a human being but one I become willing to enter into and to engage with...not seeking to fully understand it, but rather allowing the Mystery to envelope me.

The principle of an unshakeable human dignity is grounded in the faith conviction that we are made in the image and likeness of God. If we are made in the image of God this means in the image of the Trinity, our personhood and consequently our dignity may be more than we imagine it to be. In the Trinity, three Persons engage in a mutual and self-giving activity that is so complete it makes them a dynamic unity. This activity has been characterized as a relational dance. If we are made like this, as persons we are essentially social beings, in relationship to others, and in relationship with The Mystery by the very essence of who we are.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus promises us a Divine indwelling, a reality that one could argue is the cornerstone of the theology of the Gospel of John. Jesus tells the disciples that the Father will send the Holy Spirit who will remain within them, and he and his Father will come and make them their dwelling place. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are inheritors of that promise, we are the dwelling place of the Holy Trinity!

As we celebrate the **Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity**, as it does most years, my mind returns to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and a tall red-haired nun, in full habit, named Sister Mary Janelle. I recall her patiently helping my classmates and myself as we wrestled with the concept of the Holy Trinity, three Persons who were at the same time separate but one. As she went through theological gymnastics trying to help us understand, ultimately, she conceded that it was a mystery...a mystery with a capital "M".

At the time my classmates and I felt it was a bit of a "cop-out" on her part...but now over 50 years later I have come to see her wisdom, and have come to be comfortable with it, and truly enjoy the concept of mystery.

We live in a society that demands to know all things, to have concrete explanations for everything. All we have to do is ask Google or better yet, ask Claude! But the reality is that ultimately God is beyond our understanding...beyond even Claude's, although Claude can go a long way in helping you understand St. Augustine's treatise on the Holy Trinity!

Today I realize that I am part of a religious tradition that has passed on a faith...a faith filled with mystery and awe in our God.

There is a consensus of our ancestors that harbors and passes on "revealed truths" that are essentials of our faith, some of which will always lie just beyond our capacity to *fully understand* them.

The Holy Spirit has been sent into our hearts to lead us headlong into "The Mystery"...to live out in concrete terms what we say we believe even though we may not fully understand.

Our lack of understanding has no impact on The Mystery itself... The Mystery desires us and loves us just as we are... often conflicted and wrestling with our faith.

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One of the most important realities is that we remain engaged...wrestling with our faith...engaged with God... wrestling with the Holy Trinity!

We must also remain engaged in the struggle for understanding, with hearts and minds open to the Holy Spirit, the bringer of wisdom.

And what wisdom and insight is the Holy Spirit trying to bring us today in the midst of the light that is being shined on sins and the darkness of our society, like greed, systemic racism, misogyny, xenophobia, and a growing lack of care and concern for the most vulnerable of our society, and how we need to respond to these sins? What wisdom is being spoken to us about the heartbreaking violence in our society and how we should be responding to it?

How comfortable am I with the concept of "mystery" of not fully understanding? How am I engaged in living out my faith? What am I wrestling with at this point in my faith journey?

Blessings,

Fr. Tim

### WE'RE CELEBRATING PARISH GRADUATES

Each year, OLQP proudly honors parish graduates by publishing their pictures in the Graduation Bulletin. We include middle school, high school and college. If you would like your graduate's picture in the bulletin, please email a photo to [office@olqpv.org](mailto:office@olqpv.org) and include a notation with the graduate's name and school. Please indicate "graduation bulletin" in the subject line of your message. Deadline is Sunday, June 21 (for publication in the June 27-28 Graduation Bulletin).



### ESTAMOS CELEBRANDO A LOS GRADUADOS DE LA PARROQUIA

Cada año, OLQP honra orgullosamente y publica las fotos de los miembros de la parroquia que se graduaron en el *Graduation Bulletin* (el Boletín de la graduación). Incluimos a estudiantes de escuela media, escuela superior y universidad. Si quiere que la foto de su graduada/o salga en el boletín, por favor mande la foto por correo electrónico a [office@olqpv.org](mailto:office@olqpv.org) e incluya una nota con el nombre de quien se gradúa y el de su escuela. Por favor indique "graduation bulletin" en la línea del asunto de su mensaje. La fecha límite es el domingo, 21 de junio (para la publicación en el boletín de graduación del 27 y 28 de junio).

### FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ON JUNETEENTH, June 19

Please join us on Juneteenth to help weed and dignify the forgotten grave sites of thousands of enslaved and freed African Americans at the Mount Zion and Female Union Band Society Cemetery of Georgetown (2501 Mill Road, NW DC). The Black Georgetown Foundation will be hosting this event from 11:00-2:00pm. This family-friendly service opportunity also entails a tour of the Underground Railroad, a libation ceremony, and a picnic lunch. You can register [here](#): **[Juneteenth in Georgetown | Remember. Learn. Serve. Tickets, Friday, June 19 • 11 AM - 2 PM | Eventbrite](#)**. All are welcome!



### OPORTUNIDAD DE SERVICIO FAMILIAR EL DÍA DE JUNETEENTH, el 19 de junio

Por favor únase a nosotros el día de Juneteenth para ayudar a eliminar las hierbas malas y dignificar las tumbas olvidadas de miles de esclavos y personas libres afroamericanas en el Mount Zion and Female Union Band Society Cemetery de Georgetown (2501 Mill Road, NW DC). La fundación Black Georgetown va a patrocinar este evento de 11:00 a 2:00pm. Esta oportunidad también conlleva un recorrido del Underground railroad (ferrocarril subterráneo), una ceremonia de libación y un almuerzo campestre (picnic). Se puede apuntar aquí: **[Juneteenth in Georgetown | Remember. Learn. Serve. Tickets, Friday, June 19 • 11 AM - 2 PM | Eventbrite](#)**. ¡Todas las personas son bienvenidas!

**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH** – “You don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent.” That's the message that *Adopt US Kids* conveys about becoming an adoptive or foster family. Youth in foster care don't need perfection; they need the commitment and love a forever family can provide. Learn more at [www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org), and consider joining the BFF ministry to support forever families. Drop off donations for Comfort Cases in the vestibule of Fr. Ray Hall, and come meet ministry members at our annual June cookout. Contact the Building Forever Families ministry for more information ([Debralpholqp@gmail.com](mailto:Debralpholqp@gmail.com) or [Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com)).

**MES NACIONAL DEL CUIDADO TUTELAR** – “Usted no tiene que ser perfecta o perfecto para ser una madre o un padre perfecto”. Ese es el mensaje que *Adopt Us Kids* comunica sobre como convertirse en una familia adoptiva o tutelar. Las niñas y los niños en el cuidado tutelar no necesitan perfección sino el compromiso y el amor que una familia adoptiva permanente puede proveer. Aprenda más en [www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org), y considere unirse al ministerio BFF para apoyar a las familias para siempre. Lleve las donaciones para Comfort Cases al vestíbulo de Fr. Ray Hall y venga a conocer a personas ministras y ministros en nuestra barbacoa anual en junio. Para obtener más información contacte el ministerio de Creando familias para siempre ([DebralphOLQP@gmail.com](mailto:DebralphOLQP@gmail.com) o a [Rebecca.E.Carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.E.Carpenter@gmail.com))

### GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION Next weekend, wear orange at OLQP!

Next weekend as our OLQP community celebrates our connectedness with all humanity, we will also remember the children, women and men who have died as a result of GUN VIOLENCE. June 5 - 7 is the annual national observance of WEAR ORANGE to commemorate gun violence victims.

On June 5th, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, local events commemorate the survivors and victims of gun violence. Join an event to witness and learn about this national observance.

ALEXANDRIA: Friday, June 5, 6:30pm at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria, 22314

ARLINGTON: Friday, June 5, 4:00 pm at Bozman Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, 22201

For additional locations: [wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org)

### SENSIBILIZACIÓN Y PREVENCIÓN DE LA VIOLENCIA CON ARMAS DE FUEGO

#### ¡El próximo fin de semana póngase ropa de color naranja en OLQP!

El próximo fin de semana, cuando nuestra comunidad de OLQP celebra nuestra conexión con toda la humanidad como el Cuerpo de Cristo, también recordamos a las niñas, niños, mujeres y hombres que han fallecido como resultado de la VIOLENCIA CAUSADA POR LAS ARMAS DE FUEGO. Del 5 al 7 de junio es la campaña anual. Vístase de color naranja para conmemorar a las víctimas de la violencia con armas de fuego. El 5 de junio, Día nacional de sensibilización de la violencia con armas de fuego, eventos locales conmemoran a las personas supervivientes y víctimas de la violencia con armas de fuego. Únase a un evento para dar testimonio y aprender sobre esta conmemoración nacional.

ALEXANDRIA: el viernes, 5 de junio, a las 6:30pm en John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria, 22314.

ARLINGTON: el viernes, 5 de junio, a las 4:00pm en Bozman Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, 22201

Para ver otros lugares: [wearorange.com](http://wearorange.com)

**GABRIEL PROJECT** is rethinking its space; therefore, we will not be accepting donations until June 7. Thank you so much for your support and understanding. For more information contact Rosie: 703-966-4675.

**EL PROYECTO GABRIEL** está reconsiderando su espacio y por eso no vamos a aceptar donaciones hasta el 7 de junio. Muchas gracias por su apoyo y comprensión. Para obtener más información, contacte a Rosie: 703-966-4675.

### BLOOMS, BUBBLES AND BOSSA NOVA

Enjoy a joyful summer evening of live bossa nova music by Canto Sur, sparkling refreshments, seasonal fare, and community connection at Saint Isidore's Garden on Saturday, June 13 from 6:30-9:00 pm. Hosted by Catholic Garden Network, the evening supports CGN's work to foster human dignity, promote the common good, and advance care for creation through gardens rooted in Catholic communities, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the OLQP Food Pantry. Scan the QR code for tickets, sponsorships, and details.



### BLOOMS, BUBBLES AND BOSSA NOVA

Disfrute de una alegre velada de verano con música de bossa nova por Canto Sur, bebidas refrescantes, platos de temporada y un ambiente acogedor el sábado, 13 de junio de 6:30 a 9:00 pm.

Patrocinado por el Catholic Garden Network, la velada apoya la labor de CGN de promover la dignidad humana, el bien común y avanzar el cuidado de la creación a través de jardines arraigados en comunidades católicas, con una parte de los ingresos para beneficiar la despensa de alimentos de OLQP. Escanee el código QR para obtener entradas, ofrecer patrocinio y obtener detalles.

### ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SHELTER DINNER

**Wed., June 10**

OLQP's commitment to host dinner for neighbors at Alexandria Community Shelter is **Wednesday, June 10**. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare, deliver, and serve a fresh, seasonal summer meal. Whether you can cook a dish, donate items, or serve in person, your help makes a huge difference! To see the menu and claim a slot, please sign up online. Thank you for your generosity!

Menu: Pasta Primavera with seasonal summer vegetables in a light garlic parmesan sauce or marinara, Chopped green salad, Mixed berry salad, Lemonade

Food donations can be delivered to the parish office kitchen from Monday to Wednesday during office hours 8:30am to 4:30pm. Alternatively, you can bring food to the Fr. Ray Hall kitchen on the day of the dinner between 4:00pm and 4:30pm. Please label all food items with the date and a description, and place them in the refrigerator, freezer, or on the counter. If you are delivering food directly to the Shelter located at 2355-B Mill Rd, Alexandria, VA, please label the items in the same manner, adding "OLQP" and "Dinner."

Please reach out to Emily Porterfield at [bellefontebabelle@gmail.com](mailto:bellefontebabelle@gmail.com) for any questions.

Sign up using this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABA2BA7F49-64295766-june>

### REFUGIO COMUNITARIO DE ALEXANDRIA

**miércoles, 10 de junio**

El compromiso de OLQP de patrocinar una cena para nuestras vecinas y vecinos en el Refugio comunitario de Alexandria es **el miércoles, 10 de junio**. Estamos buscando a personas voluntarias para ayudar a preparar, entregar y servir una cena veraniega. ¡Ya sea que puede cocinar un plato, donar artículos o servir en persona, su ayuda marca una gran diferencia! Para ver el menú y reservar un espacio, por favor apúntese en línea. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Menú: Pasta primavera con vegetales de temporada de verano en una salsa ligera de ajo y queso parmesano o marinara, ensalada verde, ensalada mixta de bayas, limonada.

Se pueden traer las donaciones a la cocina de la oficina parroquial de lunes a miércoles entre las 8:30am y las 4:30pm o directamente a Fr. Ray Hall el día de la cena de 4:00 a 4:30pm. Por favor identifique todas las donaciones con la fecha y una descripción y póngalas en el refrigerador, congelador o mostrador. Si va a llevar los artículos directamente al Refugio en 2355-B Mill Rd, Alexandria, VA. Por favor identifique las donaciones de la misma manera, añadiendo "OLQP" y "Dinner."

Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a Emily Porterfield, [bellefontebabelle@gmail.com](mailto:bellefontebabelle@gmail.com)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABA2BA7F49-64295766-june>

### MAKING PLANS FOR THE SUMMER?

Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday Masses, eGiving lets you continue to support our parish and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting ParishSOFT Giving: [giving.parishsoft.io/App/Giving/FD-271](https://giving.parishsoft.io/App/Giving/FD-271). If you are having issues with an established ParishSOFT Giving account, contact Christina in the parish office for a password reset ([ckozyn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyn@olqpva.org)) or call the Customer Service team at 866-930-4774.

### ¿HACIENDO PLANES PARA EL VERANO?

¡Asegúrese de planificar su ofertorio también! Cuando sus viajes de verano lo alejan de las Misas dominicales, eGiving le permite continuar apoyando nuestra iglesia y los ministerios que valora. Puede apuntarse desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta, y configurar una donación recurrente o hacer un regalo único.

Las donaciones recurrentes sostienen a nuestra parroquia durante los ajetreados meses de verano. Nos brindará un apoyo constante, aunque esté fuera un domingo, y así los programas, servicios y ministerios que significan tanto para nuestra comunidad nunca perderán el ritmo. Apúntese hoy yendo a ParishSOFT Giving: [giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-271](https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-271). Si tiene problemas con una cuenta ParishSOFT ya establecida, contacte a Christina en la oficina parroquial para obtener un restablecimiento de la contraseña ([ckozyn@olqpva.org](mailto:ckozyn@olqpva.org)) o llame al equipo de la atención al cliente: 866-930-4774.

## BILINGUAL COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS

My name is Katerin Quispe, and I am a nursing student. I am also part of the Majestic Community Wellness program in Boston, where I have been training to become a yoga instructor with a future specialty in postpartum yoga. As part of my commitment to community service, I would like to warmly invite you to a bilingual community yoga class on Saturday, June 13th, at 4:00pm and/or Saturday, June 20th, at 2:00pm in the Founders Room. The gentle classes will be offered in English and Spanish and are open to all ages and experience levels. Yoga can help reduce stress, improve mobility, and promote relaxation and inner peace, especially for women experiencing menopause or perimenopause. For extra comfort, since we will spend some time lying on the ground, you are also welcome to bring a blanket, although it is not required. The classes are completely free, and participants only need to bring a yoga mat.

I hope you can join us! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAFA922AAF8C16-64280270-yoga>

## BLOOD DRIVE Hosted by Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Arlington Council 2473 will host our second 2026 blood drive on Sunday, June 14, from 8:30am to 2:30pm, in our Main Hall at 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. Please sign up on the Inova Site directly (<https://bit.ly/KOC0614>) or by emailing [terrence.finneran@usa.net](mailto:terrence.finneran@usa.net). Walk-ins are also welcome.

## CLASE COMUNITARIA BILINGÜE DE YOGA

Mi nombre es Katerin Quispe y soy estudiante de enfermería. También soy parte del programa Majestic Community Wellness en Boston, donde me he estado preparando para convertirme en instructora de yoga con una futura especialización en yoga posparto. Como parte de mi compromiso con el servicio comunitario, me gustaría invitarlos cordialmente a una clase gratuita bilingüe de yoga comunitaria el sábado 13 de junio a las 4p.m. y el sábado 20 de junio a las 2p.m. en el Founders Room. Estas clases se ofrecerán en inglés y español y estarán abiertas para personas de todas las edades y niveles de experiencia. El yoga puede ayudar a reducir el estrés, mejorar la movilidad y promover la relajación y la paz interior, especialmente para las mujeres que experimentan menopausia o perimenopausia. Para mayor comodidad, como pasaremos un tiempo acostados en el suelo, también pueden traer una manta aunque no es obligatorio. Las clases son gratuitas y el único artículo necesario de traer es un mat de yoga. ¡Espero que puedan acompañarnos! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAFA922AAF8C16-64280270-yoga>

## CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN DE SANGRE patrocinada por los Caballeros de Colón (Knights of Columbus)

Los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo 2473 va a patrocinar nuestra segunda campaña de donación de sangre el domingo, 14 de junio, de 8:30am a 2:30pm, en nuestro salón principal en 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. Por favor apúntese en el sitio web de Inova directamente (<https://bit.ly/KOC0614>) o mandando un correo electrónico a [terrence.finneran@usa.net](mailto:terrence.finneran@usa.net). También se aceptan personas sin cita previa.

*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.*

## HAITIANS CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY ON THE LAST SUNDAY IN MAY

This year, Mother's Day in Haiti is on May 31. In our twin parish, St. Joseph in Medor, families honor mothers with love and gratitude. On this special day, many gather for Mass to give thanks for the gift of mothers and mother figures. Families prepare special meals, and children offer songs, dances, or small performances to bring joy to their moms. While gifts are not common, the love shown through presence, appreciation, and service reflects the true spirit of the day. Out of necessity, many mothers continue their daily work on Mother's Day: caring for their families and tending gardens, showing their strength, love, and devotion. We wish all the mothers and mother figures in Medor a joyful and blessed Mother's Day, and we give thanks for the bond that unites our parishes in faith and love.

Please continue to pray for peace and security in Haiti.

**ECO-TIP, Plant Natives:** Native plants have adapted over many years to local soil, climate and wildlife, making them low maintenance and resilient.

They support pollinators, birds and other wildlife and reduce water and chemical use. They can provide color and diversity to your garden. Some examples are Black-eyed Susans, Purple Coneflowers, Bee Baum, Blanquet Flower and Obedient Plant. For details and photos, search "25 native plants that boost wildlife".

## JP SUMMER CAMPS - REGISTER TODAY!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School's summer camp registration is now open! Check out this year's camp offerings and sign up today! For rising 2nd to 9th graders, JP summer camps are a great way to spend your summer! John Paul offers both Athletic and Enrichment Camps and its premier day camp, Camp Quintessential. Go to [jpthegreat.org/summercamp](http://jpthegreat.org/summercamp) to learn more about what JP is offering!

## WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?

We don't often speak about Stephen Ministers - only the ministry itself. But what we ask is significant: we invite people carrying real pain to trust a stranger with their suffering. That's not a small thing. When simply facing the day feels like too much, opening your life to someone new demands energy most don't have. Skepticism is the natural response, and we understand.

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We live in a world that tells us pain is our own fault, that loneliness just requires "putting yourself out there." Stephen Ministry offers something different — a compassionate presence, and a safe place to set down what you're carrying. Consider reaching out. For more information contact: Louise Drucker at [smolqp@gmail.com](mailto:smolqp@gmail.com) or 703-635-0469.

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# Armed and Dangerous ‘Magnifica humanitas’ calls on all of us to disarm AI.

*John P. Slattery*

Pope Leo XIV mentioned artificial intelligence on the first day of his papacy a little more than a year ago, making the publication of a technology-focused encyclical all but inevitable. *Magnifica humanitas*, published on May 25, is an impressive feat, addressing a society-changing technology as it takes hold instead of decades after it has already transformed the world.

Leo, who chose his name as a signal that he would emphasize Catholic social teaching in the vein of Pope Leo XIII, grounds his work in the tradition of the famous 1893 encyclical *Rerum novarum*. “While many of the historical conditions described by Leo XIII have changed,” Leo XIV writes, “at least two insights remain highly relevant today: the primacy of human labor over any mindset focused solely on finance or productivity...and the inseparable link between proclaiming the Gospel and pursuing a more just social order.” He notes that *Rerum novarum* reminds us “that there is no authentic evangelization that does not also affect the structures of human society” (30).

One of the most important contributions of *Magnifica humanitas* is Leo’s expansion of Pope Francis’s idea of the “technocratic paradigm,” language first used by his predecessor in *Laudato si’*. The original framing of the technocratic paradigm often proved too broad and indistinct to wield properly, especially in the public square. Leo’s use of this framework is tailored, specific, and constructive: he names the overarching danger, but then spends many paragraphs specifying how and where such dangers can be located and challenged in culture. “Every technical tool embodies choices and priorities through what it measures, ignores and optimizes, and how it classifies people and situations,” he writes. Our conversations about technology cannot be limited to “using a system for good or bad purposes.” We must “examine how that system is designed and what vision of the human person and society is embedded in the data and models that guide it” (104). In this, Leo aligns himself with the overwhelming consensus among scholars of science and technology. Technology, whether a bomb or a washing machine, is not neutral. All technology serves individual or social goals, and must be analyzed with those goals in mind as well as the effects they have on society as a whole.

What are these effects? AI has not redistributed wealth; it has consolidated it: “AI tends to amplify the power of those who already possess economic resources, expertise and access to data” (108). AI has not allowed us to become better humans; it has “regarded the human

person as an object to be manipulated or a resource to be optimized, removing all safeguards against the unchecked pursuit of profit” (172). AI has not given us a post-work society; it rests “on the silent work of millions of people engaged in essential yet largely unseen activities, such as data labeling, model training and content moderation, often involving disturbing material” (173).

Leo elaborates on the ways AI exploits people, in visceral detail:

In many cases, these workers are young people, predominantly women, working under demanding conditions for minimal wages. Added to this invisible labor is the even harsher work of extracting the resources required for the production of the devices and microprocessors on which AI depends. In some regions of the world, children and adolescents work in dangerous conditions, crushing the materials from which rare earth elements are extracted. The bodies of these people are scarred, injured and worn down so that computational flow may continue uninterrupted. Furthermore, criminal networks use online platforms, messaging systems, anonymous payment methods and profiling techniques in order to recruit, control and transport victims of trafficking—very often minors—reducing men and women to “data” to be tracked and “packages” to be moved around within the same digital circuits that support much of the global economy (173).

Given these dangers and abuses, Leo reaches an unavoidable conclusion, one he emphasized in his presentation about the encyclical on the morning of its release: we must disarm AI.

The military metaphor is not accidental. Much of the final chapter of the encyclical focuses on war, peace, and justice. Leo emphasizes the importance of peace in dialogue (182), the need to move on from antiquated “just war” language (192), and the symbiotic relationship of peace and justice (215). He calls for us to return to nuclear and non-nuclear disarmament, and to end seemingly endless technological wars that cause mass migrations and impoverish millions. We must physically disarm our militaries, we must verbally disarm our voices and documents, and we must disarm AI.

To disarm AI is to free it from alignment with power and wealth and instead use it to serve the needs of communities and protect our shared home. Disarming AI “means discrediting the assumption that technical power automatically confers the right to govern” and “freeing technology from monopolistic control and opening it to discussion and debate, therefore making it human-friendly and restoring it to the

plurality of human cultures and ways of life” (110).

The call to disarm AI is simultaneously ethical, theological, technological, and, referencing *Laudato si’*, ecological. “It is ecological in the deepest sense, for it concerns a new dimension of our common home. AI is already an environment in which we are immersed, as well as a force with which we must engage. For this reason, merely regulating it is insufficient; it must be disarmed, welcoming and accessible” (110).

**This lengthy encyclical** contains multitudes and yet does not contain enough. Leo makes no distinction between generative and nongenerative AI systems. An AI system made to play chess does not carry the same ethical weight as Gemini’s new video-creation AI, which carries different weight than Palantir’s [Project Maven](#). There is, more importantly, no mention of the way that generative AI preys on humanity’s vast troves of art and literature to fuel its newest models without paying or crediting artists. Leo does mention specific art and artists—Gandalf even gets a line (213)—but the threats to art and creativity that have dominated so much of our conversation about AI are never addressed. Would it have been so difficult to include a paragraph or two about the magnificence of human art in a time of the [enshittification](#) and [nonstop AI slop](#)?

Nevertheless, the call to disarm AI is powerful. It invokes decades of language of resistance to power and destruction. It conjures images of dialogue and encounter and points to visions of a well-cultivated earth, whose flora and fauna (including humans) depend upon the responsible use of technology to steward a future of health and prosperity for all people. In this effort, “no one is without responsibility” (212).

Disarmament, crucially, is not a rejection of AI wholesale. It is a resistance to dehumanization and a refusal to capitulate to inevitability. Disarmament leaves room for the possibility that AI can have good uses, but those uses can only be discovered by those who work for flourishing communities—not by those motivated by profit margins and exploitation.

Until then, the central message of *Magnifica humanitas* is clear: AI is armed and dangerous, and the act of defusing it will take work from us all.

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