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.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 16, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O woman, great is your faith!
Matthew 15:28

Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe!
Mateo 15,28

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:
August 15-16 6pm and 1pm in Spanish
15-16 agosto 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)

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION:
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR COLOMBIA

This weekend we are taking up a special second collection for emergency humanitarian relief for the devastation wrought by the earthquake in Colombia. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Colombia to identify immediate needs for urgent relief, including safe shelter, food, clean water, and protection. Please make checks payable to OLQP with "Colombia Earthquake Relief." CRS is also accepting direct donations on their website at **https://www.crs.org/donate/colombia-earthquake**.

SEGUNDA COLECTA ESPECIAL:
AYUDA PARA COLOMBIA POR EL TERREMOTO

Este fin de semana vamos a tener una segunda colecta especial para proporcionar ayuda humanitaria de emergencia debido a la devastación causada por el terremoto en Colombia. Los Servicios católicos de ayuda (CRS por sus siglas en inglés) están trabajando por medio de Caritas Colombia para identificar necesidades inmediatas de ayuda de emergencia, inclusive albergue seguro, comida, agua limpia y protección. Por favor haga el cheque a nombre de OLQP y escriba "Colombia Earthquake Relief" en la línea del asunto.
Puede mandar donaciones directamente al sitio web de Servicios católicos de ayuda: **https://www.crs.org/donate/colombia-earthquake**.

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.

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

16 de agosto de 2026

Vigésimo Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario

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: $6,368
ParishSoft Giving - June weekly average: $16,012

Word & Eucharist Book/
Misal Palabra y Eucaristía
Today's readings can be found on page 364
Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 365

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 Claure, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Donna Davis, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yevette 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 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, Jun Chun Young

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (118A); Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28
Isaías 56,1, 6-7 (118A); Romanos 11,13-15, 29-32; Mateo 15,21-28

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGÉSIMOPRIMER DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Isaiah 22:19-23 (121A); Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20
Isaías 22,19-23 (121A); Romanos 11,33-36; Mateo 16,13-20

MASS INTENTIONS, AUGUST 15-21
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 15-21 AGOSTO
VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, August 15th
5:30 pm Elizabeth Leddy (D) by Diana Funk
Sunday, August 16th
8:00 am María Luisa Enriquez de Muñoz (Anniversary) (D) by Luis & Zoe Muñoz
9:30 am Antonetta Amoni (D) by Tom & Deb Louizou
11:15 am LeRoy Fields (D) by Fields & Roy families
1:00 pm María Eugenia Jiménez (Birthday) (D) by Carmen Elena Ríos & family
6:00 pm Loretta Marie Geck (D) by Bob Geck
Monday, August 17th
12:00 pm Amy Joyce (D) by Mike & Mary Ray
Tuesday, August 18th
12:00 pm Beatriz R. Francia (D) by Judy Francia-Reyes
Wednesday, August 19th
12:00 pm Bang Van Nguyen (D) by Jennifer Nguyen & family
Thursday, August 20th
12:00 pm Carlos Sovero Solís (D) by María Margarita Cabrera
Friday, August 21st
11 am Funeral – Sharon Smith Edmond

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH / VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This past week we welcomed one new Christian. Este fin de semana le dimos la bienvenida a una nueva cristiana.
Riley Wai Ching Whipkey
Baptized August 12 / Bautizada el 12 de agosto

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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JUST A THOUGHT… or two...

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdraws to the region of Tyre and Sidon... foreign territory... Gentile territory, and a woman comes running after him. She is not one of his own. She is not part of the covenant. She is, in the language of that world, an outsider... a foreigner... a Canaanite.

And she will not stop shouting.

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is tormented by a demon."

And Jesus... says nothing.

Let's sit in Jesus' silence for a moment, because it is an uncomfortable silence. The disciples want her gone. "Send her away, she keeps calling out after us." She is a nuisance to them. She does not belong in their story. And when Jesus finally does speak, what he says is harder still, even more uncomfortable: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

Friends, that is a slur. Let us not soften it. Jesus, in that moment, speaks the language of exclusion that his own people used against her people.

And she does not walk away. She does not even argue the insult. She faces him and takes the very words thrown at her and turns them into a door. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their master's table."

Frist she asks for mercy. Then she recognizes who Jeus is, "Lord, Son of David"…the Messiah of Isreal, then she recognizes that even the crumbs of his mercy are more than enough to heal her daughter.

And everything changes: "O woman, great is your faith. Let it be done for you as you wish."

That is the reversal at the heart of this Gospel. A woman with no standing, no claim, no place at the table, becomes the one who challenges Jesus, and teaches us, what the table is actually for.

Because look at what surrounds her story this Sunday in our Scripture. Isaiah promises that foreigners who love the Lord will be brought to God's holy mountain, (foreigners on God's holy mountain), and then God says, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Not some peoples. All peoples.

The psalm cries out, "let all the nations praise you." And St. Paul, writing to the Romans, tells the Gentiles plainly that the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable, and that God has mercy on all peoples.

"All". That word will not let us go this weekend.

I cannot preach on this Gospel and pretend we are not living in a moment when the word "foreigner" is being used again, in our own country, the way it was used against that woman at the border of Tyre and Sidon. Immigrants and refugees are being spoken of today the way the disciples spoke of her... as a nuisance, as someone to be sent away, as someone who does not belong at the table. Families are being separated. People fleeing violence are being turned back. The stranger among us, whom Scripture again and again calls us to welcome, is being met not with hospitality but with open animosity and even cruelty.

I say this not to make a political point but because it is impossible to read Matthew 15 honestly and not hear our own headlines echoing inside it. The Church has never asked us to abandon prudence or the rule of law. But she insists that we look for and discover the face of Christ in the migrant, the refugee, the one who comes to us from outside our borders and outside our comfort zones. Isaiah's house of prayer for all peoples is not a slogan. It is a description of what God's own house actually is, from the very mouth of God's own prophet.

But here is not where I want to leave you, because this Gospel does not end in confrontation. It ends in healing. The Canaanite Woman's daughter is made whole. Jesus does not simply tolerate this woman...he is moved by her, he praises her, he holds her up as an example of the very faith he has been searching for. The outsider becomes the model disciple. The religious leaders of his time have missed who he is, his disciples are often bewildered as to his true identity, and here, this foreigner, a pagan, a woman, really sees him for who he really is, believes in him, and names him out loud for all to hear.

And that is good news for every single one of us because every one of us knows what it is to feel like when we are on the outside. We all have had reasons when we called out and it seemed like heaven gave us silence. A diagnosis. A broken relationship. A child, a sibling, a parent, or a friend, we cannot reach. A grief that will not lift. We have all stood, at some point, in the space of that woman, crying out into what feels like an empty void.

Here is the promise this Gospel leaves us. Jesus was never actually walking away from her. He was moving toward her the entire time...he chose to go into Gentile territory, into the very place she lived, before she ever called out his name. That is who God is. God does not wait for us to arrive at the right address. God comes to where we already are, **and is with us**!

So when you walk through your own dark valley, and it feels like the silence is winning, remember the Canaanite Woman. Do not stop calling out. And trust that the Lord who seemed silent for a moment was never absent for a moment. He is already there, before you even knew to ask. Remember "the Lord is with you" always!

Blessings,

Fr Tim

YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF** - Sunday, September 13th, 7:00pm: Are you in grades 7th - 12th? Join us at Casa Guadalupe to learn about Youth Ministry - a place to build friendships, with Christ and one another. Contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, **rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org**.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR NEW AND RETURNING 7th - 12th GRADERS** - please go to **Youth Ministry Registration 2026** to register for the 2026-2027 program year and stay up to date on Youth Ministry activities and events.

MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES:

- **COMIENZO DE LA TEMPORADA DEL MINISTERIO DEADOLESCENTES** – el domingo, 13 de septiembre a las 7:00pm: ¿Estás en los grados 7 a 12? Únete a nosotros en Casa Guadalupe para obtener más información sobre el Ministerio de adolescentes – un lugar donde entablar amistades con Cristo y unos con otros. Contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, **rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org**.
- **LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL MINISTERIO DE ADOLESCENTES YA ESTÁ ABIERTA PARA ESTUDIANTES ENTRE LOS GRADOS 7 Y 12 –** por favor usa este enlace **Youth Ministry Registration 2026** para inscribirte para el programa del 2026-2027 y estar al tanto de las actividades y eventos del ministerio.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY - TOGETHER AND UNIFIED (TAU)

Young adults ages 18 to 40ish — looking for deeper faith, real connection, and a place to belong? Stop by the TAU Young Adults Ministry informational tables after every Mass on the weekend of August 22 -23 and discover what we're all about.

Save the date: The TAU Young Adult Ministry Open House is on August 27, 7 - 9pm, in Casa Guadalupe. Learn about activities, events, service, and fellowship opportunities, for people 18-40. Bring a friend and come meet the community.

MINISTERIO PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS – JUNTOS Y UNIDOS (TAU)

Jóvenes adultos entre los 18 y alrededor de los 40 años, ¿buscan una fe más profunda, una conexión real y un lugar donde pertenecer? Vayan a la mesa con información de TAU Ministerio de Jóvenes adultos después de todas las Misas el fin de semana del 22 y 23 de agosto y descubran quiénes somos.

Reserva la fecha: Nuestra Jornada de puertas abiertas (open house) del Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos TAU es el 27 de agosto de 7-9 pm en Casa Guadalupe. Infórmate de actividades, eventos, oportunidades de servicio y compañerismo para personas entre los 18 y 40. Trae a una amiga o un amigo y ven a conocer a la comunidad.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER DINNER
Thursday, August 20

Thank you for your willingness to shop, prepare, or serve dinner this month at Carpenter's Shelter! Menu for August 20 is meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, salad, fruit, brownies and lemonade. Signup here: **Our Lady Queen of Peace: Carpenter's Shelter Meal Sign-up.** 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 "Carpenter's Shelter, Thursday, Aug 20." If you prefer to bring your meal directly to the Carpenter's Shelter on dinner day, please let us know in advance and mark it the same way. If you are planning on volunteering to serve, please arrive at 5:30 for meal preparation in the kitchen (930 S. Henry, Alexandria, VA 22314). Any questions, please contact Mary at 703-462-4841 or **mary.resnick@gmail.com**.

LA CENA DEL REFUGIO DEL CARPINTERO
el jueves, 20 de agosto

¡Gracias por estar dispuesta/o a ir de compras, preparar o servir la cena este mes en el Refugio del carpintero! El menú para el 20 de agosto es pastel de carne (meatloaf), puré de patatas y salsa, vegetales mixtos, ensalada, frutas, brownies y limonada. Apúntese aquí: **Our Lady Queen of Peace: Carpenter's Shelter Meal Sign-up.** Por favor lleve su comida a la oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves, de 8:30am a 4:30pm o a la cocina de Fr. Ray Hall entre las 4:30pm y 5:00pm el día de la cena. Marque claramente sus donaciones para "Carpenter's Shelter, Thursday, August 20". Si prefiere traer la donación directamente al Refugio del carpintero el día de la cena, por favor déjenos saber por anticipado e identifíquela de la misma manera. Si planea ofrecerse de voluntaria/o para servir, por favor llegue a las 5:30 para la preparación de la cena en la cocina (930 S. Henry Street, Alexandria, VA 22314). Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a: Mary: 703-462-4841 o **mary.resnick@gmail.com**.

NEWS FROM MEDOR:
SEEDS OF FAITH, TREES OF HOPE

Jesus often taught using the image of seeds growing into something far greater. In our twin parish of St. Joseph in Medor, that image comes to life. Between January and June, farmers transplanted 40,349 tree seedlings onto denuded hillsides and in their gardens. Thousands more seedlings are waiting in tree nurseries and will be transplanted when the rains arrive. Since the program began in 2010, farmers have planted more than 1.65 million trees, restoring God's creation while improving food security and family incomes. Thank you for helping these seeds of faith continue to grow into lasting hope for the people of Medor.

Please pray for peace and security in Haiti
and an end to gang violence.

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR:
SEMILLAS DE FE, ÁRBOLES DE ESPERANZA

A menudo Jesús enseñó usando la imagen de semillas que crecían y resultaban en algo mucho más grande. En nuestra parroquia hermana, St. Joseph en Medor, esa imagen cobra vida. Entre enero y junio, los agricultores trasplantaron 40,349 plantones de árboles en laderas desnudas y en sus jardines. Miles más plantones esperan en viveros de árboles y van a trasplantarse cuando lleguen las lluvias. Desde que el programa empezó en el 2010, los agricultores han sembrado más de 1.65 millones de árboles que restauran la creación de Dios y a la misma vez mejoran la seguridad alimentaria y los ingresos de las familias. Gracias por ayudar a que estas semillas de fe continúen convirtiéndose en una esperanza duradera para las personas de Medor.

Por favor rece por la paz y la seguridad en Haití y
un fin de la violencia de las pandillas.

OLQP BACKPACK DRIVE

What a fantastic response to this year's backpack and school supplies drive!

Thank you to all who responded so generously to this year's drive. Just about everything on the signup genius has been promised – please drop off your donations no later than this weekend.

Backpacks and supplies are needed by this weekend, AUGUST 16TH.

Distribution takes place on Friday and Saturday, Aug 21-22.

CAMPAÑA PARA LA COLECTA DE MOCHILAS

¡Qué fantástica acogida ha tenido la campaña de recogida de mochilas y materiales escolares este año!

Gracias a todas las personas que respondieron tan generosamente a la campaña de este año. Casi todos los artículos en el signup genius se han prometido – por favor traiga sus donaciones no más tarde que este fin de semana.

Necesitamos las mochilas y los materiales escolares para este fin de semana, 16 DE AGOSTO.

La distribución tendrá lugar viernes y sábado, 21-22 de agosto.

OCIA ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Thinking about God in your life? Do you know someone who is not baptized or who has been baptized in another Christian tradition, who is interested in exploring what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone who is Catholic, but has not received Communion or Confirmation? The **OCIA** is a place to ask questions and seek understanding of how God acts in our lives and how our faith motivates us to serve others. Preparation for receiving the sacraments is part of the process. **We will begin with a "no obligation" inquiry session on Thursday, October 1, at 7 p.m.** For further information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin (**acurtin947@aol.com**, 703-461-3082). Contact Cecilia Lopez Oetgen, **clopez@olqpva.org**, for classes in Spanish.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS

¿Piensa en Dios en su vida? ¿Conoce a alguna persona que no se ha bautizado o que se ha bautizado en otra tradición cristiana que está interesada/o en explorar lo que significa ser una persona católica? ¿Conoce a alguna persona católica, pero que no ha recibido el sacramento de la Comunión o la Confirmación? El **RICA** es un lugar donde hacer preguntas y tratar de entender cómo Dios actúa en nuestras vidas y cómo nuestra fe nos motiva a servir a los demás. La preparación para recibir los sacramentos es parte del proceso. **Vamos a empezar con una sesión informativa "sin compromiso" el jueves, 1ro de octubre a las 7 pm.** Para obtener más información sobre las clases en español contacte a Cecilia López Oetgen, **clopez@olqpva.org**.

SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 PM

"Music in the Garden". Bring a picnic, blanket or chair to the OLQP garden and enjoy a concert--
fun for adults and kids alike. Lively Spanish/English music withthe popular singer and songwriter, Lilo Gonzalez. Look for future details.

RESERVE LA FECHA:
SÁBADO, 5 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 6:30 PM

Celebre el comienzo de la Temporada de la creación con "Música en el jardín". Traiga un picnic y disfrute de un concierto, una diversión para personas adultas, para niñas y niños también. Música animada en español e inglés con Lilo González. Esté al tanto de futuros detalles.

RETREAT FOR PERSON'S FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

October 2 – 4, 2026 San Damiano Retreat Center

Hosted by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

Seeking Rest and Renewal? Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for persons facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence.

For questions or to register, email **retreat@ccda.net**, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call 703-841-3830. Space is limited.

RETIRO PARA PERSONAS QUE ENFRENTAN ENFERMEDADES GRAVES

En el centro de retiros San Damiano, 2-4 octubre 2026

Patrocinado por Caridades Católicas, diócesis de Arlington

¿Busca descanso y renovación? En medio de una enfermedad e incertidumbre, el amor de Dios sigue siendo una fuente de consuelo y fortaleza. Cordialmente les invitamos a usted y a la persona que le cuida a pasar un fin de semana tranquilo de retiro para personas que enfrentan enfermedades graves. Esta oportunidad de hacer un retiro es una oportunidad para orar, reflexionar, obtener orientación espiritual y un cuidado delicado. Sacerdotes diocesanos, profesionales médicos y personas voluntarias les acompañarán con compasión y apoyo. Venga a encontrar sanación espiritual, esperanza y descanso en la presencia amorosa de Dios.

Si tiene preguntas o para inscribirse, mande un correo electrónico a **retreat@ccda.net**, y una enfermera se pondrá en contacto con usted en unos días. Para obtener más información, por favor llame al 703-841-3830. El espacio es limitado.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd AT OLQP
PUPUSAS FUNDRAISER

We invite you to support this fundraiser to benefit our brother Mario P. He is suffering from health problems caused by diabetes. He needs our help with doctors and medicine expenses. The delicious pupusas will be ready from 9am at OLQP. $10 for 3 pupusas and a soft drink. May God multiply your generosity.

DOMINGO 23 DE AGOSTO EN OLQP
PUPUSAS PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS

Le invitamos apoyar esta recaudación de fondos a beneficio de nuestro hermano Mario P. Él ha estado sufriendo problemas de salud causados por la diabetes. Necesita ayuda con gastos de doctores y medicinas. Las deliciosas pupusas estarán listas desde las 9am en OLQP. $10 por 3 pupusas y un refresco. Que Dios multiplique su generosidad.

MATTHEW 25
Closed to accepting donations
AUGUST: Sunday August 30, through Monday September 7 (Labor Day)

Please do not donate winter clothing at this time -- our storage area is full. Hold your winter clothing donations until September. Thank you for your continued support.

MATEO 25
Cerrada y no aceptará donaciones
AGOSTO: domingo, 30 de agosto al lunes, 7 de septiembre (Día del trabajo)

Por favor no done ropa de invierno por ahora – nuestro almacén está lleno. Guarde su ropa de invierno hasta septiembre. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS FOR OLQP'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

OLQP's Annual Parish Picnic is quickly approaching on Sunday, September 20, and the Picnic Committee is looking for volunteers to make this year's event a fun and memorable one! We welcome help with decorating, activities, cooking, set up and cleaning to name a few areas. If you're interested, contact Jazmin Albarran (**olqpannualpicnic@gmail.com**). We will have a couple planning meetings before September and will need help the week before and the day of the picnic.

LLAMANDO A PERSONAS PARA SER VOLUNTARIAS PARA EL PICNIC PARROQUIAL DE OLQP

El picnic anual de OLQP se acerca. ¡Va a tener lugar el domingo, 20 de septiembre y el Comité del picnic está buscando personas voluntarias para que el evento este año sea divertido y memorable! Apreciamos ayuda con las decoraciones, las actividades, la cocina, la organización y la limpieza para nombrar algunas cosas. Si está interesada/o, contacte a Jazmin Albarran (**olqpannualpicnic@gmail.com**). Vamos a tener un par de reuniones antes de septiembre para planear y vamos a necesitar ayuda la semana anterior del picnic y el día del picnic.

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.

***Just*FAITH**: *Just*FAITH Ministries creates transformative programs that inspire action to address the root causes of injustice while serving with love. Interested in joining this year's cohort come to an information session on Tuesday, September 8, at 7pm in the Ministry Center Founder's Room. Contact Sally Diaz-Wells at **sdiazwells@olqpva.org** if plan to attend or for questions.

SAVE THE DATE: **Father Ed Kelly series** will begin on September 18, at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center Founder's Room. Father Kelly was a Parochial Vicar at our parish who was a wonderful orator and passionate about social justice. We honor him each year with the series of speakers on a myriad of topics. Our theme for this year is Pope Leo's first encyclical: Magnifica Humanitas. Come learn about AI, the moral and worldly implications and a look at the encyclical in total.

ECO-TIP: *Nature Rewards Cooperation*

Planting different species of plants together is beneficial to each. A variety of plants attract a wider range of insects, creating a natural pest control system that does not require harmful chemicals. Plant different species to create gardens that are more resilient to disease and environmental stressors. --Smithsonian Gardens

OLQP SHARE THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Acts tells the story of how the Disciples of Jesus began to spread His teaching and established the first churches. The OLQP Share the Word Bible study group will take an in-depth look into the fascinating stories recounted in Acts. Our study material will be from "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom" from the Ascension Press. We meet by Zoom 9:30-11:00am on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. If you would like to know more and for the zoom link, contact Linda Hill at **ShareTheWordOLQP@gmail.com**.

FALL GRIEF RETREAT:
Finding the Passion of Christ in Your Story

You do not have to grieve alone. Join other mothers of loss on September 18th & 19th for a fall retreat hosted by the Diocese of Arlington Chapter of Red Bird Ministries. Draw closer to the Lord in your grief and find comfort, healing, and hope by connecting with others who understand the extraordinary cross you are carrying. For all mothers of loss, from pregnancy through adulthood.
When: Friday, September 18 (6:30–9:00 pm) and Saturday, September 19 (9:00 am–5:30 pm) Where: Morning Star Retreat House in Great Falls Cost: $40 (includes $25 grief group journal, breakfast, and lunch)
Register: **www.redbird.love/arlington-va** Questions?
Email **elizabeth@redbird.love**

ALL FEDERAL WORKERS: Join "Fed Up" for community building and concrete suggestions for job searches and resumes on Tuesday, August 18, from 7-9pm. The gathering will be held in Father Ray Hall Library.

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FAITH, JUSTICE, AND THE BLACK CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE

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STARTS	DURATION	DAY/TIME
Aug 18, 2026	7 weeks	Tuesday, 7pm ET

Date	Class	Instructor
Aug 18, 2026	Life and Dignity of the Human Person	Father Bryan Massingale
Aug 25, 2026	Solidarity	Father Manuel Williams, C.R.
Sep 1, 2026	The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers	Mrs. Charlene Howard
Sep 8, 2026	Call to Family, Community, and Participation	Dr. Ansel Augustine
Sep 15, 2026	Option for the Poor and Vulnerable	Mr. Ralph McCloud
Sep 22, 2026	Care for God's Creation	Mrs. Danielle Harrison
Sep 29, 2026	Rights and Responsibilities	Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley

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(Catholic Social Teaching for Public Life & Faith) and continue filling out the form.

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