

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Monday-Friday — 12 Noon

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays — 5:30 pm Vigil

Sundays — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (Spanish), and 6:00 pm (Young Adult Mass)

Baptism:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

Marriage Preparation:

Please contact Fr. Tim, Fr. Brandon, or Deacon Tony at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays — 4:45-5:15 pm and by appointment

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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 Church

Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**"Therefore,
stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."**

Mt 24:42

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Next Sunday's Readings: (The Second Sunday of Advent)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Kathy Burns, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Adrienne DiCerbo, Ernest Donatto, Mike Dorsey, Marye Embrey, Irene Fitzpatrick, Judie Francia, Yvette Francois, Allison Fratus, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Carmen Gonzalez, Karen Greene, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Ida Hernandez, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Jamie Kors, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, Maria Linares, Lidia Montero Lopez, Mary Helen Madden, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Olga McKenzie, Martha Gladys Medina, Roberto Méndez, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Bob Morsches, Chelsea Murray, Nicholas, Patrick Ogden, Michelle O'Keefe, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Patrick, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, Kate Ring, Maritza Roldan, Carolyn Santos, Susan Savage, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Eva Souza, Paul Steinmetz, Phillip Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Rose Trujillo, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Claudia Waller, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 2

5:30 pm - for Mary Anne Curtin (D) by Susan S. Thompson

8:00 am - for Ed Zarosly (D) by the Hill & Saxton Family

9:30 am - for Wilfred Renuart (D) by Michelle O'Keefe

11:15 am - for Gloria Mejia Sulit (D) by Judy Francia Reyes

1 pm - for Napoleon Martinez (D) by his Daughter & Family

6:00 pm - for Jim Carroll (D) by Jacqueline Browne

Mon. 12:00 noon - for J. Edwin O'Brien Sr. (D) by Ann O'Brien

Wed. 12:00 noon - for J. Edwin O'Brien Sr. (D) by Ann O'Brien

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$11,326..57

Campaign for Human Development: \$6,796

Faith Direct October *weekly average*: \$7,414

JUST\$ - Thanks to all parishioners who purchased and donated a Just\$ card for recipients of OLQP's Thanksgiving food baskets. Your use of Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards for your grocery shopping throughout the year helps OLQP to provide supplemental food assistance to community members, and to assist orphans and vulnerable children in Mweiga, Kenya.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 4 new Christians:

Brooks Brian Verhoeven

Baptized 10 am Saturday.

Lesly Daniela Escobar-Pineda, Sofia Alejandra Gonzalez Lopez, & Kathia Mylissa Lopez Garcia

Baptized 1 pm Sunday.

PEACE ASPIRATIONS... Love is the only force capable of turning an enemy into a friend. – Martin Luther King Jr.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - Eighty-five of our parish children will receive the sacrament for the first time on Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1. Please keep these beautiful children in your prayers this week as they experience God's gift of peace.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS CLASS & FAMILY MASS - The OLQP RE Program meets on December 3rd for the next Catholic Foundations Class. Join us in the Church at 3:15. Family mass begins at 4:00.



COMMUNITY PRAYER WALL - The parish children have constructed a new prayer wall at the back of the Church. All parishioners are invited to share a prayer with the community. Offer a prayer of gratitude, contrition, or a personal intention. Post a picture of something you're thankful for, or post a note about a prayer answered. Stop by the wall and pray for the needs of our community. Let's demonstrate to our children the power of prayer.

OLQP CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

— *When is my child old enough to attend?*

Children 4-10 years of age are invited to listen to a simplified reading of the Gospel and discuss its meaning during the 9:30, 11:15, and 1:00 pm Sunday Masses. The program is in session the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. The Presider will call the children forth to receive a community blessing before they journey to the Children's Chapel, located in the parish basement.

Program Readiness Assessment:

- Can your child sit attentively for 20 minutes?
- Can your child actively engage in conversation? (ask and answer questions)

Parents of children under 4, who believe their child is ready for the program, are welcome to attend if they personally accompany the child to the Chapel and remain with them for the duration of the service. Please contact kremedios@olqpva.org with questions.

4TH SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK will be after the 6 pm Mass this weekend in the Founders Room starting at 7:15 pm. The theme for the Nov 27th event will be "Unity of Different Worlds Through Food". Feel free to bring food or drink from around the world that you enjoy! All are welcome. The Founders Room will be open and available before Mass if anybody needs to keep their items refrigerated, heated, or plugged in before the potluck.

ST. JOSEPH - OLQP'S SISTER PARISH IN MEDOR, HAITI

OLQP joined St. Joseph Church of Medor, Haiti in a parish twinning relationship in 1997. The Haitian parish encompasses a rural community of approximately 40,000 people spread over 74 square miles in the mountains of central Haiti. It is one of the most remote parishes in the Twinning Program. Medor has no electricity or running water, no sewage or trash disposal. Its roads are impassable by 4 wheel drive vehicle for the majority of the year. Most of the people are subsistence farmers. Like the rest of Haiti, the village of Medor has been devastated by earthquakes and hurricanes, including Hurricane Matthew in October.

HAITI CHRISTMAS CARDS and note cards are available after each weekend Mass through Christmas. Please consider giving a Haiti card in lieu of a traditional gift to your loved ones this year. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Haiti!

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Happy New Year! ...no, I've not lost it...today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent...the beginning of the church's liturgical year. Advent is truly a "wonder-filled" season. We look to the deep blue night sky...shimmering with a million stars, each one a reminder of the dawn of creation...of the promise of the long awaited savior. There is something about staring up at the night sky...something awe inspiring and spiritual in nature; it calls us to look beyond ourselves. Advent is a time to "make time"...in the midst of all the commercialism, in the midst of all of chaos that we call "the holiday rush", we are called to slow down, to stand back and to reflect...to take time to allow the wonder of the Great Christmas Event to settle into our souls...to shake us loose from the ordinariness of our daily lives and allow ourselves to be wrapped up in the awe and wonder of the Incarnation...the fact that our God so deeply loves us and that God's very self became human to prove that love to us. That love is **for you**...just as you are! This amazing love is for all of God's creation, **for all peoples and for the earth itself!** This Advent we find ourselves in the midst of one the largest humanitarian crisis' in recent memory, as our sisters and brothers flee war and terror, they wander the earth in search of a home. And here in our own country many immigrants, people of color, women, Muslims, people of the LGBT community and refugees, are fearful of being targets of hate crimes. As we reflect on the wonder and awe of God's amazing love for the earth and all humanity let us raise our voices and act in ways to make sure that all of our sisters and brothers feel respected and safe. Let us not allow this national moral crisis to paralyze us and convince us we can do nothing, for in Christ we can do all things. What can I do this Advent to help those feeling particularly vulnerable and fearful? How can I reach out to build bridges across the chasm of those who seek an inclusive and kind society and those who seek to exclude and demean "the other"? Let us "prepare the way of the Lord" through prayer and action.

God's Blessings,
Fr. Tim

COME JOIN THE ADVOCATE TEAM! OLQP's newsletter is seeking a new layout and page design volunteer. Applicants must be proficient with L&D in MS Word or other publishing program. The Advocate is published three times a year -- spring, fall and winter. Please contact Editor, Paula Cruickshank, 703-216-3045.

MINKISI - All are welcome to an Advent contemplation time at the Minkisi ministry's session on Mon., Dec. 5, 7:15 pm., in the Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. Gail Meighan will lead the scripture prayer and reflection based on Psalm 51:1-3. For more information, contact Cecilia Braveboy, jisaac3@verizon.net or 703-979-5389.

V.O.I.C.E. NEWS - Securing full funding of Arlington's new Affordable Housing Master Plan is a key ingredient of the 4-year organizing agenda, which was lifted up at the 1100 person Action last month. An initial result is already in progress. There is \$7 million leftover from fiscal year 2016 which will now go into the 2018 budget for the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. Thank you to the large group of parishioners who attended the Action and to those who have continued advocating on this issue.

SING FOR HOPE

INTERFAITH VOICES UNITING OUR COUNTRY THROUGH SONG SUNDAY, NOV 27, 4-5 PM, LINCOLN MEMORIAL STEPS

Join hundreds of singers from diverse faiths and backgrounds on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for a concert and sing-along of hope and unity to heal our divided nation. More than 30 faith communities and organizations have already pledged to participate.

THANK YOU! **280 families** received a turkey, potatoes, canned goods, a pie and a grocery store gift card last Monday Nov. 21. All of this was provided by you, our generous parishioners! A special thank you to all the families, family circles and individuals who put smiles on the participant's faces by baking pies! And a very special thank you to all of you who donated your time for all of the many aspects of our annual Thanksgiving Basket distribution!! We were challenged without access to Fr. Ray Hall, but we rose to the challenge!

LABOR TEAM NEWS -- GREAT NEWS!!!! Thanks to everyone who spread the word about Election Day Amendment 1, which would have added right to work to our state constitution. It was defeated, thanks in part to your efforts!

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH - "You don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent." That's the message that *Adopt US Kids* tries to convey about becoming an adoptive or foster family. "Youth in foster care don't need perfection; they need the commitment and love a permanent adoptive family can provide." Characteristics needed to be a good foster or adoptive parent include: being stable, mature, dependable and flexible; having the ability to advocate for children; and being a team player with your family or child welfare worker. If this sounds like something you could do, learn more at www.adoptuskids.org, and consider joining the Building Forever Families ministry for adoption, foster care and orphaned children by contacting Rebecca Carpenter at rebecca.e.carpenter@gmail.com.

SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS VOLUNTEERS ... CHRISTMAS IS COMING... The need is great, and our inventory is low for gift scarves for our brothers and sisters at ASPAN, SEEC and OLQP Pantry Families. The scarves will be given along with the Shoebox for the Homeless. Please drop off your beautiful, handmade scarves at church, Sunday, December 4 (green basket in the rear of the church) or bring them to our wrapping day, Sunday, December 11. Wrapping will be done off site this year while Fr Ray Hall is under construction. Please contact Marilena , 571-265-1242; mamoni530@gmail.com for directions.

SHOEBOX PROJECT UPDATE - Filled shoeboxes, or fillings (socks, gloves, shampoo, tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, comb, nail clippers, razors, candy, bars, etc.) for shoeboxes are due either in Church or the Ministry Center by Sunday, December 11 when the parish focus shifts to wrapping gifts for as many as 350 brothers and sisters. Hands-On Wrapping Station is open as a service but also as an opportunity for many people to Prepare Ye the Gifts! In order to be efficient, we ask that you **sign up for at least an hour of wrapping time between 11:15 am and 8:15 pm on December 11**. Later shifts might be asked to help haul the gifts to storage room in the basement to await distribution. Wrapping paper, scissors, tape and gift cards will be provided....just willing hands will be needed. There are some jobs for little ones, but mostly lots of work for handy folks of all ages. Contact Melissa Crawford to reserve a time slot at the Founders Room tables on Sunday, December 11: melissa.a.crawford@gmail.com

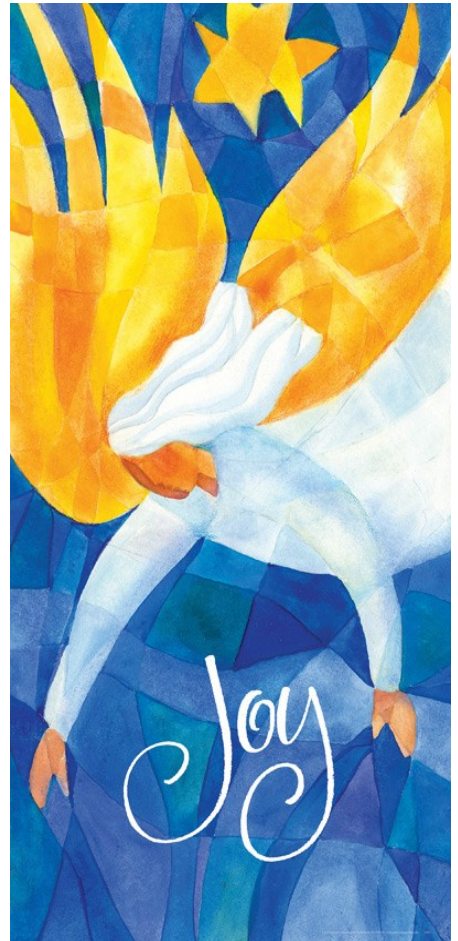
If package is wrapped, please indicate whether the recipient should be a woman or a man. And due to space considerations this year, please wait to bring gifts until Dec 10-11.

Eco Tip: Consider using earth friendly wrappings for your Christmas gifts. Re-usable fabrics, baskets, bags and newspaper work nicely. Avoid foil wrap and tissue paper.

I am silent...and Expectant

*How silently,
How silently
the wondrous gift is given.*

*I would be silent now,
Lord,
and expectant...
that I may receive
the gift I need,
so I may become
the gifts others need.*



*By Ted Loder
"Guerrillas of Grace"*