

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,

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Baptism:

Please call or email the office to make arrangements.

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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

DECEMBER 11, 2016

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Reconciliation Service – Monday, Dec 12

Service: 7 pm

Christmas Eve – Saturday, Dec 24

Children's Masses: 4 pm, 4:15 pm (Hall)

Christmas Eve Masses: 6 pm, 8 pm (Spanish)

Midnight Mass begins w/Lessons & Carols at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day – Sunday, Dec 25

Masses: 9 am and 11 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- New Year's Eve/Day

5 pm Vigil Mass, Dec 31 – *Please note time change*

Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1 pm (Spanish), 6 pm

Epiphany of the Lord – Weekend of Jan 7-8

Special Mass Schedule: 5:30 pm Vigil Saturday

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 12 noon Bilingual & 6 pm (no 11:15 or 1 pm)



Mt 11:3

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Help people in need with a gift to Catholic Charities Annual Christmas Collection! Catholic Charities' mission is vital to the work of the diocese in serving the poor with love and compassion – and your support makes this possible. Please support their mission to help struggling families. All gifts stay in the diocese. Please consider visiting www.ccca.net to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35:1-6A, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Kim Barnes, 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, Coleman Kane, 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 DECEMBER 10-16

5:30 pm - for Rita Howe (D) by Susan S. Thompson

8:00 am - for Cecilia & Alexander Kostka (D) by their Children

9:30 am - for Le Roy Fields (D) by Michael Fields

11:15 am - for Emmanuel D. Reyes (D) by Judy & Wally Reyes

1 pm - for Oscar Zapata (D) by his Wife & Daughter

6:00 pm - for Valerie Bukobero (D) by Doria Shima

Mon. 12:00 noon - for Maria Hernandez (D) by the Hernandez Family

Tue. 12:00 noon - for Baby Khetarpaul (L) by Juderica Dias

Wed. 12:00 noon - for Daniel D'Souza (L) by Juderica Dias

Thu. 12:00 noon - for Oscar Zapata (D) by his Family

Fri. 12:00 noon - for Marguerite Thomas (D) by the Noble-Martocci Family

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection: \$14,282

Faith Direct November *weekly average*: \$8,430

JUST\$ - This weekend is Food Collection Sunday. Your use of Just\$ Giant, Safeway or Shoppers cards for your grocery shopping throughout the year enables OLQP to assist the Food Pantry, which serves more than 150 families each week. You can also purchase and donate a Just\$ card to the Food Pantry. For your planning purposes, the sale of Just\$ cards will be suspended on Christmas (12/24-25) and New Year's (12/31 and 1/1) weekends.

ADVENT REFLECTION MATERIALS - look for the free materials in the baskets at the back of church.

THEOLOGY ON TAP will not meet in December. Back at Lost Dog Café on Jan 9, 2017.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 4 new Christians:

**Klarisse Candice T. Ulanday, Francis Eli F. Magdaug,
Augustin Benjamin Baros, & Emma Mercy Montminy.**

Baptized 10 am Saturday.

PEACE ASPIRATIONS... In this life we cannot all do great things; we can only do small things with great love. – Mother Teresa

TEEN NIGHTS - Come and participate in our Teen Nights that happen Sunday nights after the 6:00 pm mass. We play games, do service work, share our stories, pray, eat, watch movies, and support one another. This is a safe place to be yourself and come as you are. Throughout the year, we also join together for meals, retreats, and special events. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality, particularly in greeting and interacting with the teens, helping teen leaders facilitate the evening of activities, small groups, and reflections. E-mail Mike Mothes at mmothes@olqpva.org for more info. and to get yourself on the e-mail distribution list to receive bi-monthly calendars and updates. Ministry Center Sunday Nights 7:15-8:30 pm.

YOUNG ADULT OPEN HOUSE - Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? On Sunday, January 29th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm we will have a young adult "chili cook-off" open house in the Founders Room welcoming all young adults in the parish to stop by and get to know each other, as well as consider how they are participating/want to participate in our young adult community. There will be great food, great people, and great relationships to be built. Some of the young adult ministries that will be represented at the open house are: The 6pm Mass, Young Adult Retreats, Social Activities, Faith Sharing Groups, Social Justice, and Praise and Worship. E-mail Mike Mothes at mmothes@olqpva.org for more info. and to get yourself on the e-mail distribution list. Founders Room, Sunday January 29th 3:00-6:00 pm.

MEDOR CHRISTMAS CARD FUND RAISER - We are grateful to all involved in bringing computer technology to the secondary school children in Medor: the support of OLQP parishioners, the dedication of Denny Baumann and his associates, and the work of many Medor community members. Denny Baumann's group, all computer experts, collects used computers, cleans the hard drives, loads them with educational software in French and donates them to Haiti. In the last year Denny's group provided 26 more laptops for Medor's secondary school computer lab. Solar energy powers the computer lab. But the lab does not have Internet access. Denny again came to the rescue. He produced a device he calls "Haiti Internet in a Box" (HIIAB). He loaded the device with Wikipedia in Creole, French and English, the Khan Academy lectures in French, and many books in Creole, French and English and donated it to Medor's computer lab. In a place with few books and no internet access, the HIIAB provides a new world of learning options.

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 marysusancarolson.tumblr.com
Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Haiti!

GABRIEL PROJECT - We help any pregnant woman in need. If you know someone struggling with a pregnancy for any reason, please contact us. Currently, because of your generosity, we are able to assist women who come to the parish food pantry on Wednesday mornings. Please consider donating diapers, baby wipes, and/or shampoo to help us. A successful creative idea we have seen is if you are hosting a holiday party or a family special occasion, ask your guests to donate these items. Many people are glad to do it. Thank you for caring for moms and babies. Contact: shari.zamarra@gmail.com, 703-323-9367.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... This Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath...it is meant to mark the week as special...for centuries, in the west, the color pink has been associated with "joy"! This Sunday is called "Gaudete" Sunday...from the Latin "to rejoice"...for the Lord is near! The readings this Sunday have both a sense of expectancy and joyfulness. Isaiah tells us that the desert will break forth in bloom and we will see the splendor of God and the weak and the fearful of heart will be made strong. The blind will see, the deaf hear and mute will sing...all the ransomed will return and there will be gladness and joy among the throngs of people as they enter Zion. Wow...what a vision of the Reign of God bursting forth on the earth! As we think about this vision of the Reign of God, and we look around at all the suffering and war and famine and injustices...our joyfulness can quickly turn to sadness and feelings of being cheated out of the Isaiah's vision of the Reign of God...OR...instead of feeling cheated or sorry for myself I can stand up and work to make that vision a reality. I can work to build up the Reign of God in the midst of the injustices and fear and violence by speaking out and standing up on behalf of the homeless, the immigrant, people of color, Muslims, members of the LGBT community, many of whom feel fearful and despised because of who they are and where they come from. Each one of us is called to be the voice of the prophet crying out in a wilderness, to lay down our weapons of war and destruction and to build the peaceable kingdom. As we reflect on "Gaudete Sunday" and its meaning let us commit to joyfully building up the Reign of God. What will I do this week to build up the Reign of God? Who will I stand with this week?

Advent Blessings,
Fr Tim

DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON, while we are preparing for celebrating the holidays with friends and family, it's a wonderful time to stop and reflect on the many blessings that God has given us, as individuals and as a faith community. It is also a time to be mindful that not everyone is as fortunate. While shopping for gifts and planning gatherings with loved ones, please consider setting aside an extra part of your budget to support the ongoing operations of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish with a yearend "general donation".

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE - On Sunday, Nov. 27 at the 6 pm Mass, our community celebrated the Rite of Acceptance. Through this Rite, our inquirers (who have been meeting since September) declared their intention to continue their faith journey toward becoming members of the church, and the church (represented by the OLQP community) accepted them into the formal process for doing so. Please check out the bulletin board in the church entrance for pictures of our new catechumens, candidates and confirmandi.

Our participants have now been introduced to their sponsors -- members of the OLQP community who will be their guides and mentors through RCIA. We are grateful to the following sponsors who are generously sharing their time and Christian experience: Dianne Casey, Rodney Jackson, Jerry Oetgen, Kate Wilson, Bob Finke, Tim Murphy, and Greg Staff.

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES - Thinking of replacing or getting rid of your old car? Please consider donating it to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and transfer them directly to qualifying families in desperate need of transportation. We also accept non-working cars, which helps to fund our volunteer ministries. Donating is EASY! We handle all the paperwork; you receive an IRS donation receipt. Avoid the hassle of selling your car, simplify your life, or reclaim that space in your garage. To donate, please email cars@ccda.net or call 703-841-3898.

Eco Tip: Instead of more "stuff" for Christmas, give experiences. Sports and concert tickets, movie passes or a family outing can bring joy. A charitable gift selected as a family can also be special.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER, Thursday, December 15

This month's meal is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad and holiday cookies. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Please bring your food before 4:45 on Thursday 12/15 to the Ministry Center Founders Room and place in refrigerator or freezer. Contact mary.resnick@gmail.com with questions.

EGG CARTONS & PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED - The Food Pantry will be distributing eggs on Dec. 21. They come in large boxes and we need to divide them into smaller portions. Plastic grocery store bags, NOT newspaper bags, are also needed. Please leave them in the food collection bin in front of the church.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION SABBATH WEEKEND

Again this year we will be participating in this observation on the weekend of Dec. 17 and 18. Watch for the t-shirts which will be displayed outside the church. Each shirt represents someone who has died from gun violence in the last year. OLQP teens and young adults will be once again producing this display. We will also pray for the prevention of gun violence at each Mass. Next week's bulletin back page will have more information about what we can do about gun violence. Interested in starting a gun violence prevention team? Contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqva.org

OLQP's LGBT ministry, GLFF (Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family), will meet at 4:30 pm on Sunday, December 18th, in classroom 1 & 2 on the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center. Please contact Vicky Strimel at va.strimel@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Monday, December 12, has been designated as a day of prayer focusing on the gifts and needs of refugees and migrants. Please pray for the protection and well-being of our vulnerable brothers and sisters in this environment of uncertainty.

THE HOLIDAY PERIOD CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT for those who face the reality or memory of lost loved ones or who are enduring painful transitions. An OLQP Stephen Minister might be just what you need to support your experience with Christian care, support and prayer. Contact Joan Brown (703-971-2975) to find out how to arrange a Stephen Minister for any kind of loss or suffering.

E-Giving through FAITH DIRECT - consider supporting OLQP by signing up with Faith Direct, a secure online giving option for parishes (ACH checking account withdrawal and use of all major credit cards available). OLQP's Church Code: VA271

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

We invite you to remember a deceased loved one with a Christmas Flower Memorial. Memorials will be published in the Sunday bulletin on the weekend of December 24-25. Please complete this form, make your donation payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (donation amount is at your discretion) and send to the parish office (attention Christina) or drop in the collection basket by Sunday, December 18th. *Please be sure to meet the deadline of 12/18!*

Christmas Flower Memorial

Honoring: _____

Requested by: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Bringing Forth the Christ

Lectionary themes for December

By **PATRICIA DATCHUCK SANCHEZ** and **RAFAEL SANCHEZ ALONSO**

Decades ago, a friend and mentor gave me what I then thought to be quite an unusual gift. As I look at it today, where it stands upon my bureau, the seven-inch brown wooden representation of an obviously pregnant Mary, head bowed, hands clasped in prayer, reminds me of the wisdom of its giver. This small figure represents who each of us is called to be, said my mentor of years ago, i.e., believers who embody Jesus Christ and bring him forth into the world. Mary, in her humble cooperation with God, brought forth her Savior into the world; so are we to continue to do so for one another. During this month, which is almost entirely given over to Advent, this special responsibility becomes all the more significant.

There are so many people and places in our world where the presence of Christ is difficult if not impossible to detect; those are the people and the places who beg for our active and positive intervention. A kind word, a service rendered, a deliberate act of love can transform an empty void into a source of God's presence. Bringing Jesus to birth in every person and place is to acknowledge that God is already present there but, perhaps, not so perceptibly. Through our positive and purposeful efforts, we might draw attention to the God who awaits discovery and rejoice in our recognition and acknowledgment of that great and graced gift.

A special season within the liturgical year, Advent speaks to the heart of who we are, pilgrims on the way, companions on the journey, fellow explorers, always making our way toward God, yet also a people in waiting and hope, knowing that our journey will end only when God intends that it will. Until then, we join together in passionate anticipation of what God has in store.

Our word advent, derived from the Latin *adventus*, means coming and calls to mind the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars agree



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that during the fourth and fifth centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season set apart for the preparation of catechumens who would be baptized on the feast of the Epiphany. During this special period of preparation, the faithful devoted 40 days to penance. However, by the sixth century C.E., Christians in Rome had come to associate Advent with the coming of Christ, not so much in his first coming through his humble birth in Bethlehem, but in his *second* coming at the end of time and as judge of all the world. Only in the Middle Ages was Advent explicitly celebrated in remembrance of Christ's first appearance at Christmas and in anticipation of Jesus' future coming in glory.

In order to celebrate these two elements of remembrance and anticipation, Advent's first two Sundays focus on Christ's final appearance among humankind, while the last two Sundays draw attention to Jesus' first appearance. In remembering one appearance, we prepare worthily for the other yet to come.

As the first season in the liturgical year, Advent engages believers in a process of growth and is intended to be a transformational experience. As Henri Nouwen (*Eternal Seasons*, Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN: 2007) has explained, the liturgical year, beginning with Advent, engages believers to hear and acquiesce to an entirely different rhythm. It is a journey from *chronos*, the chronological world of clocks and calendars, to *kairos*, time viewed as opportunity or encounter. *Kairos* is the fullness of time, that time made sacred and full by Jesus Christ; it is a time for welcoming in the Christ and allowing him to come to birth in us and in our world.

Therefore, while some may be caught up with shopping, parties, gifts and decorations, Advent believers appreciate, enjoy and then see beyond the secular accoutrements of the season and find joy and hope in the Christ who is being revealed among us. He is Son of God, Lord of All, Hope of the Hopeless, Joy of the Sorrowing, Healer of Hearts, Lover of Sinners and Forgiver of All. This is the God, the Christ whom we are to bring forth to the world, as Mary did. Therefore, this Advent, as we strike the careful balance between remembering and anticipation, let us be ever mindful that "Advent offers the opportunity to deepen my memory of God's great deeds in time and sets me free to look forward with courage to the fulfillment of time by him who came and is still to come" (Henri Nouwen, *The Genesee Diary: Report From a Trappist Monastery*, Doubleday, New York, NY: 1989).

Come, Lord Jesus!

Patricia Datchuck Sanchez and Rafael Sanchez Alonso have been collaborating to provide Lectionary commentaries and homilies for Celebration since 1979.

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