

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!

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Daily Mass Schedule:

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 the parish office at least six months before wedding date to complete requirements.

Reconciliation:

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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

JULY 9, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."

- Mt 11:28

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION
PASTORAL SOLIDARITY FUND— AFRICA

THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Next weekend's Readings: **(15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-9

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Ronald Bashian, Francis Bilgera, Debra Billings, Precious Bowns, April Brassard, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Jeff Cory, Ginny Cox, 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, the Harris Family, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Ida Hernandez, Dee Hickey, Margaret Hodges, Beatriz Uribe Jaramillo, Rodrigo Jaramillo, Raymond Jay, Pat Johnson, Karen Krahn, Rebecca Krahn, 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, Indira Murillo, Nicholas, Denise Noland, Patrick Ogden, Delfima Pacheco-Choque, Roy Paco, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Patrick, Catherine Peake, Paul Ramirez, 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, Jim Webster, Dottie Williams, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 8-14

5:30 pm—for Mary Doyle (D) by Shannon Doyle

8:00 am—for Doreen Dralla (D) by the Collins Family

9:30 am—for Richard Quillin (D) by Mark A. Crowe

11:15 pm—for Mary Clark Brown (D)

by Evelyn Brown & Family

1:00 pm—for Hilda Ruiz (D) by Yulmar Salgado

6:00 pm—for the Parish

Thu. 12:00 noon—for Vacation Bible School Teachers (L)

by Bonnie Czekanski

Fri. 12:00 noon for Renzel Emmanuel Lee Atienza-Rosser (D)

by Peter Jansen & Bonnie Czekanski

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Sunday Collection: \$10,467

Peter's Pence: \$3,319

Faith Direct (June Average): \$9,603

JUST\$ - Summer means children are out of school, which can further negatively impact those in our community who are in need of supplemental food assistance. This is Food Collection Sunday. If you were unable to bring supplies for the food collection, you can purchase and donate a Just\$ card for the OLQP Food Pantry.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us Monday, July 10, 7 pm, at Lost Dog Café (2920 Columbia Pike, Arlington — free parking). All are welcome! Free underground parking can be entered from Walter Reed Dr., around the corner from Lost Dog's front entrance.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH SHARING - Join us for a summer 6-pack! We'll meet Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks from 6:45-8 pm in the Parish Office Discussion Room beginning July 12th. We will focus on the upcoming Sunday's readings to help us enhance our experience of the Mass. All young adults are welcome! If you'd like to join or have any questions, contact Alison Vaux-Bjerke, atvaux@gmail.com

TRAINING MEDOR'S FARMERS

Earlier this year, the Smallholder Farmers Alliance (SFA) organized two formal trainings and two onsite trainings. During these trainings, 540 farmers coming from the eight nursery areas of St. Joseph parish got together to discuss subjects related to livestock management, the importance of reforestation for Haiti and nursery establishment principles. At these meetings, the farmers received agri-tools to help them tend their crops. The tools distributed were: hoes, pick axes, and serpettes (similar to a pruning knife). Farmers were chosen to receive a tool based on their level of their economic deprivation, and their interest in working in the nurseries and planting trees for bettering their own life and surrounding environmental conditions. Check out Dr. Sue's blog on Medor at marysusancarlson.tumblr.com

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

NEW! BAPTISM HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month (or less) on Saturday mornings to help with hospitality? A new ministry is forming to assist the priests/deacon with Baptisms. Volunteers help with very basic setup, organize families as they arrive for the baptism ceremony and assist the priest/deacon as needed with the Baptism Rite. Training provided. If you are a friendly, welcoming person with good organizational skills, your presence and commitment to this new ministry will help tremendously. Please contact Cecilia Lopez, re@olqpva.org.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome 11 new Christians:

Phoenix Ann Howell, Charles Henry Junk, Daniel James Sass, Lillian Jane MacKenzie, & Elise O'Connor MacKenzie - Baptized 10 am Saturday.

Berhanu Willie Dantzler - Baptized 3 pm Saturday.

Valeria Jiménez Vásquez, Josué Jiménez Vásquez, Dulce Romina Reilly, Edwin Manuel Reilly, & Aileen Sofia Kee - Baptized 3 pm Sunday.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Today's Gospel invites us to "rest in Jesus"...to turn our burdens over to Jesus and allow the power of the Spirit, dwelling within us, to empower us to push on...ever forward...knowing that we do so not alone but with the presence of the very one who created us and loved us into being. Jesus does not dismiss the burdens of life. On the contrary, Jesus recognizes just how heavy they are and in the midst of the struggles of our lives he offers to be with us and help us. We are not asked to set our burdens down at the door of the church as we enter...but rather we are invited to bring them to the altar and place them side by side with the bread and wine which we offer to be blessed and broken, transformed and shared. This Jesus, the Christ, knows first hand of our human burdens and understands our suffering....we need not fear that our God does not understand, or does not care...the message of all of Jesus' preaching and teaching was just the opposite... our God knows us and deeply loves us and walks with us in the midst of our sufferings...our God weeps with us when we weep and suffers with us when we suffer. And as the Body of Christ, we are invited to reach out to others whose burdens and pain overwhelm them...to be the compassion of Christ to them...to help carry their burdens and to walk with them in the midst of their suffering. Welcoming the stranger, the immigrant, the one who is "other", is an authentic living out of our discipleship...it incarnates the Gospel in the midst of our community. Ironically in our reaching out to others, often our burdens are lightened, our wounds begin to heal and we become more and more the living Body of Christ. Do I have burdens or old wounds that I am holding on to and not giving over to Jesus, that getting rid of might allow me to be more available to my sisters and brothers in need? Whose burden or pain am I being called to help carry, how might I do that?

Blessings,
Fr Tim

SENIOR SERIES - We have already received amazing interest and support for the upcoming OLQP Senior Series. The group will address senior issues relating to care support, advocacy and technology concerns. If you would like to be added to the group please contact Dorothy Stevens at 703-867-0775 dstevens2004@yahoo.com

PROJECT RACHEL - *Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat for Women*, Saturday, September 30th. This retreat is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken from abortion. It offers a confidential environment to heal. For more information please contact Jo Balsamo, Program Coordinator at 703-841-2504.

ECO TIP: "Use a kitchen timer to remind you to turn the water off when soaking the lawn, It's easy to forget, overwater and waste water."

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OLQP is seeking a full-time Director of Religious Education for Pre-K-6 faith formation. Responsibilities include administration of the faith formation program, recruiting and providing on-going training and support for catechists, manages program content, RE budget, coordinates with other pastoral staff and ministries and activities. The successful candidate will ideally have degrees in theology and or education and, Spanish language skills, though not required, are highly desirable. Please respond with letter of interest and resume to office@olqpva.org by July 28th.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER SUPPER, Thursday, July 20

This month's meal is sub sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit and brownies. Please sign up on the board in the back of church. Bring your food to the Parish Office Building kitchen/refrigerator (*not the Ministry Center*) as the fridge in the Founders Room is temporarily full with Sunday breakfast supplies. But if you deliver between 4:00-4:45 on Thursday, it can be brought to the Founders Room. Questions? Contact Mary Resnick, mary.resnick@gmail.com. Thank you!

PAPER BAGS NEEDED - The OLQP Food Pantry needs your paper grocery store bags. Please place them in the food donation bin. Thank you!

JUSTFAITH - When was the last time you had an experience that touched your soul? If you are looking to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you, changes you, and charges you to live as a Christian in today's world, JustFaith may be for you. For more information, contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

BACKPACK DRIVE - Donations of backpacks and school supplies continue to be needed and accepted. Place your donations in the food donation bins after Mass for the next two weeks and the blue donation bins after that. We hope to provide filled backpacks to 200 children this year. Thank you for your donations.

MATT 25 DONATION BREAK - The ministry is overwhelmed with donations. We are blessed with your support but not with space. **Please hold your donations until July 15.** Matt 25 will continue to collect backpack supplies. Place them in the food donation bins.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND: Sept 14 – Sept 17 The Cursillo Weekend at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your relationship with the Christian community! Read more at <http://www.arlingtoncursillo.org> Interested? Contact, Jeanette Prenczky: jeanetedubois@yahoo.com

The Curse of Indifference in the American Church

By **Kaitlin Curtice**

“The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.” — Elie Wiesel

This week many churches celebrated the 4th of July from their pulpits. Maybe it was a barbecue on the church lawn or a short chorus of “America, The Beautiful.” Maybe here or there someone read from The Declaration of Independence to celebrate the founding of the United States.

As with many American holidays, I struggle as a Native American woman with the ideas of the founding of this nation and the generations of hate toward native people that have followed. But worse than the hate is the indifference toward issues relating to native peoples, a problem that I believe goes back to the earliest education in our school systems, in which we hear stories of the Indians and the Pilgrims at Thanksgiving. Beyond that we consider Native Americans historic savages that no longer walk the earth.

After sharing some of my struggles with the 4th of July, numerous people sent me messages and emails with questions and apologies, things like, “I’m so sorry, I just didn’t know. Now I will pay attention.”

I consider those small moments a huge victory in connecting my own people back to the land we were born on, and connecting to my non-native friends who truly want to be better human beings, who claim their ignorance and want to move past it, just as I claim ignorance of my own identity as I attempt to move forward in it. The curse of American indifference is a long and deep one, and we live it out loud today. American privilege is seen and heard loud and clear, especially as people of color speak out of corners of the world that have been quiet for so long.

If we blindly live where we’ve been living without listening to the voices of those who are downcast, we lose for the sake of the gospel. Our churches suffer a fate worse than hate or ugliness or death; we suffer indifference — lack of care for those around us.

Immigrants can see our indifference when we treat them only as workers or people who shouldn’t have come here in the first place.

Indigenous people see the indifference when someone expects that we look like the pictures that come out of our American history books, or think that we do not live into our native cultures today.

CBS Religion recently shared a video called “Beyond Tolerance” that addresses the problems of indifference — good people who simply follow the ways of a political, social, and religious culture without questioning what it means or what effects it has on others. It calls to the surface the problem of our silence in this political, social, and religious climate.

This is different than ignorance. A lack of knowledge is different than a lack of concern for others. And while much of the problem of American Christianity lies in ignorance, much more of it stems from the problem of indifference.

This is a time to take sides — not always politically — but socially, ethically, spiritually. If we say in our churches that we live on the side of Jesus, we cannot be indifferent to the injustices going on in our own country and the injustices going on in the rest of the world.

We could all work to be people who pray ourselves out of our indifference, who pray ourselves into places of passionate care for others, of compassionate care and love.

We pass our indifference down generation to generation. To fix that, it is not that we create a generation of religious zealots, but we raise up young people who are aware of the world around them, who are not blanketed by their privilege, who learn to take hold of what God has given them instead of complaining about it. We raise our children to ask questions, to live in love, to value human life and our created world in every country, in every situation. People who fight indifference are those who have the immigrants and refugees at their table, who look them in the eyes when they encounter them on the street. People who fight indifference are fighting a church movement that sits on the outside of the world’s pain and remains comfortable in its own Christian skin.

Jesus did not call us to indifference.

He called us to radical love.

He called us to carry the burden of the world.

And he called us to do it with our hands and our feet, with our bodies and our minds, with our very spirits. And we cannot do that if we are silent.

Jesus showed us what it looks like to live intentionally, with those on the margins always a steady part of our own narrative — because the connection from one human being to another matters.

Indifference tells the lie that it does not matter.

That lie has carried on long enough.

To be honest about privilege is to be honest about how one life affects another, and in those honest and difficult conversations, shalom is born.

The truth of living against indifference means living our own stories in such a way that every other life we encounter is a part of us as well.

Your non-native life is still affected and a part of my native life, whether we go to church together or not. And if we *do* go to church together, there is another kind of tether between us — the work of Jesus, the constant work of community, the work of working through who we are together because of who Jesus is to each of us. That is fighting indifference and that is the language of shalom.

The future of the church depends on the people who take up the cross of Jesus in a way that proclaims the enduring, hard, and beautiful work of shalom, the very thing that has the power to untangle us from our indifference entirely.

May we pick up our crosses if it cures us of what has ailed American Christianity.

May we pick up our crosses if it teaches us to connect to each other again in a way that honors who Jesus has always been.

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