

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

July 21, 2024

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!
¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

Contact / Contacto:

2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204
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:

July 20-21— 5:30pm and 1pm Spanish
20-21 julio - 5:30pm 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)

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

Mark 6:31



“Vengan conmigo a un lugar solitario, para que descansen un poco.”

Marcos 6,31

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 25:21-46. 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.



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

21 de julio de 2024

Decimosexto Domingo del 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 and by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$11,299

Pastoral Solidarity Fund- Africa /

Fondo de Solidaridad Pastoral -África : \$2,201

Faith Direct (June Average /

promedio del mes de junio): \$12,792

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 622

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 623

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 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, Sheila Betit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Joe Marie Griesgraber, Fr. Tuck Grinnell, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Pamela Hoeft, Patrick Hynes, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, 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, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristian Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utle, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (107B); Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

2 Kings 4:42-44 (110B); Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

2 Reyes 4:42-44 (110B); Efesios 4,1-6; Juan 6,1-15

MASS INTENTIONS, JULY 20-26

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 20-26 JULIO

DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Saturday, July 20th

5:30 pm Genoveva Mundo (D) by the Francia Reyes family

Sunday, July 21st

8:00 am the parish

9:30 am Joseph Kuhn (D) by Nick Kuhn & Sharon Core

11:15 am the parish

1:00 pm Gregorio Antonio Quispe Burgos (D)

by Yvi Quispe & Percy Antonio Quispe

6:00 pm the parish

Monday, July 22nd

12:00 pm Carl Baggett-Wang (D) by DeeDee Tostanoski

Tuesday, July 23rd

12:00 pm Sheila Callahan (D) by Mike & Mary Ray

Wednesday, July 24th

12:00 pm José de la Cruz Barrios (D) by Odalis Barrios

Thursday, July 25th

12:00 pm the parish

Friday, July 26th

12:00 pm Roberto Caycho Bravo (D) by Beny Caycho

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH /

VIDA SACRAMENTAL DE LA PARROQUIA

This weekend we welcome two new Christians. Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida a dos nuevas cristianas.

Margo Lee Parisi & Hayden Clara Parisi

Baptized July 20 / Bautizadas el 20 de julio

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

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

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Ministerio Latino: **Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM**,

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Deacon / Diácono: **Dcn. Tony Remedios**, tremedios@olqpva.org

Parish Office / Oficina parroquial

Business Manager / Gerente de Negocios: **Christina Kozyn**,

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Social Justice & Outreach Minister / Ministro de Justicia Social y

Acercamiento (bilingüe): **Sally Díaz-Wells**, sdiazwells@olqpva.org

Youth & Young Adult Minister / Ministro de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos:

Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org

Faith Formation Director / Director de Formación de Fe (bilingüe):

Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

JUST A THOUGHT...

The Gospel of Mark presents a harried, hurried Jesus, constantly on the move from one location to the next. There are stories inside of stories, like the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage which takes place in the midst of another story about the raising of Jairus' daughter, Jesus is continually being sought out by people seeking healing.

He is constantly on the move from village to village, preaching and healing and teaching, proclaiming the lavishness of God's love and forgiveness for all peoples.

Today in the midst of our hurry, Jesus invites us to come away for a while and rest with Him, to bask in His deep and passionate love for us.

By this time in the Gospel of Mark, the disciples had been sent out by Jesus, two by two, to teach and heal and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and now they have just returned...filled with the Gospel excitement, and Jesus invites them to come away with him for a while and rest.

Whenever I read this passage, I imagine that this time away was meant for the disciples to reflect on what they had experienced and to allow the meaning of it all to settle into their hearts.

There are many references in all four of the Gospels that Jesus often went off to deserted places to pray, to talk to the Father who had sent him. It seems that he was training the disciples to do the same. He knew firsthand the dynamism of the Good News and the energy it took to proclaim it.

And so, like the disciples, we too are invited to "come away with Him for a while and rest." But this is no easy thing to do in the

midst of "our harried and hurried lives"...just think of the 24 hour news cycle that bombards us and assails our sense of justice and Christian ethical behavior across the political and social spectrum of our society. So many of us stand amazed and appalled at the total lack of care and compassion for our fellow human beings being demonstrated not only by our elected officials but by ordinary citizens. Ordinary citizens who feel emboldened to disrespect the human dignity of our sisters and brothers whom they look down upon and believe to not belong here or that someone has less value because of their gender or the color of their skin or their ethnicity and therefore do not deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

In the midst of all of this inhumanity and unchristian activity we are called to action, but like Jesus called the disciples, we too are called to take time "to come away for a while".

We need to come away and pray in order to keep ourselves centered in Christ. By making time in our day for prayer and meditation we can keep centered and not be overwhelmed by the vitriol and violence so as not to be paralyzed into non-action.

On the contrary, by remaining centered in Christ through our prayer, meditation and Eucharist we are energized and emboldened and moved to loving action -- reaching out to the victims *and* to the perpetrators, so we can be a healing presence in the midst of a suffering and wounded world.

When and how often do I step out of the rush of my life to just sit and talk with God and meditate? What insights do I gain? Do I feel refreshed afterwards? What might I change in my schedule, so I can spend more time resting with God?

Blessings, Fr. Tim

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO CELEBRATE FR. TIM'S 25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!

We will be celebrating Fr. Tim's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood the weekend of August 17-18. Several events are planned – plan to join us for one:

- Saturday evening outdoor reception after the 5:30 Mass
- Sunday morning "cake receptions" after each of the morning Masses
- Sunday afternoon reception with the 1pm community, and
- Sunday evening reception hosted by the young adults.

More details to come...

¡MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS Y PLANEEN CELEBRAR EL 25 ANIVERSARIO DE LA ORDENACIÓN DEL PADRE TIM!

Vamos a celebrar el 25 aniversario de la ordenación al sacerdocio del Padre Tim el fin de semana del 17 y 18 de agosto. Se han planeado varios eventos – planeen participar en uno de ellos:

- Una recepción al aire libre la noche del sábado después del la Misa de las 5:30
- "Recepciones con bizcochos" el domingo por la mañana después de las Misas
- Una recepción el domingo por la tarde con la comunidad de la 1pm y
- Una recepción el domingo por la noche patrocinada por los jóvenes adultos.

Pronto habrá más detalles...



Happy 92nd Birthday Fr. Joe! / ¡Feliz cumpleaños (92), Padre José!

JOIN US FOR ISIDORE'S GARDEN FESTIVITY AND BLESSING!

We are delighted to invite you to Isidore's Garden Festivity and Blessing on Sunday, July 28, at 7 pm (after the 6 PM Mass). This special event will take place at Isidore's Garden, where we will gather to celebrate and bless the garden that provides fresh produce to the OLQP Food Pantry. Isidore's Garden is more than just a place where plants grow; it is a symbol of our commitment to serving our community with fresh, locally grown food. The garden's fence is also a symbol of Abraham's tent, representing welcome and hospitality to all. We hope you will join us for an evening of gratitude, fellowship, and joy.

Event Highlights -- Blessing of the Garden: A meaningful ceremony to bless the garden and give thanks for the bountiful harvest it provides.

Appetizers and Drinks: Enjoy appetizers featuring a local food theme.

This event is open to all. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow community members and learn more about our garden's impact. If you have any questions or would like to help make this celebration a success, please email Julene at julenejarnot@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this special occasion with you!

ISIDORE'S GARDEN



¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA LA FIESTA Y BENDICIÓN DEL JARDÍN DE ISIDORO!

Nos complace muchísimo invitarle a la fiesta y bendición del Jardín de Isidoro el domingo, 28 de julio a las 7 pm (después de la Misa de las 6 PM). Este evento especial tendrá lugar en el Jardín de Isidoro, donde nos reuniremos para celebrar y bendecir el jardín que provee vegetales a la despensa de alimentos de OLQP. El Jardín de Isidoro no es solo un lugar donde las plantas crecen. Es un símbolo de nuestro compromiso de servir a nuestra comunidad con alimentos frescos cultivados localmente. La cerca del jardín también es un símbolo de la tienda de Abrahán, que representa la bienvenida y la hospitalidad para todas las personas. Esperamos que se unan a nosotros para pasar una noche de gratitud, compañerismo y alegría.

Momentos culminates — La bendición del jardín: Una ceremonia significativa para bendecir el jardín y dar gracias por la cosecha abundante que provee. Entremeses y bebidas: Disfrute de entremeses que destacan un tema de comida local.

Este evento es para todas las personas. Es una oportunidad maravillosa de conectar con todos los miembros de la comunidad y de aprender más acerca del impacto que nuestro jardín tiene. Si tiene preguntas o quisiera ayudar a que esta celebración sea un éxito, por favor mándele un correo electrónico a Julene, julenejarnot@gmail.com. ¡Esperamos verle allí y compartir esta ocasión especial con usted!

VOLUNTEER AS A COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

SCAN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect children from abuse in Northern Virginia through education, advocacy, and community engagement. Within SCAN, we have three programs, one of which is the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. We do everything possible to match the families we serve with volunteers who speak their language and understand their culture. We are in dire need of diverse volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse and neglect. You can find out more about SCAN, our other programs, and the CASA program [here](https://scanva.org/about/). (<https://scanva.org/about/>)

OFRÉZCASE DE VOLUNTARIA/O COMO DEFENSORA O DEFENSOR ESPECIAL DESIGNADO POR EL TRIBUNAL (CASA, en inglés)

SCAN es una organización sin fines de lucro en el norte de Virginia cuya misión es proteger a niñas y niños del abuso por medio de la educación, apoyo y participación comunitaria. En SCAN tenemos tres programas, uno de los cuales es el de Defensora o defensor especial designado por el tribunal. Hacemos todo lo posible para armonizar a las familias que servimos con personas voluntarias que hablan su idioma y comprenden su cultura. Tenemos una gran necesidad de personas voluntarias para apoyar y promover los mejores intereses de las niñas y los niños que han experimentado abuso y descuido. Puede encontrar más información sobre SCAN, nuestros otros programas y el programa CASA [aquí](https://scanva.org/about/). (<https://scanva.org/about/>)

GABRIEL PROJECT NEEDS PLASTIC BAGS

The Gabriel Project is in need of plastic bags to package diapers and clothing for our new babies. We use newspaper sleeves and small grocery bags for this. They can be left in the food donation bins marked for Gabriel. Thank you.

EL PROYECTO GABRIEL NECESITA BOLSAS PLÁSTICAS

El proyecto Gabriel necesita bolsas plásticas para empaquetar pañales y ropa para nuestros nuevos bebés. Usamos bolsas plásticas de periódicos y bolsas pequeñas del mercado para esto. Puede marcarlas para "Gabriel" y dejarlas en los contenedores para los alimentos.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

What difference can God make in my life? RCIA is the pathway for those seeking a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of the Catholic faith. Whether you are just beginning your faith journey, or come from another Christian tradition and want to explore Catholicism, or are a baptized Catholic seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, we're here to help. The journey begins with a "no-strings" inquiry session this fall. Join us! For further information, contact Kevin and Alice Curtin at acurtin947@aol.com or 703-461-3082.

NEWS FROM MEDOR

Haiti's 9th Grade National Exam will be held July 22-24, this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. In order to advance to the 10th grade, students must pass this exam. Those who fail may repeat the 9th grade or drop out of school. 62 Medor students will take the exam. Gangs now control the location where the exam had been held, so a new location has been assigned for this year. Please pray that the Medor students travel safely to and from the exam site. Also, please pray for their success on the exam. Thank you!

MASS AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE TUESDAY, JULY 23

Join Fr. John Melmer at 7:30pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Arlington, for a Mass and Healing Prayer Service; confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

*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.*

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR BAPTISM MINISTRY

We are looking for engaging and enthusiastic parishioners to volunteer with the Baptism Ministry. Join in this opportunity of welcoming new families to parish life by walking them through the sacramental process or by helping the morning of the ceremony. Training and materials are provided. Contact Maryann Suhocki at baptism@olqpva.org or Cecilia Lopez at clopez@olqpva.org for more information.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (RICA)

¿Qué diferencia puede marcar Dios en mi vida? RICA es el camino para quien busca una relación más profunda con Dios y una mejor comprensión de la fe católica ya sea que recién está comenzando su viaje de fe, viene de otra tradición cristiana y desea explorar el catolicismo o es una persona católica bautizada que busca los sacramentos. ¡Únase a nosotros! Para más información, comuníquese con Cecilia López al 703-642-6465.

NOTICIAS DE MEDOR

El examen nacional para el 9no grado en Haití se va a llevar a cabo del 22 al 24 de julio, este lunes, martes y miércoles. Para poder avanzar al grado 10, los estudiantes tienen que pasar este examen. Los estudiantes que no lo pasan pueden repetir el grado 9 o abandonar sus estudios. 62 estudiantes de Medor van a tomar el examen. Las pandillas ahora controlan el lugar donde se había dado el examen, así que se ha asignado un nuevo lugar para el examen este año. Por favor rece para que este año los estudiantes de Medor viajen seguros hacia y de regreso del lugar del examen. Por favor, rece también por su éxito en el examen. ¡Gracias!

MISA Y SERVICIO DE ORACIÓN CURATIVA EL MARTES, 23 DE JULIO

Únase al Padre John Melmer a las 7:30pm en la iglesia católica St. Agnes en Arlington, para celebrar una Misa y un servicio de oración curativa. Habrá confesiones. Esta liturgia viene del Catholic Healing Ministry diocesano. Para obtener más información, contacte a Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are looking for engaging and enthusiastic parishioners to volunteer with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children Liturgy of the Word is offered from October through May during the 9:30 and 11:15 am Masses. Training and materials are provided. Contact Cecilia Lopez at clopez@olqpva.org for more information.

THE ADVOCATE IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL WRITERS

The parish newsletter highlights church ministries, explores social justice issues, and features OLQP members who put their faith to action. If interested in joining the volunteer staff, please contact Paula Cruickshank, editor: laika1031@gmail.com.

CORRECTION: Please note the July 14, 2024 bulletin item included a typo in the email address.

Creation Care Corner



"The Church has a responsibility towards Creation and considers it her duty... to protect earth, water and air as gifts of God, the Creator, meant for everyone..."

CLIMATE CHANGE: A MATTER OF FAITH? YES.

Following John Paul II and Benedict, Pope Francis recognizes the scientific consensus that most of the current warming trends are caused by human activity. Deforestation and burning fossil fuels are major causes. While some have wrongly turned it into a political issue, Pope Francis recognizes it as a social justice and a moral issue. This is because those who will suffer most from the resulting environmental damage are the poor and future generations... who are least responsible for causing it. Francis calls upon individuals, governments and corporations to make changes to mitigate the problem. He has met with top energy company executives and they have agreed to support policies that put a price on carbon emissions. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops also has issued a statement of past support for legislation that puts a price on carbon emissions to encourage a switch to clean energy, without economically harming the poor or middle class. The severe human costs, that will be a consequence of doing nothing, make this a moral issue and a matter of concern and action as part of our faith.

Join Us for a Prayer Vigil

Raising our voices in prayer for a **ceasefire** in **Gaza**

WHEN Sunday, July 21st, 4:00 PM

WHERE St. George's Episcopal Church
915 N Oakland St, Arlington

WHAT In beloved community:

We **mourn** the dead.

We **pray** for peace.

We **work** for justice.

We **hope** for liberation.



ALL ARE WELCOME

"No one is healed in isolation."

- bell hooks



Come Let Us Adore HIM! OLQP FORTY HOURS DEVOTION August 7-9, 2024

In honor of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Arlington this year, celebrations of Forty Hours Devotion have been going on throughout the Diocese. Our Forty Hours Devotion will be held at OLQP August 7th-9th; please use sign up to take part, this way we can be sure that someone will always be present for adoration. We need people to sign up to be present for adoration and prayer around the clock during the full Forty Hours Devotion including through the night.

Forty Hours will begin with a Mass on Wednesday, August 7th at 8:00PM and conclude with Benediction on Friday, August 9th at 12:00 Noon, followed by the daily Mass.

- Adoration will continue around the clock, except during noon Mass on Thursday, August 8th
- Come to pray by yourself, as a family, or as a ministry group
- Bring a friend or three!
- Need at least 2 parishioners present between, 9pm—6am
- Even if slots are full, come!

- To sign up and for more details, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/OLQPVA40Hours2024>
- or scan the QR Code, here

Questions? Contact
Rebecca Grant Jenkins,
rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org



OLQP Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive

Campaña anual para recoger mochilas y materiales escolares



It's that time again, and we need your help to send **850** local children (including Afghan & Ukrainian children) back to school ready to learn!



¡Es el momento otra vez y necesitamos su ayuda para ayudar a mandar a **850** niñas y niños locales (inclusive a niñas y niños afganos y ucranianos recién llegados) a la escuela, listos para aprender!

When: Collections start now, with distributions of supplies August 16th & 17th (right before school starts)

¿Cuándo?: La colecta empieza ahora, con la distribución de materiales a mediados de agosto (justo antes de que empiecen las clases)

What we need: Sturdy backpacks and supplies to include the following:

Lo que necesitamos: Mochilas resistentes y materiales que incluyen los siguientes:

- Fat crayons for kindergarteners
- Backpacks for kindergarteners
- Backpacks for middle schoolers
- Spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders

Todavía hay una gran necesidad de obtener crayones gruesos para estudiantes de kindergarten, escuela media y de mochilas para estudiantes de kindergarten, cuadernos espirales y carpetas con bolsillos.

Please check the [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/) for most up to date list.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/>

Por favor chequee el [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/) para ver la lista específica.
[Haga clic aquí para apuntarse](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca5ae29abfb6-olqp7#/>

Where: Place donations in the food pantry collection bins by August 4th. Sorry for the early deadline but local schools are starting earlier this year and we need a week to organize supplies and pack.

¿Dónde?: Ponga sus donaciones en los contenedores de la despensa de alimentos para el 8 de agosto (fecha límite).

- **Shopping online?** Ship directly to parish, by noting "school supply drive" in the address.
- **Prefer to make a monetary donation?** Donations labelled "Backpack drive" can be dropped in the Sunday collection, dropped off in the parish office, or made online through Faith Direct.

- **¿Compra en línea?** Envíenla directamente a la parroquia, poniendo "school supply drive" en la dirección.
- **¿Prefiere hacer una donación monetaria?** Las donaciones marcadas con "Backpack drive" se pueden poner en la colecta del domingo, se pueden llevar a la oficina parroquial o se pueden hacer en línea por Faith Direct.

Want to Volunteer? If you would like to help pack backpacks and/or help distribute backpacks, please signup [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AC29A3F5C70-49950245-2024#/>

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Cardinal Cupich connects Eucharist to synodality at National Eucharistic Congress

By Brian Fraga

The Eucharist can be thought of as a school for becoming a more synodal church, Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich said during a July 18 presentation at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Addressing a hotel ballroom packed with a diverse audience of Catholics, Cupich made several connections between the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the central theme of the congress, and synodality.

"Whenever we take the Eucharist, we gradually become freer to take up the mission of Christ," Cupich said in his presentation, titled "Synodality as a Mode of Being Church."

Cupich, a delegate to the 2021-2024 Synod of Bishops on synodality, described the concept of synodality as a model where Catholics, lay and ordained, dialogue and listen to one another while engaging in communal discernment to navigate the church's path through history.

"We are called to be responsible for one another as we journey through time to what God has promised us," Cupich said.

That process of dialogue and discernment is intricately linked to prayer and the saving mission of Jesus Christ, said Cupich and Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas, who coordinated the U.S. bishops' synod efforts and is also a U.S. delegate to the synod.

"There is much to think about in the relationship between liturgy and the modus in which the church acts on mission," said Flores, who joined Cupich for a panel discussion on synodality along with José Manuel De Urquidí, a synod delegate for Latin America.

De Urquidí said that prayer and the Eucharist marked the beginning of "everything" at the first global synod gathering in October 2023. Synod delegates [will meet again](#), Oct. 2-27, at the Vatican for their final assembly.

[Released June 20](#), the working document for the synod, known as the *instrumentum laboris*, asks synod delegates to confront several pressing issues — such as the possibility of women deacons, ordaining married

men to the priesthood and better welcoming LGBTQ+ Catholics — in considering how the church can transform and expand its institutional structures.

But taking up those tasks cannot be separated from prayer or being rooted in the Eucharist, De Urquidí said.

"We need to root ourselves in the mission of Jesus," he added.

Framing synodality as what [God expects of the Catholic Church](#) in the third millennium, Pope Francis has called for a synodal conversion in the church in part by encouraging the hierarchy to regularly consult the lay faithful and to listen to the experiences of marginalized communities and people on the peripheries of church life.

"Synodality calls us to a new way of thinking about our Christian life, and a new way of being a model for the church," Cupich said.

In keeping with that vision, Cupich reminded his audience, the Vatican in recent years has encouraged the Synod of Bishops to discuss sensitive issues, as well as making it possible for lay Catholic men and women to be fully voting members of the synod.

Those changes, however, have raised [concerns among some conservative Catholics](#), especially in the Anglophone world, that the synod risks undermining the church's teachings on hotly contested issues such as the all-male priesthood, homosexuality and contraception.

Compared to initiatives such as the bishops' three-year National Eucharistic Revival, of which the congress is the climactic event, synodality has had difficulty garnering traction in the United States. Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's ambassador to the United States, has [at times urged the U.S. bishops](#) to embrace synodality.

Part of the problem, Cupich told his audience on July 18, is the bottom-line, problem-solving mentality that predominates in the United States.

"We struggle with synodality because we want to fix things right away," said Cupich, who added that he believes a crisis of faith exists in the church in the sense that Catholics do not fully understand what it means

for Jesus to be risen from the dead.

"The Mass is not about making Jesus present as though he's off in heaven, doing his thing, and we occasionally get an audience with him," said Cupich, who noted that the Second Vatican Council "made it clear" that Christ is "always present in the church, exercising his priestly ministry in the world."

"In the Mass, the focus has to be on what Christ is doing and what happens to us as people and as a community, being transformed to take up more fully his mission to bring justice, peace and love to the world.

"The Eucharist should empower us to take up the mission," Cupich said.

To illustrate synodality in action, audience members were asked to participate in "conversations in the Spirit" where they reflected on how the Mass formed them as Catholics and prepared them to share the Gospel in the world.

Several people said they came away with a newfound appreciation and understanding of synodality.

"I really enjoyed our roundtable discussion. I think it was just so invigorating to hear the experiences that each of us have as we come from different walks of life," said Mary Rose Robbins, a resident of Glen Dale, West Virginia.

Diana Arizmendi, a resident of Waukegan, Illinois, said the exercise in synodality was a "nice reminder of the unity of the church and how the Eucharist really is the food that binds us all together."

"Being gathered here and being able to share with one another," Arizmendi said, "was a great reminder and encouragement that we're all walking toward heaven together, and the Eucharist is really feeding and nourishing us along the way."

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