

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.

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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

JANUARY 1, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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)



"Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart."

Lk 2:19

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Next weekend's Readings:

(The Epiphany of the Lord)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3A,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lousie Aust, Elizabeth Ball, Suri Barahona, Tim 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 31, '16-JANUARY 6, '17

5 pm— for Aurora Yabes (D) by the Yabes Family

8 am & 9:30 am— for the Parish

11:15 am— for Brendon Barnett (D)

by Howard & Mary Lou Shookhoff

1 pm— for the Parish

6 pm— for Jane McCauley (D) by Lynn Kearney

Fri. 12:00 noon - for Godfrey Crowe (D) by Finnie Caldwell

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Christmas Collection: \$39,881

Faith Direct December *weekly average*: \$8,514

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

JUST\$ - The sale of Just\$ cards will be suspended this weekend, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This week we welcome new Christian:

Emelyn Skye Fuller - Baptized 10 am Saturday.

PEACE ASPIRATIONS... If you have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other – Mother Teresa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS CLASS

Please join us for this month's class on Saturday, January 7th, from 2:30-3:45. The children will explore the 7 Works of Mercy. Class takes place in the Ministry Center, followed by a 4:00 pm Family Mass in the Church.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PERE LUCKSON:

On behalf of the parish of St Joseph of Medor, I wish to express our best wishes of Merry Christmas to all the parishioners of OLQP.

The church, our Mother, arranged for us to have four weeks for the time of ADVENT, a time which invites us to prepare our HEARTS, for the coming of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Advent is also a time of conversation, a time to encounter the OTHER. Advent invites us to enter the mystery of the Incarnation: A CHILD IS BORN! A SON IS GIVEN! Jesus Christ becomes man in order to elevate us to the divine dimension. The child of Bethlehem invites us to practice the virtue of Humility and to meet the OTHER for what he/she is.

Thank you OLQP for choosing us to be your fellow travelers!

May the feast of Christmas strengthen our friendship in Christ for the glory of God and for the salvation of the world!

Pere Luckson,

Parish of St. Joseph of Medor

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON DR. KING AND NON-VIOLENCE?

Minkisi ministry will hold its monthly small group meditation session on Mon., Jan. 9 (instead of Jan 2), 7:15 pm, in the Parish Discussion Room/Parish Office. Cecilia Braveboy will lead the prayer and reflection based on 1 Peter 2:9-10. For more information, contact Cecilia, jisaac3@verizon.net or 703-979-5389.

JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO... Jan 1st 2017 Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Today we celebrate Mary, the woman from whom was born the son of God, the Savior of the world...we hold up and celebrate her great yes, a yes she offered even though she was afraid and not sure what was to unfold in her life by saying yes to God's plan. In the first reading we have the beautiful blessing that God gives to Moses for the people, which includes the gift of "shalom". The Hebrew word shalom means so much more than "just" peace as we may often think of it. It carries with it the ideas of happiness, good health, prosperity, friendship and well-being, so much more than only the absence of violence and war. And surely is not the child who laid in the manger, visited by humble shepherds the very manifestation of this shalom, the Shalom of God. In Luke's nativity scene there are no Magi or royal visitors with kingly gifts, only humble shepherds sent by an angel to see for themselves so that they too might join the heavenly hosts and sing glory to God in the highest and *shalom* to all the peoples of earth! As we continue to celebrate the Incarnation, and Mary's wondrous YES, and on this World Day of Peace let us pray for God's gift of "shalom" to fall gently upon the face of the earth that our swords might be beaten into plowshares and our hatred, fear and distrust of "the other", might by the grace of God's shalom, be turned into something holy so that God's dream for our world might burst forth. I pray you all a New Year filled with the shalom of God!

Fr. Tim

MERRY CHRISTMAS from your parish family – Josephite calendars are available at the back of church. Please take one for your family's use.

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE invites the people of the Diocese to join him for Mass and a reception during the month of January. Dates and locations of the Masses (in our general area) are as follows:

Jan. 10, 2017 – Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington

Jan. 11, 2017 – All Saints, Manassas

Jan. 18, 2017 – Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna

Jan. 23, 2017 – St. Bernadette, Springfield

Masses will begin at 7 pm, with the receptions following. All are most welcome.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CITIZEN? Take a class to prepare for the exam! Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services offers classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting in January. Registration: January 10 or 12, 6:30 pm. Location: St. Ann, 5312 10th St N, Arlington. Cost: \$100 for 12 weeks (cash only). Questions? 571-208-1572.

Eco Tip: It's a New Year and a great opportunity to expand your actions to protect and enhance God's gift of creation. Pick something you can do and hold yourself accountable.

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND is January 7 and 8, to stock our Food Pantry. Please pick up a grocery bag and/or a list to fill and return next weekend. Please bring any (or all!) of the following: Instant Yellow Corn Tortilla flour (preferred brand: Maseca), 24 oz. Canola or Corn Oil, Cereal, Canned Tuna, and Canned Fruit and Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Dried Beans, and Macaroni and Cheese. Thank you for your donations!

CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE? Join our newly forming parish team to educate and advocate around preventing gun violence. The first meeting will be sometime in mid- to late January. Please contact Gerry Laporte, g.laporte@verizon.net or Michelle Knight, 703-979-5580.

DAY FOR ALL PEOPLE - Save the date! Wednesday, January 25, 2017 is the annual advocacy day for the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Plan to join us for a day of workshops on legislative issues before the Virginia General Assembly and meet with your legislators and/or their staff. For more information please visit www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org or contact Michelle Knight, mknight@olqpva.org

BUILD BRIDGES & DISMANTLE WALLS: Faith Communities Joining Together to Promote Inclusion, Compassion & Justice. Join Virginia Interfaith Center Executive Director Kim Bobo for a workshop about the Center's work to achieve social justice in VA, with a special focus on wage theft. Sunday, Jan 8, 2:30 – 4:30 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Registration recommended: <https://buildbridges.eventbrite.com>

SEEKING NURSE to Provide Nursing Care and Expertise to L'Arche Greater Washington DC - Nurse Case Manager will provide health care oversight to one or more of our homes in the greater DC area, serving 16 adults with intellectual disabilities. Successful candidate will demonstrate experience and interest in both case management and teaching, with a preference for experience with people with disabilities. Approx. 20 hours/week our nurse has many opportunities to heal, listen, and to impact excellent and ongoing care giving. D.C. RN license required. Visit www.larche-gwdc.org for more information and full job description. To apply send resume to Caitlin Smith, recruitment coordinator, atjoin@larche-gwdc.org.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER'S PERSON OF THE YEAR: MARIE DENNIS! "For the leadership role she plays in guiding the church to think about just peace and for her personal witness of Christian nonviolence, we name Marie Dennis *NCR's* person of the year for 2016."

Congratulations Marie (OLQP's very own!) – so incredibly proud of you and your work to "re-examine how the church thinks about war and peace, violence and nonviolence". The full *NCR* editorial will be published in their December 30, 2016-January 12, 2017 edition.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE
FIFTIETH WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2017
NONVIOLENCE: A STYLE OF POLITICS FOR PEACE

Selected quotes:

...I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our “deepest dignity”, and make active nonviolence our way of life.

...On this occasion, I would like to reflect on *nonviolence* as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values.....When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.

...Countering violence with violence leads at best to forced migrations and enormous suffering, because vast amounts of resources are diverted to military ends and away from the everyday needs..... At worst, it can lead to the death, physical and spiritual, of many people, if not of all.

...Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God’s mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation.....

...To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence. The Gospel command to *love your enemies* (cf. *Lk 6:27*) “is rightly considered the *magna carta* of Christian nonviolence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil..., but in responding to evil with good (cf. *Rom 12:17-21*), and thereby breaking the chain of injustice”.

...Nonviolence is sometimes taken to mean surrender, lack of involvement and passivity, but this is not the case. When Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, she clearly stated her own message of active nonviolence: “We in our family don’t need bombs and guns, to destroy to bring peace – just get together, love one another... And we will be able to overcome all the evil that is in the world”.....

...The Church has been involved in nonviolent peacebuilding strategies in many countries, engaging even the most violent parties in efforts to build a just and lasting peace.

...I emphatically reaffirm that “no religion is terrorist”. Violence profanes the name of God. Let us never tire of repeating: “The name of God cannot be used to justify violence. Peace alone is holy. Peace alone is holy, not war!”

...The Jubilee [of Mercy] taught us to realize how many and diverse are the individuals and social groups treated with indifference and subjected to injustice and violence. They too are part of our “family”; they too are our brothers and sisters.

...It is to show mercy by refusing to discard people, harm the environment, or seek to win at any cost. To do so requires “the willingness to face conflict head on, to resolve it and to make it a link in the chain of a new process”..... Active nonviolence is a way of showing that unity is truly more powerful and more fruitful than conflict.... Certainly differences can cause frictions. But let us face them constructively and non-violently, so that “tensions and oppositions can achieve a diversified and life-giving unity,” preserving “what is valid and useful on both sides”.[22]

...I pledge the assistance of the Church in every effort to build peace through active and creative nonviolence. On 1 January 2017, the new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development will begin its work. It will help the Church to promote in an ever more effective way “the inestimable goods of justice, peace, and the care of creation” and concern for “migrants, those in need, the sick, the excluded and marginalized, the imprisoned and the unemployed, as well as victims of armed conflict, natural disasters, and all forms of slavery and torture”.

...In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home.

Read this message in its entirety: https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20161208_messaggio-l-giornata-mondiale-pace-2017.html