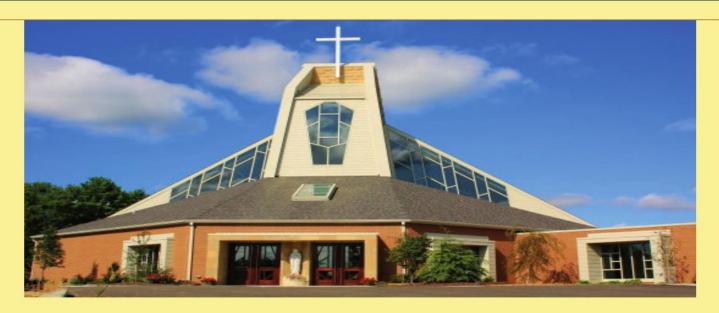
November 26, 2023 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

-- Matthew 25:40



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am (Chapel) Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday...... 3:30-4:00pm

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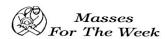
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm



Monday, November 27 (Chapel)

9:00am - Margie Weber - Deanna Lottman

Tuesday, November 28 (Chapel)

9:00am - Connie Pijor - Dale & Linda Wolfe

Wednesday, November 29 - (Church)

6:30pm - Paul Wakefield - Bob & Marcia Frabotta

Thursday, November 30 - (Chapel)

9:00am - Rose Smith - Family

Friday, December 1 (Chapel)

9:00am - Dorothy Morley Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Saturday, December 2

4:30pm - Guy Page - Judy Page

Sunday, December 3

8:30am - Richard Paul Jr. - Family

11:00am - Joanne Pasadyn - Larry & Elaine Ostang

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Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at <u>info@olapgrafton.org</u> to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at **www.olapgrafton.org**. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Christ The King

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor

15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Monday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk

21:1-4

Tuesday Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5

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Wednesday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63,

64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk

21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,

18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at **jblaz@olqpgrafton.org** by the following dates:

Sunday December 3 by 5:00pm Monday, November 27 Sunday December 10 by 5:00pm Monday, December 4

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

After a year of recalling and celebrating Jesus' life, death and resurrection and seeking to grow as Jesus' followers through the Sunday Masses, we come to the end of the liturgical year and renew our loyalty to Christ the King. We profess that he is Lord of our life. And how do we live as subjects of the King? The gospel this weekend, Matthew 25:31 -46 sums it all up. It all comes down to serving others, especially in serving the least of our brothers and sisters. The last two weekends we heard of the foolish bridesmaids and their lack of preparation and the servants who did and those who did not invest their master's talents. The context of these readings was preparing for the coming of Christ and the end time. This weekend tells us very clearly that how we prepare for his coming and what he expects of us to gain everlasting life is serving others.

We paused this past week to give thanks as a nation we celebrated Thanksgiving Day. As a church we look back at the year and give thanks to God for the blessings of the year and how we have grown in faith. Now we step out into a new liturgical year with the mission of using our gifts and talents in service of others. How is God calling you to make a difference in someone's life through the gifts and abilities he has given you? Will this coming year be different in how you step out of your comfort zone to become more involved in the life of the parish or local community? Although we have great volunteers who have done so much for the parish, I have been seeing a decline in people willing to get involved. This is making it more and more difficult to maintain the ministries that we offer here in the parish. Be attentive to the Holy Spirit in your life and see if you are being called to become more involved by sharing the talents, the resources and the time that God has given you.

This week, **Thursday, November 30**th we begin nine consecutive nights of Night Prayer. The prayer of the Church which is being prayed in the diocese in nine different parishes is a short (15 minutes) but impactful prayer to end the day. I would encourage you to come at least one of the nights to see for yourself or challenge yourself to come every night. Bring a friend or family member.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR: Next Sunday, December 3rd is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church's Liturgical year. The color is purple, and the tone of the readings will be on preparing and longing for the coming of Christ as well as preparations to celebrate his first coming as a baby. It has been called the peaceful season as well as a season of hope. Which among the business of preparation for Christmas we could all use some peacefulness. The readings for Masses during this new Liturgical Year come from Cycle B in the Lectionary. This is the year of the Gospel of Mark which will be read throughout the year except during Christmas/Lent/Easter and break during the summer where the Bread of Life Discourse from John's Gospel will be read. The Gospel of Mark is the shortest gospel, and I would encourage you to read it in the coming weeks.

---Fr. John

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Gospel Reflection will meet **Saturday December 9**th **at 10:00am in the parish hall.** We will be reading the gospels for the remainder of Advent and the gospels for the Christmas Season. Come and spend some time with others listening to the message that God has for you in these readings. You will not be disappointed by the message he has for you. Spending time with these readings prior to Mass helps to make them more meaningful for you. Come and try it for yourself as a part of something new to do this new Church year.



HELP NEEDED

We are in need of additional liturgical ministers who are available for funerals. This includes altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, as well as choir members. If you are available to help in this special ministry to families at the time of a death of a loved one, please contact the parish office.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

During the month of November, we will be remembering at all the Masses those who are listed in the parish Book of the Dead. You may add the names of loved ones who have died to the book and they will be included in the petitions at each Mass.



Join Our Lady Queen of Peace

This Advent Season as we light the way for Jesus in our acts of prayer, service, and celebration.



Come Pray with us....

- Adoration will take place Every Wednesday in the Church from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM and Friday, December 8th from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM.
- ♦ Join us throughout 9 Nights of Prayer, 11/30 through 12/8 each night at 8:00 PM in the Church.
- ◆ Confession: Every Saturday, 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM Wednesday, 12/6 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, 12/13 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM Thursday, 12/14 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Gather and share with our Sunday Gospel Reflection group on Saturday, 12/9 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall
- Join our Scripture Study Group on Thursday, 12/14 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall
- Bring your prayer intentions with you to Mass to be added to our Prayer Intention Trees.

Pray at home....

- Enjoy a Scripture and Service Based Advent Calendar from Loyola Press for the youth of our parish and one from the USCCB for the adults of our parish. Both are available in the Gathering Area.
- Enjoy the practice of a daily Advent Reflection booklet: Encounter Great Joy, A Growing Season, or Learning to Love like Jesus available in the Gathering Area.
- Check out BustedHalo.com for a daily Advent themed quote and Advent challenge.
- Sign up for digital Advent Reflections through:
- Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever"
- FORMED Daily Reflections

Join us in acts of grateful Service

- Participate in our Helping Hands Giving Tree the weekend of 11/26 and 12/3.
- Join Our Lady's Guild in gathering donations for Blessings House. Check the Bulletin or table in the Gathering Area for donations needed. Return all donations by 12/10.

Join us in celebrating

- By volunteering to carry up an Advent Candle to be placed in our Advent Wreath. Sign-up in the gathering area or call the office to reserve your spot.
- Bring your family's Nativity Jesus to be blessed for Bambinelli Sunday the weekend of 12/16 and 12/17 at all Masses.
- Register your child(ren) to celebrate Christmas with the Holy Name Christmas party hosted on Sunday, 12/10 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Registration deadline is: Sunday, 11/26. Call the office to reserve your spot.
- Come join us for Our Lady Queen of Peace's Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/10 at 3:00 PM in the Church.
- Join us for a Children's Story of Christmas presentation before the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass. See the Bulletin for more information to become a part of this beautiful tradition.
- Participate in the Knights of Columbus, 'Keeping Christ in Christmas' Coloring Contest, pick up your coloring sheet from the Gathering Area and remember to return all entries by 12/3.



HELPING HANDS

The Helping Hands Ministry has been an active part of the parish and community since February 2009. Before that we operated as St. Vincent DePaul Society. Over the past 14 years we have changed and added many new services to our once small pantry. Our pantry now distributes food to around 115 families twice a month, serves a Community Meal on the third Thursday to about 90 guests, and over the weekend, we provide food to 150 students at Midview who are in the Backpack club.

Please stop by our table on the **weekend of November 25-26** to see what we have been up to and to find out more about volunteering.

WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR HELP TO FILL THE PANTRY; WE ARE IN NEED OF **CAN VEGETABLES**. DROP YOUR DONATION OFF AT OUR TABLE.

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SAVE THE DATE! November 28, 2023

On <u>Tuesday, November 28th</u>, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving, 200+ participating Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, Catholic Charities programs/ sites and Catholic nonprofits come together as one community. Our Lady Queen of Peace will be participating. Donations can be made by going to our website at www.olqpgrafton.org

CHRISTMAS COLORING & DRAWING CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christ" coloring and drawing contest for our younger parishioners. Members of the K of C will be making the coloring/drawing sheets available in the gathering area after all masses. All entries will be due December 3rd at a collection box in the gathering area. Prizes will be awarded for each age group. This is a great chance to help focus our youth on the real reason for celebrating Christmas!

Praga Brid Forety

PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawl will be meeting **Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 am in the church hall.**There will NOT be a meeting January, 2024.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for December 2/3 for our Spotlight Weekend! Our dedicated ladies have been working very hard on a variety of Christmas items for your shopping pleasure. We will also have raffles for additional holiday ideas.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our ministry, please stop in, grab some yarn and get to know our lovely talented ladies. We can also answer any questions you may have.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our ministry, please contact the church office. Prayer shawls or lap blankets have been given out for the following events: baptisms, weddings, someone facing surgery, in a nursing home or someone who simply needs to feel God's peace and comfort.

Any questions, please contact Kathy Behlke 440-935-3344 or Kathy Smeltz 419-544-2491 or Sue Schniegenberg 440-926-1610.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday, December 10th at 3:00pm

Please join the Our Lady Queen of Peace Choir for their annual Christmas Concert.

The concert will be held in the church with a reception to follow in the Gathering Area. The choir will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Pantry.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Sunday - December 10, 2023

TIME: 12:00n0on to 2:00pm

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: Sunday - November 26, 2023

AGES: Birth through age 10

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS ONLY

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A GIFT

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Leap of Faith

Today's Gospel could be seen as an example of what St. Paul is explaining in the second reading. Since death came into the world with the sin of Adam, Christ's death saved us from sin and his resurrection saves us from death. And since Christ had to die before he could rise, the last enemy to be subjected is death; so too do we have to die before we can rise.

When all this happens, God will be seen in all of creation. Jesus will be seen as equal to God, not just a man, but the Son of God. The Gospel gives us the image of a king on his throne, surrounded by his subjects. And then comes the final judgment.

I always thought the point of this parable was that we recognize God in the poor, the sick, the homeless, prisoners, etc. But the people in the parable who helped all those in need did not recognize Christ in the needy. That's why he tells them that whatever we do for "these least ones," we do for Christ.

That is actually good news, because it is not always easy to recognize Christ in others. I used to think that once I start seeing Christ in all people, I'll be more willing to help them. But it also works the other way. When you help someone in need, you begin to see Christ there, too. Whether it is a death-row prisoner or a homeless family, we take that leap of faith to help, not because we see Christ in them but just because they need help. Remember, God forgives and saves us because we need God, not because we deserve it.

--Tom Schmidt

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday Saint Andrew, Apostle

Memorial Mass for Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Infant Loss

St. Albert the Great Church, North Royalton Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 PM

Have you or someone you know lost a child during pregnancy or in early infancy? If so, we invite you to commemorate this loss at this special Memorial Mass, marked with a candlelight remembrance. Whether the loss was recent or many years ago, this Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation. Even if you have not personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to attend this Mass to support those who have. Please join us as we honor these tiny and beautiful lives.

9 NIGHTS OF PRAYER



Join us!

The faithful are being invited to participate in nine opportunities to pray the night prayer of the Church at nine different par-

ishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. Our Lady Queen of Peace is hosting this upcoming session.

"Nine Nights of Night Prayer" will take place on **nine consecutive evenings from November 30**th **thru December 8**th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Doors open at 8 pm and Night Prayer begins at 8:15 pm. If you are interested in helping host, please contact Elizabeth in the office.

To celebrate and honor, Mary, there will be an Ice Cream Social following Night Prayer on 12/8.

FAITH FORMATION / UPDATES

The Feast of Christ the King's Gospel message can be a bit end of the world daunting and scary. A bit of a wake up call on our eternal life being affected by our Earthly life. A less gloom and doom approach to this, builds off the Gospel from last week of sharing our talents. How are we sharing our spiritual and material gifts with those in need? Jesus promises us God's Kingdom, we need to live and act in preparation for it. Which... leads us nicely into next week beginning of the Season of Advent. Please take a look at the variety of activities we have for you to pray, serve, and give this Advent season in preparation in building up God's kingdom.

<u>PSR</u> will meet all three Sundays in December! Get excited about joining the Children's Christmas Eve Play. Sign ups available at PSR and the back of the church. It's a great way to gather and share our gifts and joy!

CALLING ALL KIDS!

We will be doing a <u>performance of the "Story of Christmas" prior to the 4:30pm Christmas Eve mass</u>. If your child would like to participate, please sign them up on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

The children will need to be at the Christmas Eve mass by 3:30pm in order to prepare for the performance. The performance will not include any speaking parts, just acting or singing (their preference).

We will have two practices before the performance. One on Monday December 11 from 6:00-6:45pm, and the second on Sunday December 17 from 12:15-1:00pm.

Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

\$50,000 CHALLENGE

The need for space, increased parish activities and community outreach are some of the reasons we've shared regarding our capital campaign. Would you like another reason? How about 50,000 of them? A generous parishioner will match any new donation to the Continuing Our Journey campaign up to \$50,000. This is a great opportunity to double your donation without doubling the amount you are giving! Currently the campaign is at \$2,106,909 and growing. By joining those who have already given, we can reach our goal of \$2.5M through your generous support and prayers.



Sunday, November 26

Monday, November 27 7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, November 28
"We Give Catholic" Giving Tuesday
Wednesday, November 29

Thursday, November 30

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00pm - 9 Nights of Prayer

Friday, December 1

8:00pm - 9 Nights of Prayer

Saturday, December 2

10:00am - Prayer Shawl Mtg.

10:00am - Food Pantry

5:30pm - Parish Nurses BP Clinic

8:00pm - 9 Nights of Prayer

Sunday, December 3

Parish Nurses BP Clinic

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

8:00pm - 9 Nights of Prayer

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Please join us for the holiday potluck luncheon on Thursday, December 7. Lunch at noon in the parish hall. Salisbury steak and mashed potatoes will be provided - please bring a dish or dessert to share and a donation to cover main dish. We'll celebrate the holiday season with entertainment provided by members of the OLQP Choir. We'll also have a fun gift exchange for those who want to bring a wrapped gift (less than \$10 value, can be new, used or white elephant). Please join us and invite your friends! Sponsored by Seniors Ministry. Any questions, call Margie and Ray at 330.418.7722.

LADY'S GUILD BAKE SALE

Ladies, just a reminder to make your delicious baked goods for our upcoming bake sale. We will sell your scrumptious goods at all masses the **weekend of December 9 & 10.**

THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP.

Due to Thanksgiving bulletin deadlines, Nov. 18/19 & 25/26 collections will be reported in the Dec. 3 bulletin.

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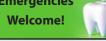
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