



*A Catholic Community...
Our Lady Queen of Peace
& St. Thomas More*

Our Lady Queen of Peace
601 Edgewood Ave. Rochester, NY 14618
585-244-3010 - email: rourlady@dor.org

Mass Times (as of 8/15/20)
Monday & Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

Office Hours

OLQP Wednesday 1:00-4:00 for drop-ins
(church open for prayer)
STM Monday 8:00-11:00 for drop ins
(church open for prayer)
Other times - call first to be sure we're here.
www.olqpstm.com
Confessions by appointment only

St. Thomas More
2617 East Avenue - Rochester, NY 14610
585-381-4200 - email: stm@dor.org

Mass Times (as of 8/15/20)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: as printed in bulletin

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are to notify a parish office soon after they know they are expecting. A pre-baptismal program is required.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Adults seeking full initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or those wishing to be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church are asked to contact a parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment only. Call the office to schedule.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months, preferably a year, in advance of the desired date. A marriage preparation program is required.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is available for individuals upon request and communal celebrations are periodically scheduled.

Ministry to the Sick

Please call a parish office concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass may have Communion brought to them.

Prayer Network

For prayer support in time of need,
Gerri Foos at 944-4888 or gfprayer@gmail.com

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



Handicap Access



Hearing Loop Access



Upon Request
Low Gluten Hosts



Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

January 3, 2021



The Epiphany
OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem. - Mt 2:1

Welcome...

We graciously welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our community. To register please fill out a "request card" available at church entrances. Please drop it in the collection basket or at the office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.

Mission Statement

The parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More are Roman Catholic Communities that worship and live in faith. Nourished by the Sacraments, Scripture, and a diversity of individual gifts, we understand that our mission comes from Jesus Christ who calls us to teach, to preach, to serve those in need, and to be a presence of Christ in the world.

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

1 Jn 3:22--4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17,23-25

OLQP 7:00 AM †Tom Robinson - Family

Tuesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44

STM 8:00 AM †Frank & Genevieve Palermo - Marty & Mary Jane Rimmele

ONLINE MASS †Peter Stamatis - Barbara Patzig

Wednesday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette, religious

1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 Mk 6:45-52

OLQP 7:00 AM †Mary, Kathryn, & Helen Dempsey

Thursday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest

1 Jn 4:19--5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17 Lk 4:14-22a

STM 8:00 AM †Ann Reinhardt - Family

ONLINE MASS †Margo Treer

Friday, January 8

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16

STM 8:00 AM Special Intention

ONLINE MASS †Jackie O'Neill

Saturday, January 9

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 3:22-30

OLQP 4:30 PM †Taladay Family - Barb Quinlisk

STM 4:30 PM † Mary Grace Crerand - Crerand, Myers, & Hay Families

Sunday, January 10 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

Lk 1:26-38

OLQP 9:00 AM †Richard Ryan - Tom & Olive Strifolino

STM 11:00 AM †People of the Parish



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM Frank & Genevieve Palermo

OLQP Dr. Assaad Toufic Rizk



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Jean & Carmine Castellano, Christine Barry Comito, Bud

Cottier, Mary Ann Fischer, Louise Foxenburgh, Mary Helen Hiller, Ginger Ierardi, Steven Kistner, Barbara Labroi, Rachael M., Lourdes May, Cecile McDonald, Cathy Miccia, Janice Milliman, Kelly Farrell Murphy, Dolly Nolan, Quinn Oliphant, Bob O'Neill, Phillip Pinto, Marty Rimmele, Marion Robinson, Paul Speranza, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Phillippa Wilson.

Lector assignments for next weekend 1/9-10

OLQP 4:30 - Caroline Thirukumaran

9:00 - John Winter

STM 4:30 - MaryAgnes McAvoy

11:00 - Dennis Regan



Living in the Spirit



Christmas carols provide one of the sounds of the season. They can be heard over the radio when we drive, in the malls, shops, and offices where they provide background music from the beginning of Advent - and, of course, they stop a couple of days after Christmas. But this year, in the midst of our pandemic, where travel is discouraged, social distancing is required and large gatherings or mixing in crowds is to be avoided, that sound, at least for me, was decreased. Instead, and perhaps more advantageously, I found myself reflecting more earnestly on the significance of the incarnation and the revelation of God in a feast like Epiphany that we celebrate today. Surprisingly, there have been two hymns that have been playing over and over in my mind since the week of Christmas: The first is entitled, *He Came Down*.

He came down that we may have love

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Hallelujah, for evermore.

The song continues and repeats except for the last word which changes with each new verse to include peace, joy, truth, and hope. He came down that we may have all that. The second, is *We Are One Body* in which the refrain states:

We are one body, one body in Christ,

and we do not stand alone.

We are one body, one body in Christ,

And he came that we might have life.

As we face today's challenges there seems to be a heightened level of anxiety and a deepening desire for peace and justice in our world, and an ever-growing awareness of our own vulnerability, the value of life in all its forms, and the importance of family, friends, and neighbors. Perhaps that is why the Christmas season is so special. It reminds us of love, of hope, of peace and joy that only Christ can bring because an infinite, almighty, eternal loving God has come down to embrace us and to bring us salvation and new life. In the midst of great darkness there is a light that shines and points the way – the light of Christ, the Light of the Word.

For us, today's solemnity continues the celebration of the mystery of God's manifestation to the ends of the earth. The visitors from the east symbolize the extent of our loving God's salvation as it unfolds for peoples of every land and every nation. As the magi offer gifts, fitting for a king, they announce to the world that an astonishing event has taken place; all people will know the glory of God – for our God, who has come down, and is Emmanuel - God with us, is the God of all.

Peace and blessings,
Margaret



When you support the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you celebrate your faith in thanksgiving with thousands of other Catholics within the Diocese of Rochester, ensuring that our church provides richly for the faithful within our Diocese. In this difficult time we invite you to, prayerfully, consider making your contribution to CMA.

Our parishes benefit from your donation.

Visit <https://www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal/> for more information.

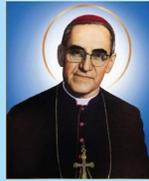
STM
Goal - \$75,520.00
\$39,410.00 as of 12/21
52.18% of goal 99 Donors

OLQP
Goal - \$64,653.00
\$41,481.00 as of 12/21
64.16% of goal 91 Donors



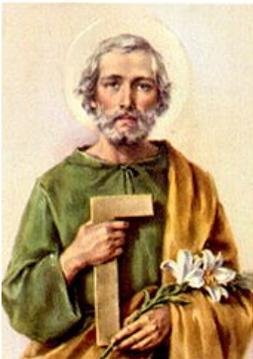
Young Adult Zoom Gatherings - Save the Date

Beginning the New Year with Divine Freedom: A Look at the Life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador Wednesday, January 13 from 7-8:15



“The ones who have a voice must speak for those that are voiceless.”

Please let Meghan know if you plan to attend and she will send you the zoom link. meghan.robinson@dor.org



Pope Francis has announced a **Year of St. Joseph** in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope.

The decree said that Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that “every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God’s will.” The pope explained in the letter, entitled *Patris corde* (“With a father’s heart”) and dated Dec. 8, that he wanted to share some “personal reflections” on the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic,” he said, noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others. “Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” he wrote. *Patris corde* highlights “the creative courage” of St. Joseph, which “emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.” “The carpenter of Nazareth,” explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence.” He had to deal with “the concrete problems” his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants. The Pope had granted special indulgences to mark the year.



Nominate a High School Senior HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD

Do you know a youth who is the *Hands of Christ Hands of Christ?*

Being recognized with the *Hands of*

Christ Award is both an honor and a sign of leadership among parishes and peers in our Diocese.

This is awarded to a youth who:

- Has consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
- Has been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community.
- Has been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.
- Is a practicing Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester **and attends Mass.**
- Is currently a high school senior.

If you would like to nominate a youth for consideration, please pick up a form from the info tables at church.

You can also contact Jen at jennifer.abdalla@dor.org and she will get the forms to you.

PLEASE KNOW THAT NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JEN BY JANUARY 13TH.

OLQP SOUP SATURDAY January 9, 8:00am

We are continuing our Soup Saturday ministry once a month through March. It looks a little different but we are still able to provide soup to St. Peter's Kitchen and Blessed Sacrament Supper Program. We will be collecting monetary donations for the vegetables and meat needed to make the soup. Look for the soup pot at the church entrances if you would like to contribute for this worthy cause. Your generosity for this outreach is greatly appreciated by all of those who will benefit from a good meal during these winter months.



We are continuing to livestream our Masses.

Monday and Wednesday Masses are livestreamed at 7:00am and available any time after that. Tuesday Thursday & Friday Masses are prerecorded and available by 8:00 on those mornings. Our Sunday liturgy is livestreamed at 4:30 on Saturday afternoons and then available anytime after that. You can access these videos by going to our website at olqpst.com and clicking on the YouTube link. You will first see the Masses that are scheduled, but you can scroll down to find the Mass you are looking for.

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. **The Gospel of the Lord**

REFLECT

FIRST READING

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

GOSPEL READING

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

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“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Sacrificial Giving as of December 21

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

Thank you for sharing your gift of treasure. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

OLQP - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)

STM - (Regular collections include ~ Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter)

Last Week’s Regular Collections.....\$6,842.00
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$125,255.48
Weekend Attendance.....69

Last Week’s Regular Collections.....\$5,886
Regular Collections Year-To-Date.....\$129,895.90
Weekend Attendance.....109

Please contact Mary Kase at 381-4200 x 260 if you would like to sign up for electronic funds transfer (EFT.) Please contact Mary Kase at 381-4200 x 262 or mary.kase@dor.org

BEFORE considering making a stock transfer for your donation to your parish..

Catholic Schools in Area:



Seton Catholic School
Grades Pre-K-6
Mrs. Patty Selig, Principal
473-6604



St. Louis School
Grades Pre-K-5
Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal
586-5200

