

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Mass Times
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

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Mass Times

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, call Gerri Foos at 944-4888 or gfprayer@gmail.com

Business Office

Mary Kase, Rachael Stepien, Juanita Klotzer
585-450-2999

Available at both parishes:

Available at OLQP



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Interpreter for the hearing impaired.

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BELIEVE



Repent, and believe in
the gospel.

MARK 1:15

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



Living in the Spirit



Monday, February 22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

OLQP 7:00 AM †Tom Robinson

Tuesday, February 23 St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15

STM 8:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, February 24

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32

OLQP 7:00 AM †Diana Pabrinkas - Rosemary O'Sullivan

Thursday, February 25

Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

STM 8:00 AM †Terry Dryer

Friday, February 26

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

STM 8:00 AM †Daniel & Ruth Murphy - Peter Meade, MD

Saturday, February 27

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48

OLQP 4:30 PM †Jane Connor - Sean & Mary Jo Maloney

STM 4:30 PM †Mary Cloonan - The Dooley Family

Sunday, February 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Ps 116:10,15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

OLQP 9:00 AM Special Intention

STM 11:00 AM †Lawrence Amico - Sal & Linda DiSanto



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions this week are in Memory of:

STM

Frank & Genevieve Palermo

OLQP

Christine Barry Comito



Prayers Requested:

Please pray for the individuals who have requested our prayers: Patrick Brennan, Mary Jean Castellano, Bill Clark, Bud Cottier, Mary Ann

Fischer, Louise Foxenburgh, Ralph Grace, 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, Mary Jane Rimmele, Marion Robinson, Paul Speranza, Tom & Kathleen Sullivan, Barb Tindale, and Philippa Wilson.

Lector assignments for next weekend 2/27-28

OLQP 4:30 - Margo/Peter Lutz

9:00 - Jim Piampiano

STM 4:30 - Annette Bailey

11:00 - Anne Wolff

Join us for Stations of the Cross - Fridays during Lent at St. Thomas More. They will begin following 8:00am Mass - no music this year. ☹️

In congratulating President Biden on his electoral victory, Archbishop Jose Gomez, current president of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, issued a statement which pointed out that "Catholic bishops are not partisan players in our nation's politics. We are pastors responsible for the souls of millions of Americans and we are advocates for the needs of all our neighbors... When we speak on issues in American public life, we try to guide consciences, and we offer principles"...rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the social teaching of his Church.

The Archbishop noted that the American Bishops, as faithful Catholic citizens, have many concerns, among them "abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, immigration, racism, poverty, care for the environment, criminal justice reform, economic development and international peace." When the Bishops formulate positions on these issues, they do so by making prudential judgments based in the Gospel and the Church's moral and social teaching. As such they sometimes find themselves on the side of the Democrats and other times on the side of the Republicans.

Nevertheless, at the present time, the Bishops of the United States have focused their attention on abortion as their "preeminent priority." Archbishop Gomez calls abortion "a direct attack on life that also wounds the woman and undermines the family. It is not only a private matter, it raises troubling and fundamental questions of fraternity, solidarity, and inclusion in the human community."

Many bishops are clearly worried that in a Biden presidency access to abortion would be expanded so Archbishop Gomez hopes the new President will work with the Church and others of good will to "begin a dialogue to address the complicated cultural and economic factors that are driving abortion" while, at the same time protecting "the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences."

Archbishop Gomez is highly complimentary of President Biden's very public practice of his Catholic faith. "It will be refreshing, he says, "to engage with a President who clearly understands, in a deep and personal way, the importance of religious faith and institutions. Mr. Biden's piety and personal story, his moving witness to how his faith has brought him solace in times of darkness and tragedy, his longstanding commitment to the Gospel's priority for the poor—all of this I find hopeful and inspiring."

But other bishops are not so impressed. After Biden's election, the retired Archbishop of Philadelphia, Charles Chaput, called for his brother bishops to ban the President from receiving Holy Communion anywhere in the United States because of the notorious scandal caused by his general support for abortion rights. Chaput then publicly criticized Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Biden's bishop in Washington, DC for allowing Biden Holy Communion there, and Bishop William Malooly for doing the same when Biden is at home in Wilmington, Delaware. Malooly responded: "I do not intend to get drawn into partisan politics nor do I intend to politicize the Eucharist as a way of communicating Catholic Church teachings."

Though Cardinal Sean O'Malley (Boston), Cardinal Timothy Dolan (NY,) and Cardinal Joseph Tobin (Newark, NJ)

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have said they would not deny Biden Holy Communion, retired Cardinal Raymond Burke argues that they must because of scandal: “If people were perhaps questioning in their mind about abortion, and they see this man who pronounces himself to be devout and he’s promoting abortion in the strongest possible way, this leads people into error thinking well it must be morally acceptable.” Others have countered: abortion did not become the law of the land by Presidential executive order, or by an act of Congress. Roe v. Wade was a 1973 decision of the Supreme Court. At the present time there are 5 Justices out of 8 who are Roman Catholic but no bishop is threatening them with the denial of Holy Communion unless they vote to overturn Roe. They ask: “Could it be because all 5 Catholic justices are Republicans?”

Peace to all,
Fr. Hart

Now that the cameras have been installed at STM we are still looking for volunteers to operate the system during the 4:30 Saturday Mass. Training is provided. Depending on the number of people who volunteer this could be a very minimal time commitment - once every 8 weeks, possibly. It would also qualify for community service credit. Please contact Meghan at meghan.robinson@dor.org if interested.



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STM
Goal - \$75,520.00
\$52,160.00 as of 2/16
69.07% of goal 119 Donors

OLQP
Goal - \$64,653.00
\$52,506.00 as of 2/16
81.21% of goal 127 Donors



HUNGER IN OUR WORLD Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Lenten Zoom Retreat Made in the Image and Likeness of God: Encountering Racism

The power of narrative to move our hearts is not to be underestimated. The stories we read, the videos we view, the testimonies to which we listen can give us different perspectives on how God moves in our lives and help us to know God in new, deeper and more intimate ways. Of course, this is only the case if we truly listen.

The intention of this retreat is to create the space needed to help us listen in deeper ways. Throughout this retreat you’ll have the opportunity to listen to the narratives of those who will share openly about the racism that they have experienced in their lives, as well as those who have witnessed such cruelty and what this all means with regard to their relationship with God. The retreat will also lead us into personal prayer, as we will have some quiet time to be alone with God and consider what being created “in the divine image” (Gn 1:27) means for our lives and all of our relationships. We will be invited to peer into our hearts, and with God’s grace, identify where we face any blindness and how any seeds of prejudice in our hearts can keep us from encountering God and others in deeper ways.

Questions will be provided that you can pray with God about during each week in between our Thursday sessions and even ponder well beyond this retreat.

This retreat will be held via zoom for three consecutive Thursdays, and while you are encouraged to attend all three, you are still welcome to attend individual sessions if attending all three is not possible.

You will be receiving a Flocknote with a link to sign up, if you are on our Flocknote email list. If you aren’t please contact Meghan Robinson at meghan.robinson@dor.org if you are interested in attending. Once you register, the Zoom ID and password will be sent out to you the week the retreat begins.



Thursday, March 4th, 7-8:30pm
Thursday, March 11th, 7-8:30pm
Thursday, March 18th, 7-8:30pm

Facilitated by: Meghan Robinson

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel." **The Gospel of the Lord**

REFLECT

FIRST READING

God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

SECOND READING

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

GOSPEL READING

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

Attention Year 2 Confirmation Students

Packets regarding the Confirmation requirements for Immediate preparation have been mailed out. If this packet has not come to your mail this week, please contact the Faith Formation office so we can be sure that you have all the necessary paperwork regarding sponsors, saint name, Baptismal certificate, retreat date, community service reflections and interview questions.

If you are enrolled in Catholic School, this pertains to you as well.

So be sure to contact Jennifer.Abdalla@dor.org if you have not received this information.

All completed forms are due by March 20, 2021 in order for you to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



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“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Sacrificial Giving is not available due to weather causing delay in counting.

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

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

Supermarket Weekend - next weekend, February 27-28
Please bring in your non-perishable food items to either
worship site.
Your donations go to Andrews Center -
a ministry of the Sisters of Ministry

Please contact Mary Kase at 450-2999 if you would like to sign up for electronic funds transfer (EFT.) Please contact Mary Kase at 450-2999 or mary.kase@dor.org **BEFORE** considering making a stock transfer for your donation to your parish..

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