

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles



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Parish Maintenance	Mr. Tom Schmidt
	Mr. Ryan Winters
Youth Music Director	Mrs. Mindy Simpson

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
	6:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday	8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM
	6:00 PM
Weekday Masses	8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)
Friday	12 Noon (September-May)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 Noon, 7:30 PM
Saturday Confession	2:30 - 3:30 PM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery 793-0711***Readings for the Week***

Dec. 12: Zec. 2:14-17 or Rv. 11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab; Lk. 1:39-47
 Dec. 13: Zep. 3:1-2,9-13; Mt. 21:28-32
 Dec. 14: Is. 45:6b-8,18,21c-25; Lk. 7:18b-23
 Dec. 15: Is. 54:1-10; Lk. 7:24-30
 Dec. 16: Is. 56:1-3a,6-8; Jn. 5:33-36
 Dec. 17: Gn. 49:2,8-10; Mt. 1:1-17

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM

4:30 PM

6:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

MONDAY

8:00 AM

TUESDAY

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM

THURSDAY

8:00 AM

FRIDAY

8:00 AM

12:00 PM

SATURDAY

8:00 AM

4:30 PM

6:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

DECEMBER 10

+Douglas Stevens

by His Wife, Judy Stevens

+ Joan Russo

by Robert Russo

+Ana Lopez y Victor Garcia

by Ana Velez

DECEMBER 11

+ Isabella Barron

by Doreen Hall &

Karen LaFrance

+ Our Parishioners

+ Stephanie L. Leger

by Mom & Dad

+ Tammy Galishaw

by The Sherman Family

DECEMBER 12

+ Catherine Davis

by The Lazarus Family

DECEMBER 13

Intentions of Joyce Rega

by Ralph & Laura Palomba

DECEMBER 14

Thanksgiving to Virgin Mary

by Mary & Nick Alessandria

DECEMBER 15

+ Robert Knapp

by His Daughters

DECEMBER 16

+ Frank DelVecchio

by Donna & Peter Consacro

Multiple Intentions

DECEMBER 17

+Deacon Luis Castellanos

by Knights of Columbus

+ Mary Scalra

by Anna & Bob Hammerton

+Sebastian Rojas

by Debbie Bosmans &

Anna Pierro

DECEMBER 18

+ Raymond Poix

by Kathy Martin

+ Nina Italia

by Caterina DiGiovanni

+ Our Parishioners

+ Joanna Venetto

by Mary Hazell



Please remember the parish as you plan your year end giving.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO YOUR PARISH

Thank you for all your financial support of our parish. Although our offertory has been down the past several months, your generosity is greatly appreciated. We ask for your continued support in our regular offertory as well as your Christmas offering and year end offerings that many make before the end of the year for tax purposes. Remember, in order to deduct your offering for the 2016 tax year, we need to receive your donation by December 31, 2016. Lastly, we are getting close to the end of our 2016 DSA year and we are still \$10,000 short of our goal. If you haven't made your contribution for the 2016 DSA, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience. Any shortage we have this year will be paid from our savings as we will not request relief from the Diocese for our shortfall as they were very generous in reducing our goal by almost \$40,000 for 2016. Again, thanks for your continued support.

2016 Diocesan Services Appeal		Thank You - Gifts of Treasure			
2016 DSA Commitment	\$180,000	December 4	Offertory	Online	Total
Pledges and Gifts:	\$174,120	Offertory	\$15,264	\$3,328	\$18,592
Balance:	\$5,880	Retired Religious	\$3,318	100	\$3,418
Donors:	420	St. Vincent de Paul	\$198	-	\$198
“We’ve Been Called”		Attendance	1,839	Please Consider Online Giving	
		*Online Giving will be updated next Sunday			

Parish Events Calendar

December 10

K of C Breakfast with Santa in Pavilion 9 AM

K of C Card Sale after all Masses

Columbiettes Mtg. in Festival Hall 9 AM

December 11

Bethlehem Group in Pavilion after Masses

K of C Card Sale and Toy Drive on the Pavilion
after all Masses

December 12

Penance Service 4-5 pm and 7-8 pm

PREP

December 13

PREP

Queens of Talent in Festival Hall 1 PM

RCIA in Luke/John 7 PM

11:30 Choir Practice in Church 7:30 PM

Spanish Choir in Church Cry Room 7:30 PM

December 14

PREP

Sacristan Mtg. in Cry Room 6:00PM

Bereavement Group in Library 6:30PM

9:45 Choir in Church 7PM

December 15

PREP

Divine Mercy Prayer Group in Church 8:30AM

Rosary Makers in Luke/John Room 1:00PM

Lay Apostles in Mark Class 6:00PM

Spanish Prayer Group in Matthew Class 7:00PM

6:00 Band Practice in Church 7:00PM

December 16

Children's Choir in Church 5:30PM

Spanish Community Party on pavilion 6:00PM

Christmas is here - see all our Christmas items especially take a look at our Nativity Bracelet.



We have stocking stuffers and don't forget Daphne the Christmas Donkey is back!



Adoration

Hours for Adoration are
Monday through Friday
7 AM - 7 PM and
Saturday
7 AM - 4 PM.

We pray the Divine Mercy
Chaplet at 3:00 PM.

**Adoration is closed
when the office is closed.**

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated twice each month. You need to come into the parish office to register for class. Ideally, preparation should begin during pregnancy. No confirmed dates are given before approval by the priest. In order to avoid disappointments, do not book travel plans with family, godparents, etc., until a confirmed date has been assigned at the conclusion of all stages of preparation. Parents needing annulments of marriages, or those not married, or those not married in the Church, will be assisted in addressing those issues before receiving a Baptismal date.

Marriages: You must be a registered and a supporting member of the parish for at least six months prior to your marriage. The date should not be set until a priest has been consulted.

Sick and Homebound: Please call the parish office to inform us of anyone hospitalized, homebound, or in need of the Sacraments.

We need your help to decorate our church for Christmas. Please use your Christmas Flower Envelope that is provided in your envelope packet or pick one up at the entrance of the church.

SUNDAY READINGS: Isa 35:1-6a, 10. Jas 5:7-10. Matt 11:2-11**Rejoice!**

Traditionally, the Advent Season is somewhat subdued as we await the coming of Jesus. The church is only modestly decorated, and our liturgical color is violet or purple, indicating that the season is generally one of anticipation and expectant hope, also having the theme of royalty, as we await the coming of our King. Our readings, songs, and worship during Advent are generally less festive and more solemn. For example, we do not say or sing the Gloria during the Sunday Masses of Advent. We try to emphasize and recognize that there is something missing, something lacking, in our lives that can only be satisfied by our Savior, the fulfillment of our hope. And this expectant, sometimes anxious, hope is given a break today.

Today marks the halfway point through the Advent Season. It is the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoicing Sunday. Clergy wear rose-colored vestments, and we light the rose-colored candle of the Advent Wreath, symbolizing a break from the more solemn violet that marks the season. Our liturgy invites us to "make our hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (Jas 5:10) Our Entrance Antiphon tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." And we hear from the Prophet Isaiah that all of the earth, all of creation, even the barren deserts, will rejoice with joyful song in the glory of the Lord who comes to save us. We rejoice because the goal for which we are preparing is now in sight. We rejoice to give us endurance as we patiently await both the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the Second Coming of our Savior.

But we must be careful not to confuse rejoicing, or joy, with happiness or simply feeling good. Joy is not getting what we want, when we want it, and by whatever means. Joy is a gift from God himself, and it is found as a deep current within the spiritual life. Joy is patient and perseveres. Pope Francis reminds us that our joy is found in the hope we have of eternal life. He says, "The Christian identity card is joy, the Gospel's joy, the joy of having been chosen by Jesus, saved by Jesus, regenerated by Jesus; the joy of that hope that Jesus is waiting for us, the joy that - even with the crosses and sufferings we bear in this life - is expressed in another way, which is peace in the certainty that Jesus accompanies us, is with us." Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God with us.

It is fitting that Gaudete Sunday is in the middle of the more solemn, serious, and penitential Sundays of Advent. It represents that joy is not separate from the darkness or "crosses and sufferings" in our lives, but is sustained in their midst. Joy doesn't minimize our trials, but is born from the hope we have in a God who carries our burdens with us. Some of us may wonder, How do we act on this gift of joy? How do we grow in joy and increase our joy in the spiritual life? A simple way to put this into practice is using the acronym **J.O.Y. – Jesus, Others, and You**. First, love God, and then love your neighbor as yourself. In the busyness of this secular season, and while we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, we sometimes lose sight of our priorities. We sometimes overcommit, overspend, and overindulge. Let's take time today, the midway point of Advent, to evaluate what we are doing, and ask ourselves, "Are we putting Jesus first, others second, and ourselves third?" or are we living our lives with our priorities upside-down by putting ourselves first? Have we allowed our own worldly happiness, and our desire for it, to replace the joy of the anticipated eternal happiness for which we hope? Let us reconcile ourselves to God while there is time, and live our lives in the pursuit of love and holiness, so that we may experience the gift of joy that only comes from him.

PREP NEWS

There will be PREP classes this week: December 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th

Confirmation students and parents

Sponsor forms and retreat permission slips are due tomorrow, Monday, December 12th.

Please call or email Laura if you have questions.
(561)798-5661 ext.109 lauras@olqa.cc

Upcoming Due Dates

- Saints Essays are due on January 9th.
- Community service hours are due on January 30th.
Don't wait until the last minute to get your hours completed.

St. Vincent de Paul is collecting Christmas cookies and candies for families for Christmas. These donations must be brought this week. Please bring any donations to the PREP office before or after class.



Advent Penance Service

**Monday
December 12th**

**4:00-5:00 PM
and
7:00-8:00 PM**

*Experience God's Mercy
and Grace*

Christmas Novena Cards

They are available with the Mass Secretary. Please be sure to fill out the Intention envelope and turn it in with the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Intention envelopes are located at the entrances of the church.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 12th
4:00pm - 5:00pm and
7:00pm - 8:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 10th, and 17th
2:30pm - 3:30pm

VIGIL MASSES

Saturday, December 24th
4:00pm and 6:00pm (English)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25th
Midnight Mass
8:00am, 9:45am and 11:30am
Spanish Mass 1:00pm

VIGIL MASS

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31st
Solemnity of Mary
4:30pm & 6:00pm (Spanish)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Sunday, January 1st
8:00am, 9:45am, 11:30am
6:00pm

The Twelve Days of Christmas

When most people hear of "The 12 Days of Christmas", they think of the song. Each of the items in the song represents something of religious significance. The hidden meaning of each gift was designed to help young Christians learn their faith. The song goes, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..."

The "**true love**" represents God and the "**me**" who receives these presents is the Christian. Here you go:

The "**partridge in a pear tree**" was Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God.

The "**two turtle doves**" were the Old and New Testaments - another gift from God.

The "**three French hens**" were faith, hope and love - the three gifts of the Spirit that abide .

The "**four calling birds**" were the four Gospels which sing the song of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The "**five golden rings**" were the first five books of the Bible also called the "Books of Moses".

The "**six geese a-laying**" were the six days of creation.

The "**seven swans a swimming**" were the "seven gifts of the Holy Spirit".

The "**eight maids a-milking**" were the eight beatitudes.

The "**nine ladies dancing**" were nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The "**ten lords a-leaping**" were the Ten Commandments.

The "**eleven pipers piping**" were the eleven faithful disciples.

The "**twelve drummers drumming**" were the twelve points of the Apostles' Creed.

So, the next time you hear "**The 12 Days of Christmas**", consider how this otherwise non-religious sounding song had its origins in the Christian faith.

Household Table Prayer for the Christmas Season

Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

We glory in your light, O Christ. May this meal strengthen us to be light for others.

Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

With the angels we sing of your birth. May the food of this tablet nourish us to proclaim the good news.

Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

In your lowly manger we see God's love. May this be a time of grace, so others will see your love in us.

Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

We adore you, O Christ, Word-made-flesh. Bless this meal, bless our lives during these joyful Christmas days. ***Amen***

The History of the Jesse Tree

An early design for stained glass windows in Cathedrals, the Jesse tree is based upon the Scripture in Isaiah 11:1-2: "***But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.***

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." The Jesse Tree tradition dates back to the Middle Ages and can be used in private prayer or in communal prayer settings. Each day, as a symbol ornament is added and the Scripture read, God's plan for redemption through Christ is revealed. Jesse, the father of David, is the "stump" of the tree. The lineage of Christ (the top of the tree) is depicted through ornaments on the Jesse Tree, which portray a symbol of an ancestor or prophecy of Christ. Some symbols include Noah's Ark, Jacob's Ladder, manna, Bethlehem and the Star of David. Jesse Trees vary widely in the number of ornaments seen on them. Some may have as few as five and while others have dozens. The Jesse Tree transforms the Christmas tree into a "Family Tree" for Jesus and provides us with a way of remembering God's plan for mankind's salvation.



*If you have any
unwrapped gifts for
the Angel Tree
please bring them
by no later than
this Tuesday,
December 13th.*

Please come and join Our Lord's
Rescue Mission:



*Lay Apostles of
Jesus Christ
the Returning King*
Thursday,
December 15th
at 6:00 PM
in the Mark Classroom

**2017 Centennial Year Pilgrimage to
Fatima and Lourdes**
Hosted by Fr. Brian Campbell and
Collette Travel

**Fatima-Santarem-Burgos-Lourdes-
Carcassone-Barcelona**

September 3-12, 2017

Contact: Fr. Campbell @ 561-798-5661

Email: fatherbc@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

Available for sale after all Masses

**December 10-11
December 17-18**

We have Spanish
Cards and other
ethnic groups. You
can also order from a
form.



**Have you recently lost
a loved one?**

*Please join us for an evening of
understanding. We meet twice a
month on Tuesday evenings at
6:30 PM. Bereavement Group will
meet this Wednesday,
December 14, 2016.*

Actividades de la Comunidad Hispana

EL SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO:

Es el principio de la vida cristiana. Es un regalo gratuito de Dios. Para mayor información de como pueden bautizar a sus hijos, favor comunicarse con:
Alsacia 561-792-7476



Hoy María sigue caminando y va de casa en casa llamando a las almas. ¿Te gustaría tener la **Virgen Peregrina** de visita en tu casa?
Informes : 561-379-9986

Damas Católicas en Acción

Se reúnen el tercer miércoles del mes a las 7pm en el salón Mark.
Informes: Grace 561- 312-6528

Grupo de Oración Carismático:

Se reúnen todos los jueves a las 7 pm, salón Mateo.
Informes: 561-379-9986

AD VIENTO

