

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

October 19, 2025

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Saturday: 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

PRAY
And don't give up

LUKE 18:1

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday: 5:15 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.
Weekday Mass
Monday – Saturday
8:00 A.M.
Last Tuesday of the
Month 7:00 P.M.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ October 19

No Activities

MONDAY ~ October 20

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

TUESDAY ~ October 21

7:00 pm Blue Army Devotion ~ Church

WEDNESDAY ~ Oct 22

4:30 - 5:45pm Rel. Ed. Grades 1-4 ~ Parish Center

7:00-8:15pm Rel. Ed Grades 5-7, II ~Parish Center

THURSDAY ~ Oct 23

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal ~ Church

7:00pm Columbiettes Open House ~ Regina Caeli Rm

FRIDAY Oct 24

No Activities

SATURDAY ~ Oct 25

11:00 am Confession ~ Church

4:00 pm Confession ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ Oct 26

11:00am Knights Fellowship with Parishioners Parish Hall

Ministry Schedule for
October 25/26, 2025

5:15 p. m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia Discher, Barbara Sinko, Karen Senatore

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: EmmaRose Felcetto

8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kenneth Egan, Alan Nygard, Martin Verendia

Reader: Tom Bednar

10:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Maryann Shingola, Joan Deyak, Jennifer Sardo

Reader: Annalise Dantes

Altar Server: Alexis Nwinyi

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Heelan, Kathy Kazary, Angela Chundak

Reader: James Padden

Altar Server: Ashley Alfaro

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

October 19, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Tom Devane from The Devane Family

10:00 am

+ Adelma Tan from The Berame Family

12:00 Noon

+ Margaret Sheridan from Mom & Siblings

October 20, Monday Weekday

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

October 21, Tuesday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Jennie Gorski from John Paul Stachera & Family

October 22, Wednesday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Liam Servers from Your Friends at Butchies

October 23, Thursday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Delia Ciocon from Chichi & Posa Family

October 24, Friday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Margaret Robinson from The Devane Family

October 25, Saturday Weekday

8:00 am

+ Msgr. Edward Puleo from Bethann Lynch

5:15 pm

+ Margaret Schoen from The Schoen & Goggel Families

October 26, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

+ Shontay Walker from Friends

10:00 am

+ Cresente Berame from The Berame Family

12:00 Noon

+ Shirley Kimmick from The Sheridan Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear OLP Family,

Last Sunday I was officially installed as your Pastor by our Bishop Checchio. I was very happy to see so many of you, parishioners of OLP, and many parishioners from my two previous parishes – St. John Neumann in Califon and St. Matthias in Somerset. I am truly grateful to all the different ministers who made it a nice celebration in the church; and thanks to our wonderful staff and the Columbiettes who did the set up and serving at the reception.

Today is World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to reflect on our own baptism, when we received the gift of faith, and committed ourselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," invites us to rediscover our role as bearers of hope rooted in Christ. Pope Leo XIV is the first missionary priest and bishop to be elected Pope. He has spent many years as a missionary priest in Peru, serving communities in the Andean highlands and rural villages, always with humility, joy and pastoral closeness with the poor and marginalized. This is his first World Mission Sunday as Pope.

I myself had many beautiful experiences as a missionary priest in the Diocese of Kohima in the north eastern Indian state of Nagaland, prior to my coming to the USA. Being one with the simple folks in their own struggles gave me so much contentment. Living with minimum conveniences in the mission lands (no regular power, no heating during winter, no running water, etc.), I was happy to join other missionary priests, nuns, catechists, and parish leaders to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those who were eager to know the truth of the Catholic Church. I'm sure our Fr. Sebastian, who is our priest in residence, also will have many beautiful missionary experiences to share with us. How wonderful that we have missionaries coming from different countries to Our Lady of Peace to make the Mission Appeal (as part of the Missionary Cooperation Plan of our Diocese) each year. Remember we had a missionary priest from Nigeria who did the mission appeal a month ago? We, the OLP family, have been very generous in our financial support of the Missions.

We have a special collection today. What is it for? Pope Saint John Paul II explained it well: *"The offerings that will be collected [on World Mission Sunday] are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world."*

Let us, therefore, as disciples of the Lord, promote this important mission of the Church. In a world where so much division exists, let us rejoice in our unity as missionaries through our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,124 mission dioceses/territories.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal



STEWARDSHIP

Due to early publication of the bulletin, the Church Collection and Online Giving collection data will be posted in next week bulletin.

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for remembering your parish with your Stewardship of Treasure when you are away on vacation or when weather prohibits your attendance at Mass. Your continued financial support is essential and much appreciated by our parish community.

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THE JOYFUL, LUMINOUS, SORROWFUL OR GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
3. The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea
4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection of Jesus
2. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

Please pray for the Sick

Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller,
Danielle Maglies, Francis Lee, Dotty Karnowski, Anna Verrico, Rolando Rey, Christine Mary Brown, Donna Ferrara, Lonie Ebarle, Julia Forsythe, Joanne M., Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo, Lisa Sabo, Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid, Joan Trainor, Peter Rutkowski, Renata Wisnik, Bishop Bootkoski, Raul Ramos, Veronica Roush, Suzanne Pontes Sarisky, Kelly Lease, Maria Turek, Evelyn Prince, Alex Deliso, John Herring, Michael Miller, Marie Burke, Bill Herring, Mercedes de Leon, Eve Morawski, Andrew Southern, Norma Izzo, Shelly Greene

Please pray for the Dearly Departed

Paul Coleman, Gloria Rodriguez, Eleanor Both, Marian Zelesnik, David Mirabella, Theodore Urlton, Lucio J. Cerreta Jr., Cathleen Baptista, Wayne Borg, Lois Wiuff, Robert Bertekap, Barbara Coyle, Paciencia Aviso, Renee Soto, Maria Couto, Michael O'Hara, Anthony Sclafani, Bart Miller, Hans Hadman, Ralph Baez, Maria Lopes, Sandra Husko, John Gonyo, Kevin Mitro, Jacqueline Collie



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Persistent prayer works: The middle-aged farm couple had no children. As a last resort they put their trust in persistent prayer. And it worked. The wife became pregnant, and at the end of her term, she delivered triplets. "Persistent prayer really works, doesn't it?" she asked her husband. Her husband replied, "Seems to-- but I sure as heck didn't pray for a bumper crop!"



During prayer request I asked the preacher to pray for my hearing. He decided to bring me up in front of the church anoint me with oil and have the elders lay hands and pray over me. When they finished the Preacher asked how's my hearing? I said I don't know, it isn't till next week.



Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He then looks to see if the lion is still chasing them and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



Dear God, Help me always to give 100% at work...12% on Monday, 23% on Tuesday. 40% on Wednesday, 20% on Thursday and 5% on Friday.



Never give up!

Years ago there was a young man in Illinois with only six months of formal school education. His mother home-schooled him and taught him to have a dream and to keep trying to realize that dream, relying on the power of persistent prayer. First he ran for an office in the legislature and was beaten. Next, he entered business but failed at that, too, and spent the next 17 years paying the debts of his worthless partner. He fell in love with a charming young lady and they became engaged. But she died which led the young man to a short-term nervous breakdown. Next, he ran for Congress and was defeated. He then tried to obtain an appointment to the U.S. Land Office, but didn't succeed. With strong belief in the power of prayer, he ran for U. S. Vice-Presidency and lost. Two years later he was defeated again for the office of Senator. He ran for office once more and was elected the 16th President of the United States, thus realizing his dream by the power of persistent prayer. He was Abraham Lincoln. It took Winston Churchill three years to get through the eighth grade, because he couldn't pass English – of all things! Ironically, he was asked many years later to give the commencement address at Oxford University. His now famous speech consisted of only three words: "Never give up!"

And that is the message of today's Gospel parable of the poor widow and the corrupt judge. In praying, we show our confidence that our God hears, and cares, and acts. When we pray for something as essential as "daily bread," we are making a rather amazing statement of Faith in the Goodness of a loving and providing God. Jesus calls us, with the example of the widow and the unjust judge, to have Faith, to trust that God in his Goodness will bring about the Justice we all seek, the blessing we all require. But we should continue in prayer for these things until they happen, as an expression of our trusting Faith and dependence on God. Thus, the purpose of all our prayers is the augmentation of our trusting Faith in a loving and caring God who is our Father.

Perseverance of Olympians!

Most of us will never be Olympians no matter how hard we work. We haven't inherited the right combination of endurance, potential, speed and muscle. But given equal talent, the better-trained athlete can generally outperform the one who did not give a serious effort, and is usually more confident at the starting block. The four years before an Olympics, Greg Louganis probably practiced each of his dives 3,000 times. Kim Zmeskal has probably done every flip in her gymnastics routine at least 20,000 times, and Janet Evans has completed more than 240,000 laps. Training works, but it isn't easy or simple. Swimmers train an average of 10 miles a day, at speeds of 5 mph in the pool. That might not sound fast, but their heart rates average 160 the entire time. Try running up a flight of stairs, then check your heart rate. Then imagine having to do that for four hours! Marathon runners average 160 miles a week at 10 mph. Two important training principles must be followed: Progressively increase the amount and intensity of the work. Train specifically. Persevere with prayer till you realize your dream.

THE PERSISTENT WIDOW IN OUR MIDST

It may be a spouse's Parkinson's disease, a parent's Alzheimer's, a sister's breast cancer, a child's leukemia. The illness of a loved one, a catastrophe striking their family, the suffering of someone dear to them transforms these moms and dads and sons and daughters and friends into dedicated advocates and determined guardians. They fight hospitals and insurance companies for the critical medical care needed by their loved one. They take on the most obstinate bureaucracies for the assistance and services their child is entitled to but denied. They work tirelessly to raise awareness, raise money, and, when necessary, raise Cain, so that their loved one may live as fully a life as possible, so that a cure might be found, so that other families will not have to experience the pain and anguish they have known.

These dedicated men and women are the Gospel widows in our midst. They face down the "dishonest judges" of arrogance and avarice; they take on the "fearful judges" of insensitivity and unawareness; they go toe-to-toe with the "judges who fear neither God nor respect any human being," save themselves. Their love for the sick and suffering enables them to carry on "day and night;" their faith and conviction in the rightness of their cause empowers them to carry on despite the frustration and inaction they face. The very compassion of God is their hope and assurance that their prayer will be heard.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

It's easy to say "Pray always" (Luke 18:1) but is it really practical? If we broaden our concept of prayer it is. Service to the family can be a form of prayer. Think doing dishes, fixing stuff around the house, taking care of sometimes crabby kids, providing an income for necessities... Bring prayerful mindfulness to one such act today.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Moses' hands grew tired." (Exodus 17:12) We all grow tired at some point in life. (Even kids eventually get tired of crying.) When this happens, we need the support of those close to us. Ask your family to lighten another member's load in some way this week.

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Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)
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COLUMBIETTES OPEN HOUSE

If you are a practicing Catholic woman age 18 or over, we would like to invite you to join the Olp Columbiettes. We are a faith based woman's charity organization dedicated to helping our Church and community while having fun and making new friends.

Openhouse Thursday 10/23/25 at 7pm in the Parish Center

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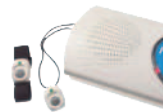
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