

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## H O L Y W E E K



### PALM SUNDAY

We begin Holy Week with the procession of Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem.  
**“Thank you Lord for suffering for us.  
Help us to remain close to you this week.”**



### HOLY THURSDAY

On this holy night, we commemorate the Last Supper with Jesus and His apostles.  
**“I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”**  
*John 13:15*  
**“Lord, help us to love and serve your people with the same humility that you have.”**

## Our Schedule This Week

**Final Evening of Reflection**  
Monday, March 30

**RCIA & PSR Classes**  
No Classes During Holy Week

**Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 pm**  
Thursday, April 2

**Good Friday Service, 7:30 pm**  
Friday, April 3

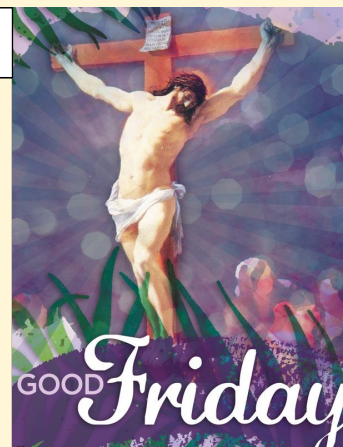
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm**  
Saturday, April 4

**Easter Sunday Masses, 8:30 am & 10:30 am**  
Sunday, April 5

### GOOD FRIDAY

Today, we, along with Christians from around the world, meditate on the sufferings of Jesus on the Cross.

**“Lord Jesus, as we gaze at your cross today, we give you thanks for everything you chose to bear for us!”**



### HOLY SATURDAY



**“If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.**  
(Romans 6:5)

**“Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for dying and rising for us!  
Help us to live the new life you have won for us,  
at Easter and always.”**

## Palm Sunday

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat., March 28</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Vi Perkhiser
<b>Sun., March 29</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Joy Lamar For the Parishioners
<b>Mon., March 30</b> 8:30 am	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> Audrey Wolff & Norma Wehking
<b>Tues., March 31</b> 8:30 am	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> Jerry Durbin
<b>Wed., April 1</b> 6:30 pm	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> Maxine & Buzz Calhoon
<b>Thur., April 2</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Deceased Members of Beste Family
<b>Fri., April 3</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Communion Service
<b>Sat., April 4</b> 7:30 pm	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Earleen "Dutch" Stutz
<b>Sun., April 5</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Joy Lamar Ed & Jean Pilgrim

### Prayer Requests

**The sick:** . Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Brooke Randolph Carden, , Greg Weber, Kristin Brunstein, Jim Begnel, Mike Toner, Liz Stutz, Rob Helmkamp, Don Laird, Lynn Bertels, Norm Frisch, Thelma Kochan, Tim Barton, Emilee Baalman, Bob Randolph, William Richter, Daryl Walker, Bill Timpe, Neil Friedel, Dale Werner, Chris Schmidt, Jim Laurent, Lindy Camardella, Father Tom Liebler, Jim Johnson, Bill Johnson, Mike McKeever, Lucie Hale, Jerry Avery, Ray Meyer, Cindy Jacobs, Peggy Jo Batson, Tom Bandy. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call parish office, 377-6519. Prayer requests email prayer chain, Marie at rejoy128@gmail**



### Can You Help?

**Help is needed Wed., April 1, 9:00 am, to help clean the church for Easter. Please come if you can!!!**

### Please Note

If you are unable to easily walk up to the altar to receive Holy Communion during Mass, please let an usher know when you come in to church, and they will ask one of the Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to you.

### Community 55

**Thursday, April 9, 11:30 a.m.,** lunch at The Old Bakery Beer Company (400 Landmarks Blvd., Alton). R.S.V.P. to Kris Magee (377-2782) or sign up on the OLQP Church Facebook page by Tuesday, April 7. As always, please let Kris know if you need help with a ride. Please come!

### Stations of the Cross This week

Our 7th grade students will be leading a 'walking' Stations of the Cross (around the church grounds) on Tuesday, March 31, 2 pm. Please join us if you can!

### Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the last week of Lent. For a very good reason it is called **Holy Week**. We begin our journey of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is so appropriate to begin with Palm/Passion Sunday because it is the way that Jesus began his last week on earth. This year we will have all of our Triduum services of Holy Week at the same time every night. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil will all begin at 7:30. Easter morning we will have our masses at 8:30 and 10:30. I will be available for confessions 45 minutes before every mass and also after the services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. I hope that we all take advantage of these services so that our Easter celebration will be that much more spiritually meaningful.



*God's blessing be with all of you,*

**Ft. Tom**

### "Believers in Belize" Golf Tournament



**May 31,** Woodlands Golf Club, 1:30 pm, 4 person scramble, \$400/team—we invite all golfers to the **"Believers in Belize"** Golf Tournament, sponsored by *OLQP Family Life*. More info: Tim Zacha @618-567-4468, Norm Frisch @ 618-363-3020 or Amy Frisch @ 618-444-7715.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just getting into the swing of things, this tournament is for you.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Family Life Ministry again sponsors the annual parish Easter Egg Hunt, following 10:30 Mass on Easter. This is for kids 0 up to 12 years, with 3,000 eggs to find.

### Do you have a call to be a missionary?

Do you want to be part of a team that **"Makes A Difference"**? We will be heading back to Belize this July to continue our efforts on **"Making A Difference"**! This will most likely be our last mission trip there, so if you have always wanted to be part of this, please consider going now. We will continue some of the work started 2 years ago at Trinidad Church and give a facelift to San Jose Palmer RC School, where their students and our students have been pen pals over the last few years!! We will be making travel arrangements very soon. Please text/call Norm Frisch 618-363-3020 or Amy Frisch 618-444-7715.

### Sunday Offerings

Weeks 38	3/21/26-3/22/26	Total to Date
<b>Loose Envelopes</b>	<b>\$592.00</b>	<b>\$21,471.14</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$5,913.00</b>	<b>\$427,948.28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,214.70</b>	<b>\$126,537.39</b>
	<b>\$9,719.70</b>	<b>\$575,956.81</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$15,937.15</b>	<b>\$605,611.70</b>
<b>Tithe to Diocese</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>\$57,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$7,717.45)</b>	<b>(\$86,654.89)</b>

**Total Envelopes Received: 99**  
**Online Donations: 45**  
**Centennial Campaign Donations: \$245.00**  
**Other Charitable Donations: \$295.00**

# LITURGICAL ROLES

## Thursday, April 2

### Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 pm

Lector	JoEllyn Patterson
E. Ministers	Rich & Sue Hayes
Ushers	Dee Oller, Stacy Dooling
	Joe & Cathy Gulash
Servers	Hope & Levi Kistner, Ellie Waldo
Music	Folk Group

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## Friday, April 3

### Good Friday Service, 7:30 pm

Lectors	Paula Mattix-Wand, Lee Gonterman
E. Ministers	Jay McCurdy, Mary Terry
Ushers	John & Dan Stutz
	Paul & Cindy Stutz
Servers	Hope & Levi Kistner
Music	Praise Team

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## Saturday, April 4

### Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm

Lector	Joe Grabowski
E. Ministers	Jim & Bea Albarado
Ushers	Mike Magee, Bob Sulsberger
	Pat Holbrook, Angela Reilley
Servers	TBD
Music	Choir

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## Sunday, April 5

### Easter Sunday, 8:30 am

Lector	Linda Begnel
E. Ministers	Tim & Jana Pruitt
Ushers	Jim & Theresa Stephens
	Tim & Kathy Phillips
Servers	Connor and Logan Stutz
Music	Folk Group

### Easter Sunday, 10:30 am

Lector	Noah Crump
E. Ministers	Sonya Hagaman, Shelia Smith
Ushers	Kathy Wilson, Diane Waldo
	Tim & Tammy Sasek
Servers	Ellie Waldo, Brynlee Spa
Music	Praise Team

## "It's All About The Blessings"

**Concert Series—Sunday April 19, 2026** 6:30 pm, *Our Lady Queen of Peace Church* is pleased to invite you to the inaugural concert series, ***It's All About the Blessings***. Liturgist and Music Director Craig Stark will lead this evening through music and thoughtful reflection, sharing personal experiences of the many ways music has served as a profound blessing and instrument of faith. Parishioners and guests alike are warmly invited for an evening of music, prayer, and praise as we give thanks for the abundant blessings the Lord continues to bestow upon all of our lives, even when we don't. Indeed, *it's all about the blessings!* This event is free of charge. Doors open, 6 pm. Refreshments, served by The Knights of Columbus, following the concert in the parish hall.

## Lectors Needed—4:30 Mass

If you can help, please call the parish office, 618-377-6519.

## Sacrament of Confession—This Week

**Monday & Tuesday:**

7:45 am until Mass begins;

**Wednesday:** 5:30 pm until Mass begins

**Holy Thursday:** Immediately following Mass.

(Or by appointment.)

## You Are Invited

The parish Spiritual Life Ministry is sponsoring Sister Allison Gioli, author and evangelist for an evening on helping us to evangelize to others. Her topic is ***"Is there any soul not worth saving"***. She will be autographing books after her talk. This will take place on Saturday, April 18. See insert for more information.

## Attention Men of the Parish

All men, 18 y/o and up, who are looking to deepen your faith—St. Ambrose along with OLQP Parish are looking to start a men's group, Wednesdays, 7 pm-8:15 pm. The purpose of this group is: 1) Provide men a place to pursue virtue and holiness; 2) Provide a place for men to be welcomed and accepted and a place of confidentiality; 3) Provide a place where men can have authentic friendships. If you are interested, contact Rick Eveys: [rwewesley@yahoo.com](mailto:rwewesley@yahoo.com), 618-246-6746.

## OLQP School Spring Fling

### Sunday, May 3, 12 pm—3 pm

Come join the fun for an afternoon of games, food and prizes! There will be video games, Chuck-A-Duck, I Dood It, Corn Hole & Bags games. We will have DELICIOUS food and drinks and this event is open to the entire community, so bring your family and friends! The infamous 'Cash/Tuition Raffle Drawing' will take place at 3:00 pm, and you do not need to be present to win.

## "Give A Little" Envelope Fundraiser

Win FREE tuition for next year OR a CASH PRIZE! Select an envelope from Number 1 through 250. This can be done at the school office, on the school website or after Masses beginning mid-April or during the last fish fry. You pay the dollar value that corresponds to the number you pick. For every \$10 donated, you will receive 1 raffle ticket to the Tuition/Cash Raffle. Drawing will take place May 3 at 3:00 pm.

## Mother/Son night is Saturday

4/25 at 5:30PM in the school gym. Enjoy a fun evening with your son. Tickets are \$40/ couple and \$5 for each additional child. Ticket includes: Dinner by Moonlight, craft, souvenir picture, games, and a safari expedition. Email the school office ([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) to RSVP.

## Unplanned pregnancy?

Contact Thrive Metro East! Their services are no cost and kept confidential. No insurance needed. Call 618-466-1690 or text: **FREETEST4U** to (618) 280-2040.

## Financial Assistance for Tuition

### OLQP School, 2026/2027

**Parish families** with students in grades K-8 may apply for tuition assistance for the 2026/2027 school year. Go to the following website to submit your application:

<https://online.factsmgmt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GLYJ/landing-page>