

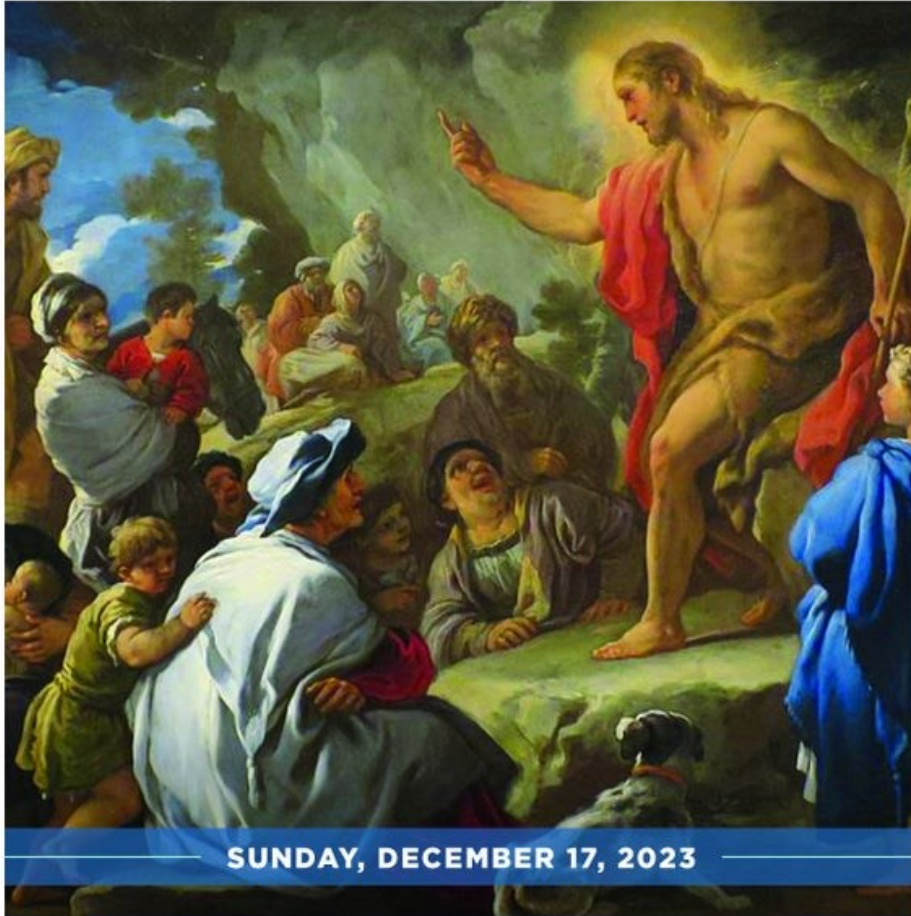
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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Mass Schedule

-Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;
-Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;
-Saturdays: 4:30 pm;
Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Parish office

Hours: Monday—Thursday,
8:30—4:00 pm (Lunch 12-1)
Email: church@olqpbethalto.org
618-377-6519 Fax: 618-377-9550
Office Manager: Terri Zykan
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Bea Albarado

Parish School

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cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org
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Knights of Columbus

Bethalto Council #4688,
4th Degree #203
Grand Knight: Luke Kistner
bethaltoknight@gmail.com
www.bethaltoknights.org

Communion to the Homebound

1st Friday of each month. Call the
parish office to request.

COMING OUR WAY...

KC Chicken Dinner.....	December 17
Soul Core Exercise Class.....	December 20
4th Sunday of Advent Mass, 4:30 pm.....	December 23
4th Sunday of Advent Masses, 8:30 am & 10:30 am.....	December 24
Christmas Eve Masses, 4:30 pm, 9:00 pm.....	December 24
Christmas Day Mass, 9:00 am.....	December 25
Holy Family Mass, 4:30 pm.....	December 30
Holy Family Masses, 8:30 am & 10:30 am.....	December 31
Solemnity of Mary Mass, 8:30 am (not a Holy Day of Obligation).....	January 1

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions



Sat., Dec. 16 4:30 pm	Advent Weekday James Pritchett
Sun., Dec. 17 8:30 am 10:30 am	Third Sunday of Advent For the Parishioners Alvin Kaufman
Mon., Dec. 18 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Noah Rogers (L)
Tues., Dec. 19 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Charles Calhoon
Wed., Dec. 20 6:30 pm	Advent Weekday Wilbert Saul
Thur., Dec. 21 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Genie Collins
Fri., Dec. 22 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Edward & Marguerite Clark
Sat., Dec. 23 4:30 pm	Advent Weekday Tom Connoyer, Joan Huck
Sun., Dec. 24 8:30 am 10:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent For the Parishioners Emma Louise Price Parker
Sun., Dec. 24 4:30 pm 9:00 pm	Eve of Nativity of the Lord Mary & Alvin Kaufman For the Parishioners
Mon., Dec. 25 9:00 am	Nativity of the Lord Rosemary Barron



Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Maxine Calhoon, Vi Perkhiser, Elli Wiemers, Toni Stanford, Peggy Ruhmann, Audrey Wolff, Lisa Curtis, Brooke Randolph Carden, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Pat Friedel, Kristin Brunstein, Jim Begnel, Bill Johnson, Janet Gross, Mike Toner, Susan Hilker, Jim Johnson, Clay Brueggeman, Brandon Pritchett, Lucie Hale, Clyde Dickman, Terri Chappell, Liz Stutz, Rita Dana Smith, Lori Pelan, Carla Klaustermeier, Rob Helmkamp, Stella Schultz, Theresa Barton. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to the email prayer chain, send to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com.**

Purchase SCRIP For Christmas Gifts

Last Call! There is still time to get your gift cards for Christmas! We are stocked with over 30 different retailers available for purchase, ranging in value from \$5 to \$100. Purchase cards after Masses this weekend Masses or in the parish office Monday thru Thursday (8:30-4:00 pm), until December 21. **Questions, call us in the office, 618-377-6519.**

Flower Memorials

Memorial donations (\$10) to purchase poinsettias for the altar may be made to the parish office. Include the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom and drop it in the Sunday collection basket.

Do You Know Your Faith?

1. What is the third Sunday of Advent called?
2. What does the name Emmanuel mean?
3. What is the official color for the third Sunday of Advent?(It is not pink and it begins with a R)
4. What is the official color for Advent?(It is not purple and begins with a V)
5. What was John the Baptist's diet in the wilderness?

Fr. Tom

Soul Core

Spiritual and physical exercise, **Wednesdays, at 7 pm**, Enrichment Room. (Visit soulcore.com for information or Kim Brunstein 618-980-0492.) Bring a workout mat.

KC Chicken Dinner

Sunday, December 17, 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Dine In, All-You-Care-to-Eat: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 5-10) Drive Thru or Carry Out: \$12 for half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, and choice of three (3) sides Sides: Mac/Cheese, Green Beans, Potatoes, Gravy

Proceeds go to K of C Charities/OLQP Parish.

Attention Ushers—Help is Needed!

We are in **need of 2 ushers** for **4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass AND 4 ushers** for the **9:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve**. If you can help, please call the parish office, 618-377-6519 or email us at:

church@olqpbethalto.org.

Catholic Children's Home

The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to aid, protect and care for the needs, education and welfare of dependent, neglected, abused or otherwise hurting children and families without regard to poverty, riches, race, religion or national origin. Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better day to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and ensure that they have a brighter hope for the future.

Rhine River Cruise

8-day Cruise (Amsterdam to Basel) plus optional Post 4-day stay at The Italian Lakes. June 17-24, 2025 (fly out June 16, 2025) Post Stay June 24-27 - return home June 27th. Cruise & Airfare - from \$3898 per person based on double occupancy. Cruise + Italian Lakes + Airfare - from \$4922 per person based on double occupancy. Transportation costs, meals included. Questions, **Amy Frisch 618-444-7715** or **Jack Baumann, Guidester, 314-503-7979** Email: jack@guidester.com (Tell him you are traveling with OLQP)

Charismatic Prayer Group

January 9, 6:30 pm. (Questions, Liz Laurent: 618-978-9849, kirby735@charter.net)

December 17, 2023

Liturgical Roles

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4:30 pm

Rosary
Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

December 23

Bill Stutz
Teresa Toner
Rich & Sue Hayes
Jim & Jackie Page
Brad & Teri Fulk
Need Adult Volunteers
Craig/Cantors

8:30 am

Rosary
Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

December 24

Marla Baker
Linda Begnel
Debbie Hay, Rick Rose
Loren & Raeann Summers
Susie Davis, Carol Beste
Need Adult Volunteers
Folk Group

10:30 am

Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

December 24

Alyssa Smith
Kathy Phillips, Marcella Stein
Don & Terri Militello
Kathy Murphy, Deana McDonough
Need Adult Volunteers
Praise Team

4:30 pm

Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

December 24

OLQP Students
Judy Osborne, Bea Albarado
Stacy Dooling, Dee Oller
Need 2 Volunteers
Levi Woodiel, Ellie Waldo
Praise Team

9:00 pm

Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

December 24

Tom Huebener
Dee Oller, Lee Gonterman
Need 4 Volunteers

Servers

Music

Need Adult Volunteers

Craig/Cantors

9:00 am

Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

December 25

Paula Mattix-Wand
Dorothy Visser, Brenda Zacha
John & Danny Stutz
Paul & Cindy Stutz
Need Adult Volunteers
Folk Group

Servers

Music

Need Adult Volunteers

Folk Group

Sunday Offerings

Week 24	12/9/23-12/10/23	Total to Date
Loose Envelopes	\$455.00	\$11,903.72
On Line Giving	\$6,801.00	\$227,557.82
Young People	\$1,895.00	\$73,840.00
Total	\$1.00	\$41.60
	\$9,152.00	\$313,343.14
Operating Budget	\$15,430.52	\$370,332.48
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$36,000.00
Difference	(\$7,778.52)	(\$92,989.34)

Total Envelopes Received : 111

Total Online Donations: 30

Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$65.00

Other Charitable Donations: \$1,000.00



Upcoming Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Masses:

Saturday, Dec. 23: 4:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 24: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Christmas, December 24-25:

Sunday, Dec. 24: 4:30 pm, 9:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 25: 9:00 am

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Gaudete Sunday
2. God is with us
3. Rose
4. Violet
5. Locust and wild honey

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