

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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September 9, 2012



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Cafeteria

671-3062

671-0247

375-5335

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening 5:00 pm

(Rosary before Mass - Fatima Prayers included on 1st Sat.)

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Holy Days as announced

Weekdays 8:00 am

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

2nd Monday of each month after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Monday evening at 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First and third Sunday of the month after 11:30am Mass

Make arrangements by calling Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

As soon as marriage is contemplated, contact one of the parish priests.

Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

We rejoice to have you with us, whether a long-time resident or newly arrived in our parish! Please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket if you would like to be a registered member of our parish. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records in order.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ # of people registering _____

email address _____

Please circle one: New Registration Address or phone number change Moving out of parish

*Upcoming OLQP Parish Events***September**

- Sat 22 PSR Chili Supper, Cafeteria
 Sun 23 OLQP Quilt Social, Knights Hall
 S/S 29-30 Festival of Ministries, Cafeteria

October

- Sat 6 Hoedown
 Sat 13 Harvest Moon Auction, Knights Hall
 Fri 26 Trunk or Treat
 Sun 28 Fall Festival, Cafeteria

November

- Sat 17 Grief Support Retreat
 Thu 22 Thanksgiving

December

- Sun 2 Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale, Cafeteria
 Sat 8 Immaculate Conception
 Tue 25 Christmas

2013**March**

- Sun 31 Easter Sunday

April

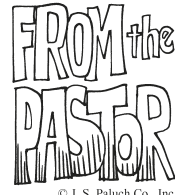
- April 14 First Communion

May

- Wed 8 Confirmation

June

- Sat 8 OLQP Picnic



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Sign Update

Last week a company was selected to install our new electronic sign. They are currently working to obtain permits from Jefferson County. As soon as the permits are obtained, a meeting will be held to start planning our involvement in the installation process. The electronic sign will be able to communicate messages to drivers on Hwy 30, both east and westbound. As soon as we are given the "go-ahead" from the county we will be asking for the help of skilled volunteers in the parish to carry out various tasks and jobs. As always, I will keep you informed as the project unfolds.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in a couple of weeks. Soon we will be contacting candidates who have expressed interest in becoming Catholic or who want to learn more about their Catholic faith. Meetings will take place on Monday evenings in September and will continue up through the Easter season. Those who choose to proceed will be baptized or received into the church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office, 636-671-3062, as soon as possible.

Parish Budget and Stewardship

Anyone who reads the bulletin is well aware that for the last two years, Sunday contributions have fallen well short of our projected budget. We have survived these last two years from handouts from the Archdiocese, but we cannot continue to live this way. This month of September we will re-embrace the spiritual concept of Stewardship as the principal way of addressing our budget problems and also to motivate parishioners who are not involved to give of their time and talent. I will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend. The following weekend, parishioners will speak after every Mass and finally there will be a Festival of Ministries on the final weekend of September showcasing the groups, organizations and ministries that we have and inviting people to become involved. I will be asking every parishioner to make a commitment to the parish financially with a pledge card. Please pray for the success of this effort. Unless things begin to change we will have to face some painful cuts in the future. As part of the Stewardship program, a parish financial report will be sent next week to each registered household in the parish.

Fr. Mike

Parish Office email
parishoffice@olqpparish.org

OLQP Web Site
www.olqpparish.org

submit articles for bulletin
olqpbulletin@yahoo.com
Deadline Friday at 4:30 pm

WEDDING BANNERS

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*Brian Arb and Lindsey Horn
OLQP ~ September 15, 2012*



Youth Council News

Youth Council Leaders:

Rebecca Pigue and Jacob Bufka

"IT" Youth Group:

Christine Gregorc and Alicia Whitehead

Junior High Youth Group:

Ben Pigue and Darby O'Donnell

SVDP Youth Chapter:

Dylan Vancil and Joey Schlote

Boy Scouts 553:

Dominic Montileone, Ben Huss, Jeremiah Pigue

Venture Crew 2553:

Ashlyn Mattingly and Mary Pat Ostlund

Faith Sharing Group:

Donald Morris and Grace Shannon

Athletic Association:

Mary Turney and Garret Love

INVITATION: ALL junior high, senior high and young adults are invited to be trained as Proclaimers and Ushers. Young adults over 18 are invited to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers. If you wish to accept this invitation, attend the meeting on Sunday, September 9th, at 1 pm.

Confirmation class of 2013 upcoming meetings:

Monday, September 17th, Parents only, Right

S.T.A.R.T. meeting from 6-7:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

Sunday, September 23rd – Sponsor and Candidate meeting from 9 am – 11:30 am. We will attend Mass together at 9:30 but we will meet in the Cafeteria at 9 am.

"IT" Youth Group News: All high school youth are invited.

IT Group meets:

Every Sunday night from 6pm – 8pm in the Cafeteria Meeting room.

Parents:

Feel free to keep up with all of the IT happenings online. Join us on: **Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/groups/olqpyouthgroup/

Twitter - @olqp_ITgroup

John and Sue Whitehead

314-954-7461

Faith Sharing Group for junior and seniors in high school:

We will meet on **Thursday, September 20th, from 6-8pm** in the basement room of the school. Bring a friend and join us as we grow in our knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith. For more information about the faith sharing group, call or text Donald Morris at 314-580-6863.

Junior High Youth Group for 7th and 8th grade youth:

We will meet after the 5 pm Mass on **Saturday, September 22nd, from 6-9 pm**. Bring some money because we will begin our evening by supporting the PSR Chili Supper. Also bring a T-shirt because will tie-die shirts after the Chili Supper. So bring a friend and join us for another fun junior high youth group event.

For more information about any of the above groups call Terry Ostlund, 314-566-8363 or email terry.ostlund@olqpparish.org.



School News

Second grade: The 2nd graders use the “Spelling City” website to practice their spelling words. If you are curious how this works,

click on “spelling list” on the 2nd grade web page located on the school website. It sure beats writing each word 10x. Sound familiar? Also, welcome to Luke, our new second grader!

Third grade: In 3rd grade the students begin to assume responsibility for their education. It is a year of transition from developing skills to developing independence. Two of the highlights of the year are learning cursive handwriting and the multiplication tables.

Fourth grade: Fourth grade welcomes a new teacher, Ms. Kathleen Regan. She graduated from the University of Missouri—St. Louis and worked in the Rockwood School District before coming to OLQP. Ms. Regan is also in charge of the before and after school care program. She really enjoys her 4th graders! Welcome to our school, Ms. Regan!



St. Vincent De Paul

Our main source of revenue comes from donations. Help us to help our own needy.

SVDP Youth

Mark Your Calendars Pizza Dinner Saturday, November 10th

Pizza dinner being served by St. Vincent DePaul Youth to raise funds to buy gifts from the Giving Tree. Watch bulletin for more details.

Thanks and God Bless
SVDP Youth

Please Patronize Our Sponsors

We wish to thank the **AB Certified Heating and Cooling** for being a sponsor for our bulletin. Because of their generosity we do not pay for our bulletins to be printed. Please remember to patronize our sponsors (listed on the back page of our bulletin) when in need of their type of service.



Parish Corner

Every week a different organization is featured in the bulletin.

RCIA

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is the process set up for those who come to the church seeking to join the Catholic Faith and receive the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Our program at Our Lady Queen of Peace, begins in September with the Pre-Catechumenate period, during which the parish “Team” helps the Inquirer discover just what he or she is seeking, continuing on with more detailed instruction in order to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, or just finding out more about the Catholic faith.

The “Catechumenate” period continues the process and begins with the Rite of Acceptance, in which the Inquirer declares their intention to join the Church, and the Church in turn, accepts them into the “Catechumenate”.

Those whom have never been baptized are called Catechumens, and those who have been baptized in another faith are called Candidates.

This period continues with more detailed instructions, and a sponsor is assigned to assist them throughout the process. The instructions continue until the beginning of Lent, at which time, the Catechumens and Candidates are called to the Cathedral Basilica, for the Rite of Election, where their names are placed in the Book of the Elect.

The period of “Purification and Enlightenment” takes place during Lent, and is a time for spiritual preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, that takes place at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

The period of “Post Baptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy”, is a time for the Church community and the “neophytes”, those who have just received the Sacraments of Initiation, to grow together as a Parish family, and share their grasp of the Paschal Mystery, making it a part of their lives.

All parishioners or guests are invited to sit in on any of the sessions when the topic being discussed might interest them, or they would like to refresh their knowledge of the faith.

*Seasons of Hope
Bereavement Group to Begin
Saturday, October 6, 9:30 am*

If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you.

It meets for six Saturdays beginning October 6th. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing and fellowship begins at 9:30 am.

For more details, pick up a Seasons of Hope brochure or call Joan Ross, 636-677-3278.

Space is limited, please let us know of your interest by September 24th.

*Our Lady Queen of Peace Quilters
Annual Bingo Quilt Social
Sunday, September 23rd, 1:00 pm
Doors open to the public 11:00 am
Knights of Columbus Hall*

Must be 16 years of age to attend. Features are a Raffle, attendance prizes, special games, refreshments, and every other game for a quilt (fifteen Quilts total). This is a smoke free event. Any questions please call, 314-603-5331.

Religious Items Needed

NEEDED... Religious Items, Small Statues, Religious and Spiritual Books. OLQP is having the Fall Dinner on October 28th (changed from October 14th). Our Religious Booth needs donated religious items, small statues and religious and spiritual books. ALL proceeds from this booth go to the Parish for the general fund. Items may be dropped off at the parish office or call Carol, 636-285-4450, to arrange pickup. May God bless you for your generosity.

OLQP Cub Scouts Pack 555

The OLQP Cub Scouts, Pack 555, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a flag retirement ceremony at the Knights Hall on Sunday, October 7th, at 1:00 pm. If you have any flags in need of a proper retirement please contact Tim Webb, 314-941-3286, to make arrangements.

Thanks,
Tim Webb

*Liturgical Ministries Workshop
Sunday, September 9th, 1 - 3 pm*

The Strategic Plan for Renewal and Growth will be officially published on the weekend of September 8th and 9th. A key aspect of the plan is its call for parish liturgical renewal. In this regard, the plan calls for lay ministers in the parish to take on more responsibility for and ownership of their ministries.

On Sunday, September 9th, we are holding a Liturgical Ministries Workshop for all Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers and Ushers/Greeters. The workshop will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and will begin with a general session in the Church followed by break-out sessions for the individual ministries. This workshop will present the vision of the Strategic Plan, drawn from parishioners comments and hopes expressed in the parish survey, for the role of Liturgical Ministers as leaders of the assembly in prayer and worship. In this workshop, the liturgical ministers will begin the new process of continuing formation in service to the parish and of self-scheduling. For this reason, it is really important that all ministers make an effort to attend.

The Liturgical Ministry leaders would also like to invite any parishioners who may be considering taking on a role in parish worship to join us for this event in order to find out more about the role of lay ministers and the privilege of serving the parish in our celebration of the Liturgy.



August 14, 2012

Dear fellow parishioners,

On June 12, 2012, the Parish Council unanimously approved the document, *Our Lady Queen of Peace Strategic Plan for Renewal and Growth*. This plan is the culmination of the work of the Visioning Committee and its strategic planning sub-committees, a process that represents careful deliberation on and response to the expressed hopes and concerns of the Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish family. We commend these groups for their dedication to the parish and their responsiveness to our parishioners.

With the approval of this plan, the Parish Council now commits itself to implementing the goals and strategies defined in order to move our parish forward as a vibrant community of faith. With the parish staff, all parish organizations and committees, and the entire family of parishioners, we commit ourselves to realizing the plan's vision in concrete and tangible ways.

Sincerely,
The Parish Council

Sandee Burkemper
Tom Broadbent
Jacob Bufka
Renee Chauvin
Joanne David
René Heibeck

Bev Gregory
Dave Mills
Rebecca Pique
Jan Schultheiss
Linda Weber
Denise Ortmann

St. Alban Roe
One-Man Drama
September 28, 7 pm

Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz the professional live production by Leonardo Defilippis will be performed as a one-man drama on Friday, September 28, 2012, at St. Alban Roe Catholic Church, 2005 Shepard Road, at 7:00 pm. Admission is a free-will offering to support Catholic Healthcare. All donations will benefit Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton, Illinois, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. Do not miss the opportunity to experience this timely live drama that holds a powerfully relevant message for our culture. For more information contact Sister M. Kateri, FSGM, at 618-463-2760 or oma@altonfranciscans.org.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Il Ritiro Retreat Center
Mass of Anointing of the Sick

The Franciscan Community of Il Ritiro, Dittmer, has a 10 am Mass for Anointing of the Sick the fourth Sunday of every month at its Chapel of Our Lady of the Cedars. All those who are sick and in need of reception of this healing Sacrament are invited to come.

"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayers of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that He may raise them up and save them". (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The Il Ritiro Retreat is located in Dittmer on Eime Road and St. Francis Lane. For additional information, please call, 636-274-1736.

Seven Days of Inspiration

Take one a day...
 and feel great all week!

Day 1

There is no test
 of character
 you cannot pass.

Day 2

Cheer yourself on...
 it works!

Day 3

You're already
 amazing!

Day 4

It is your
 turn to shine!

Day 5

You're someone
 worth knowing.

Day 6

There are always
 positive possibilities.

Day 7

Worrying is always
 a waste a time!

St. John's
Tailgate Sale
to benefit

St. John's Pro-life Activities
Saturday, October 6, 8 am - 1 pm
at St. John's Catholic Church
(old location at 4525 Old Highway 21)
Sale to be held inside and outside
\$10 per space

call to reserve a space or
for information call 636-948-4480

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is
Wednesday, September 26th,
from 1:00 - 8:00 pm.

Come visit with Jesus. He is waiting for you in the Eucharist. His love flows from Him, saturating you completely. In the stillness of the sanctuary, in the Presence of Christ, offer your heart.

Please pray for those who are ill
(parishioners are in bold)

Frieda Siebel-Spath	Maria Stonecypher
Maryann Barnett	Audrey Hastings
Lenore Burns	Jackie Nappier
Ray Wieschhaus	Arthur Broadbent
Paul McDonnell	Cilla Fleig
Deacon Paul Turek	Maryann Turek
Vi Hoeft	Jane Saggio
Clifford Wendt	Angie Tarter
Colp Twins	

Fr. Wesloh
Frank Gaither, son-in-law of Linda Berg
Louise Gunter, mother of Lynette Rawlins
Holly Smith, daughter of Lynette Rawlins
Jim Rawlins, husband of Lynette Rawlins
Rachel Preston, granddaughter of Lynette Rawlins
Trudy Girard, sister of Lynette Rawlins
Donna Lee Sprinkle, sister of Michael Chiodini
Natalie Schmees, daughter of John Schmees
Dorothy Wendt, mother of Ron Grither
Ron Rudder, friend of Katie Tutass
Hilda Bowler, mother of Dave Bowler
Terry Dessinger, brother of Mary Bowler
Nancy Malpocket, niece of Lee and Kay Hoffman
Ann Hoffman, niece of Lee and Kay Hoffman
Greg Smith, uncle of Debbie Callier
Ron Hooker, father of Kierstin Bueter
Tim Conroy, friend of Jan Schultheiss
Lester Zipfel, brother of Dottie Buchheit
Patty Fischer, sister-in-law of Robbi Fischer
Oliver Bacott, brother of Pat Murphy
Lucy Alma DeClue, mother of Ken DeClue
George Bagot, cousin of John Bokern
Allen Chott, nephew of Judy Mott

~those serving in the military, the homebound, shut-ins of the parish and all in nursing homes. To add a name please call the Parish Office, 671-3062. Names will be removed after 3 weeks.

Our Gifts to God and Parish***Special Collections***

Catholic University	\$	391.00
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New Building Fund

Lavender Envelopes	\$	222.00
Total Received to date	\$	733,892.21

Offertory

Sunday Envelopes	\$	11,416.00
Sunday Loose	\$	726.00
Present and Future	\$	366.00
Total Offertory	\$	12,508.00
Offertory Goal	\$	16,500.00

Thank you for your generosity.

As of September 3, 2012

Contributions Year To Date	\$	116,247.10
Projected Year to Date Budget	\$	165,000.00

Scrip Gift Cards

Sales	\$	1,570.00
Profits/tuition reduction	\$	68.12

Scrip Gift Cards are available in the Parish Office from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and every weekend after Mass.

Stewardship**Start With Prayer**

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that He promised to those who love him?"

James 2:5

What is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

Parish Activities

Mon	Sept 10	Rosary for Vocations after 8 am Mass PSR Prayer Service, 6:15 pm, Church PSR, 6:15-7:30 pm Rosary for Peace, 7:30 pm, Church
Tues	Sept 11	Devotions after 8 am Mass Quilters, 9 am - 3 pm, 6 - 8:30 pm Girl Scouts meet, 4 -5 pm, Cafeteria meeting room Parish Council, 6:30 pm, Rectory
Wed	Sept 12	K of C Meeting, 7 pm, Knights Hall
Thur	Sept 13	Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church
Fri	Sept 14	Girl Scouts meet, noon to 1:30 pm, Cafeteria meeting room
Sat	Sept 15	Blood Pressure Screening after Mass, Cafeteria meeting room
Sun	Sept 16	Hospitality Sunday after Masses, Cafeteria Blood Pressure Screening after Masses, Cafeteria meeting room 8th grade Fundraiser Car Wash, after all Masses in lower parking lot Cub Scouts, 6-8 pm, Cafeteria

Mass Intentions

Mon	Sept 10	8:00 am	Cathy Lampe
Tues	Sept 11	8:00 am	Deacon Tom Murphy
Wed	Sept 12	8:00 am	Elvera Walker
Thurs	Sept 13	8:00 am	Special Intention
Fri	Sept 14	8:00 am	Angie Ecker Intention
Sat	Sept 15	5:00 pm	Gerald Becker
Sun	Sept 16	7:30 am	Jim Stephens
		9:30 am	People of the Parish
		11:30 am	Marilyn Buhlinger

September 15th and 16th

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 pm	Larry & Margaret Bottchen, *Christine Camden, Jan Hussman, Peggy Mikko, Barb Nenninger, *Sue Syers
7:30 am	*Mary Bjornstad, Carl & Patsy Boyer, Ruth Haen, Jo Jahnsen, *Ann Riley, Marie Strayhorn
9:30 am	*Thomas Broadbent, *Fran Corley, Margaret Gerling, Lee Hoffman, Denise Ortmann, Richard Rousseau, Jan Schultheiss, Jo Ann Vess
11:30 am	*Sandee Burkemper, Dan & *Kim Horn, Paul McDonnell, Sharon Schmidt, Connie Stubits, Denise Witt

* You are responsible to clean the vessels after Mass

**Catholic University of America
Thanks you!!**

Thank you for your contributions to last week's collection for the Catholic University of America! Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to more than 4,000 students from dioceses across the country.

BINGO
Every Friday Night
Knights of Columbus Hall
Doors Open at 4:30 pm
Bingo starts at 6:45 pm

Proclaimers

5:00 pm	Mary & Tom Heeley
7:30 am	Shirley Tenny, Linda Weber
9:30 am	Don Moeller, Richard Ortmann
11:30 am	Debbie Cleek, Maria Webb

Servers

5:00 pm	Rachel Cundy, Rose Haug, Michael Reiter
7:30 am	Allyson & Kaitlyn Bridges, Zachary Morlock
9:30 am	Haden Conley, Gabrielle Lucas, Noah Sudholt
11:30 am	Nicholas Gal, Darby O'Donnell, Claire Webb

Ushers

5:00 pm	Don Brooks, Bill & Donna Clifton, Ralph Munzlinger, Don Reno, Helen Stewart
7:30 am	Doug Bjornstad, Robert De Long, Jeff Eschbach, Wally Freihaut, Larry Lammert, John Nahlik
9:30 am	Steve Freihaut, Butch Mattingly, Tom Mattingly, Sam Pierceall, R. Schultheiss, Larry Whitworth
11:30 am	Gary Freihaut, Rebecca Mose, Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, Benny Slodkowski, David Witt

*Absent from the body present with our Lord.
 In your kindness pray for the repose of the soul*

Bernice Hagene, mother of Diane Yocom

*May God welcome her home, fill her with peace,
 and bless those who will miss her.*



**Church
Cleaning**

Carol Delue,
 Maryann Whitecotton,
 and Darlene Allmeroth

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Cycle B**



THEME: The Cost of Being a Disciple

Where do my values lie? If I value a relationship with another person, I will find time to spend with that person, give up something I may want to give something to the other. If my children are a value, I will put myself out to help them with homework, attend their games and activities, comfort them when they are hurt. If knowledge is a value, I will spend time reading and studying, discussing and asking questions. I can identify my values by identifying those things for which I am willing to make sacrifices, pay a price in personal commitment. Is being a follower of Jesus a value to me? What cost am I willing to pay for being a disciple?

THE READINGS:

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 50:5-9*

The Isaiah reading is one of the Suffering Servant songs from the part of the book that dates from the Babylonian Exile. In troubled times, the Servant of God heard God's call to take up the cause of the community. Scripture scholars debate who this servant might have been - the prophet himself, an unknown member of the community who took up the cause of his people, or the whole community of Israel. In the final shape of the book, all three meanings come into play. When the community suffers, when any member of the community suffers, it is God's will that we rise up and act for the sake of healing, justice and right. When the world groans, it is God's will that His chosen community take up the cause of justice and right. There is a cost to this. Those who promote injustice, those who profit at the expense of others will resist challenge. To take a stand against oppression, negligence, profiteering will place it at odds with the dominant power structures of the world.

SECOND READING: *James 2:14-18*

"Talk is cheap." "Actions speak louder than words." These adages sum up well the practical advice the Letter of James has to offer to the faith community. Faith that is not put into action in day to day life is dead; it is no faith at all. The life of faith, the life we share in the believing community, is not a life of spirituality and spiritual practices divorced from everyday living. If my faith is a value to me, it will be expressed in practical ways, in a commitment to the community of faith. John Paul II once said, "If my brothers and sisters are dying of hunger and I do nothing to feed them, I have killed them." For Pope John Paul, for the Letter of James, my claim to have faith, my claim to be a disciple of Jesus cannot stop at being a Sunday Catholic. My faith must express itself in love, practical love that recognizes all others as my brothers and sisters in Christ, practical love by which I, in conjunction with the believing community, uphold human dignity and meet the needs of others.

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 8:27-35*

The story of Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi is a key turning point in Mark's Gospel. It brings to an end Jesus' Galilean ministry and inaugurates the journey to Jerusalem where Jesus will accomplish His saving mission. In the journey narrative, the pace of Mark's story slows and the focus is on Jesus' instructions to His followers about how to live as His disciples. On the journey, Jesus will predict His passion three times and the first comes here, after Peter's confession. Peter is the first human character in the Gospel to correctly identify and acclaim Jesus' identity as Messiah, but he does so with preconceived notions of what the Messiah would be. Jesus states that He is to be a suffering Messiah. That's not what Peter wants to hear. Jesus' instructions to His followers on the journey make it clear that disciples must be willing to do what Jesus does, even if it means suffering. Those who would follow Jesus must take up their own crosses and follow Him. It is never enough to proclaim faith in Jesus and His saving act; if we accept His love, we need to live it, to continue His mission, even if it means putting our own lives at the disposal of others for the sake of bringing God's love and peace to the world.

FOR REFLECTION:

- What are the needs of my faith community? What people in my parish need someone to stand up for them? Am I willing to do this?
- How can my parish community be God's servant for the larger world? What price would we, as a parish, have to pay?
- Am I just a Sunday Catholic? In what ways do I or can I express my faith in practical ways?
- What is my response to John Paul II's words, "If my brothers and sisters are dying of hunger and I do nothing to feed them, I have killed them?"
- What are my true values? For what in my life am I willing to make sacrifices?



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up
your
cross

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