

CHRIST THE KING

November 20, 2022



OUR LADY of
GOOD COUNSEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am, holidays are at 9am

Saturday Vigil 4pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am,
12pm (en español), 5:00pm

Office Hours Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm,

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

Chapel open for prayer Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

Livestream www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

Confessions Saturdays 9:00 or by appt

Join the Parish www.olgcva.org/register

Schedule an Event

www.olgcva.org/about-us/facilities

Add Item to Bulletin/Media

www.olgcva.org/about-us/communications

Mass Intention Request

www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

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Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, strive to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by proclaiming our faith, educating ourselves and our children, sharing our persons, resources and gifts in the care and service of one another. We are called to foster an environment of hospitality in accordance with the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:

bit.ly/PresiderSchedule

Sat. / Sun. November 19, – November 20, 2022

+ Buresh & Krivance Families
+ John McFadden
+ Anthony Finocchiaro
+ Armenjol Sejas
+ Lizette Go & Peterson Henares

Monday, November 21, 2022

8:30am Eli Daniel Gallegos

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

8:30am + Augustine Lloyd J. Lee

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

8:30am + Nancy Joan Sheehan

Thursday, November 24, 2022

9:00am In thanksgiving for the OLGC Community

Friday, November 25, 2022

8:30am + Herm & Rose Marie Lieb

Saturday, November 26, 2022

8:30am + Elizabeth Sobajian & Family

Sat. / Sun. November 26, – November 27, 2022

+ Rueben Van Mitchell
+ Mary Frances & Brian Wade Davenport
+ Francisco "Tuto" & Carlos Ernesto Funes
+ Abellah Y. Bader
In thanksgiving for the Weaver Family

Faith is a ray from heaven which
causes us to see God in all things
and all things in God.

St. Francis DeSales

Please keep those listed in the prayer intention book and the recently deceased in your prayers, especially

+ Dr. Alberto Garcia

OLGC Funerals: www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals

Devotional Candles: www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/

Church In Thanksgiving for Mary Elizabeth Zinzi

Chapel In Thanksgiving for the Link & Snyder Families

Our Lady In Thanksgiving for Tarah Lynn Weaver

Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of, November 20, 2022

Sunday	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Monday	Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; Ps 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Mass Intentions for 2023

We are now accepting Mass intentions for 2023. Because of the limited number of Masses celebrated at OLGC, each household is limited to **3 intentions** for OLGC Masses. There are however unlimited intentions for Masses celebrated by the Oblates at the DeSales Center Residence. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass.

There will be five Mass intentions per weekend, announced at the beginning of each Mass. Intentions for Daily Mass will remain at 8:30am and during Lent at the 12:10pm Mass. Masses on federal holidays are at 9:00am.

Requests will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Mass intention request forms are available on the [website to be printed](#), through an [online form](#), or in-person in the Administration Building.

For more information, please contact Maria Romero at 703.896.7419 or welcome@olgcva.org.

THE LORD SAYS, "I am doing a new thing"

November Please Note: the church and school offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Children's Liturgy of the Word 10—10:30 AM Chapel	Little Rock Scripture Study 10 - 11:30 AM Zoom Quilters 11:30 AM - 3 PM Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm	Thanksgiving Dinner Donations Due Tuesday Bible Study 9:45 - 11:45 AM Zoom CS Pack 976 Webelo Den Mtg 6 - 8 PM Counsel Rm Music Ministry (Hemmingson) 7 - 8:30 PM Church	No School - Thanksgiving Break BSA Troop 976 Mtg 7 - 8:30 PM Counsel Rm Music Ministry (Jones) 7 - 8:30 PM Church Men's Basketball 8:30 - 10 PM Fr. Brisson Gym	Thanksgiving - No School & Offices Closed Thanksgiving Mass 9 AM Church	No School & Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Break	NO CCF - Thanksgiving Break Confessions 9 - 9:30 AM Reconciliation Room

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

A question to reflect on based on this week's scripture readings:

Who can I forgive this week, imitating the Lord's mercy, sowing the seeds of the kingdom, and bringing a sort of paradise to someone else's heart?

November Remembrance of Our Loved Ones

We continue to remember in prayer and in our hearts those persons with whom we have shared life and who have so richly shared life with us.

Remembrance Photos

You are invited to place a photograph of a loved one who has died on the Table of Remembrance or on the display board located in the Narthex of the church. Photos will remain up through the month of November.

Book of the Dead

You are also invited to enter your departed family member's name in the Book of the Dead. There will be a special intercession in the Prayers of the Faithful in November for all those inscribed in the book.

Monthly Collections

FY July 2022—June 2023

	July	Aug.	Sept.
Offertory	181,936	178,304	168,557
Total Budgeted	<u>163,272</u>	<u>189,958</u>	<u>175,514</u>
Variance	18,664	(11,654)	(6,957)
YTD Received	181,936	360,240	528,797
Budget YTD	<u>163,272</u>	<u>353,230</u>	<u>528,744</u>
Variance	18,664	7,010	53

Second Collections

November

- 13 Retired Religious Fund
- 20 Campaign for Human Development
- 24 Thanksgiving Facilities Improvements

Weekly & Second Collections

Checks or cash via envelopes, use the QR code here, text amount to 703.810.7674, or give online at membership.faithdirect.net/VA875. Thank you.



LIVE JESUS

Salesian Cordiality: What the World Needs Now

Not too long ago, I read an editorial suggesting that our fractured and combative nation and world need to rediscover comity. As defined in the 1948 edition of *Webster's Dictionary*, comity is "mildness and suavity of manners; courtesy." A more recent version speaks of comity in terms of "international courtesy," which is closer to its meaning in the editorial I read. Both definitions are related. For, it is hoped that as more and more individuals throughout the world interact with one another with comity and civility, their manner of dealing with one another will in time be translated into how nations, religions, cultures and political parties relate to one another as well.

In the Salesian tradition, comity or civility is related to what St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal call cordiality. For those great saints, cordiality is the genuine warmth and unfeigned affection that we are to have for all others based on our shared dignity as created to God's holy image.

The Latin root for cordiality is "cor," "heart." Cordiality or cordial behavior that characterizes human interaction is but a reflection of God's warm and tender love for each of us as disclosed in the gentle and humble heart of Jesus.

For those in the Salesian tradition, "cordiality" is never pie in the sky or sugar-sweet sentimentality. Quite the opposite, it is the outward expression of our deepest

commitment to do all in our power to ensure the spiritual, material and human well-being of all others.

The welcoming and tender embrace of Mary and Elizabeth in the mystery of the Visitation provides the key to the Salesian understanding of cordiality. That moment of greeting and embrace between two cousins, one older and one younger and both pregnant, concretely expressed itself into several months of very hard work and countless acts of kindness, care, patience and love leading up to and following the birth of John the Baptist.

Given the example of Mary and Elizabeth, cordiality is a love that serves the one it embraces, placing the other before the self and "we" before "me."

Mary's visit to Elizabeth is also the moment of first encounter between the Prophet of Justice and the Prince of Peace. The embrace of these two mothers-to-be, then, is in a real sense the spiritual source of the world's great desire for peace and justice, both on the level of our relationships with one another and on the level of the interactions between different political parties, religious traditions, cultures and nations.

As with so many aspects of Salesian spirituality, what at first seems like something small and insignificant is in fact the very stuff of sanctity and the force that moves mountains, builds bridges, and makes things whole and good on every level of human encounter.

If, as the editorial suggests, the world today is in need of comity and civility, then it would do well to begin with the Salesian virtue of cordiality.

Father Lewis Fiorelli, OSFS

Diocesan Events

Multicultural Cookbook

Do you love to cook? Have a special cultural dish you love to share at family gatherings? We need you! As part of the Golden Jubilee for the Diocese of Arlington, the Multicultural Sub-Committee is producing a cookbook! It will include recipes from every culture, submitted by those who call the Diocese of Arlington home! Recipes will be reviewed by a diverse panel, and then published in a keepsake cookbook in commemoration of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee. Recipes will be arranged according to the liturgical calendar so that, for years to come, folks will be able to find a special recipe to enjoy any time of the year! Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table.

Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas

The Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir will present a prayerful concert of Advent and Christmas music from the Middle Ages to the twenty-first century. The program will include congregational singing so that all can join in the joy of preparing for the coming of Christ, our Savior. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful event on Sunday,

December 4, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington.

Called and Gifted Workshop

God has gifted you to do great things in your personal life and ministry. Come and find out yours on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church (school gym), 1910 North Randolph Street, Arlington. Cost is \$25. Register by November 23, 2022. Registration Link: bit.ly/CAGDec3. Contact Ana Lisa Piñon for more information. analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org.

Novena for Couples to Our Lady of Guadalupe

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriages or early infant death. The novena starts on December 4 and ends on December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the novena. Sign up here to receive the Novena and submit your intentions: OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena

Apply Now to OLGC School

Our Lady of Good Counsel School provides a Catholic education instilled with the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. It is intended to "make your child's faith a living, conscious, and active one through the light of instruction." The integration of religious truth and values with life is the focal point of the curriculum. As part of its educational program, OLGC School strives for academic excellence, encourages appreciation of the fine arts, fosters self-respect and respect for all life, and attempts to develop responsibility for the total community.

Students who desire an educational experience founded on the Catholic philosophy of education, and who fulfill the age, health, academic, and behavioral requirements, are eligible for admission to OLGC School. Preschool students must be at least 3 years of age by September 30 of the year the child enters Preschool. Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by September 30 of the year the child enters Kindergarten.

Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year:

New Student Applications & Applications for Siblings of Current Students:

1. Complete the application online using the link found on our Admissions webpage at www.olgschool.org/admissions. You must submit a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization records with this application.
2. Your application is not complete until you make your \$500 deposit with secure payment on Faith Direct, with the link also found on our admissions website.

Current OLGC Re-Enrollments:

Students currently enrolled in OLGC preschool through Grade 7 will receive an email in the next few weeks with a link to begin the reregistration process. Please complete the 2-step process no later than January 31, 2023.

Thank you for your interest in joining our community at Our Lady of Good Counsel School!



Support OLGC This Holiday Season

The OLGC Parish Office is selling the 2022 Official White House Christmas Ornament (\$25). Last year's White House Christmas Ornaments are still available for \$20. Check, cash & credit card accepted. Stop by parish office M-F 9am - 4:30pm. If the Sunday Welcome Desk is staffed, you can purchase there as well.



Praying College Moms (PCM) Rosary for Young Adults and Fellowship

Join Praying College Moms on Tuesday, December 6, 7-9 pm to pray the Rosary and enjoy fellowship at St. Mark Catholic Church. We pray together for more than 600 young adults for their good health, emotional wellbeing, spiritual strength, holy friendships, success in studies: projects and exams, and success in employment, trade, the military, or continued education. St. Mark, 9970 Vale Rd, Vienna. We will start in the Chapel and then move to Rm. C-102 for fellowship.

www.prayingcollegemoms.org

Contact: Frances Chamberlin
katem3@cox.net.

Evening Prayer in Advent

Please join us Monday evenings beginning November 28 and each Monday in Advent as we mark this Holy season.



Información Parroquial en español

Preguntas o sugerencias, ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por recién fallecidos, funerals, comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419, mromero@olgva.org

EL SEÑOR DICE,
"Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

Noviembre: La iglesia nos llama a recordar Mientras los días se ponen más cortos y hay un frío en el aire, la iglesia enfoca su atención en aquellos que han muerto, nuestros seres queridos que ya han completado su viaje terrenal y ahora encuentran su recompensa en el cielo. Reflexionamos en este mes a recuerdo de la santa muerte de nuestras familias. Los seguimos recordando en la oración y en nuestros corazones a las personas con las que hemos compartido y quienes compartieron las riquezas de la vida con nosotros. Se le invita una vez más este año, a partir del viernes 1 de noviembre, (Día de Todos los Santos) a traer una fotografía de sus seres queridos que ha muerto, y colocarla en la mesa de Recordatorio situado en el Santuario de La Iglesia o La Capilla. La mesa se mantendrá todo el mes de noviembre. Además, nuestro libro de los muertos se colocará bajo el Cirio Pascual en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Se le anima a inscribir los nombres de sus seres queridos que han muerto. En las misas de fin de semana en noviembre, recordaremos todos los nombres que están escritos en El Libro de los Difuntos los elevaremos en las Oraciones de los Fieles.

"¡No temas! ¿Acaso no estoy yo aquí, que soy tu madre?"

La misa de Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe será el domingo, 11 de diciembre, a las 12pm. Tendremos procesión, milagro de las rosas y un compartir en el salón de Sales. Si desea colaborar comuníquese con Alexia Candamo al correo electrónico alexiacandamo@yahoo.com. ¡Contamos con su colaboración!



Ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por **recién fallecidos**, funerales, certificados sacramentales. El sacramento de La unción de los enfermos puede ser recibido por los ancianos, por quienes serán ingresados al hospital o por quienes están enfermos llame al 703.896.7419.

Rezar el Rosario: Acompañemos en el jardín de Ntra. Sra. del Buen Consejo, los domingos a las 11:15am y los lunes a las 7:30pm vía Zoom. Comuníquese con Carlos Berrios berrioscg@gmail.com.

Sacramento del bautismo de niños menores de 6 años: Comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419

welcome@olgva.org **Sacramento del bautismo:** para Charlas de padres y padrinos deben inscribirse de antemano, una vez completada esta y entregado los documentos requeridos le confirmaremos su fecha del bautizo. <https://www.olgva.org/sacraments/baptism>

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

LA SOLEMNIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO,
REY DEL UNIVERSO: 20 DE NOVIEMBRE

¿A quién puedo perdonar esta semana, imitando la misericordia del Señor, sembrando las semillas del reino y trayendo una índole de paraíso al corazón de otra persona?

Catequesis: para niños, adultos y bautizó de niños mayores de 6 años, sacramento de la confirmación y comunión Comuníquese con Amy MacKinnon amackinnon@olgva.org o 703.896.7426.

Misas para el año 2023: El lunes 7º de noviembre, a las 9:00am comenzaremos a recibir las intenciones de misas para el año 2023. El proceso será el mismo que en los años pasados, debido al limitado número de misas celebradas en nuestra parroquia y la abrumadora solicitud de intenciones para misas, cada persona se limitará a tres intenciones de misas por el año. Sin embargo, hay intenciones de misas ilimitadas celebradas por los sacerdotes oblatos retirados en Childs Maryland en la casa de retiro. Puede presentar su solicitud para las misas en persona, en las oficinas parroquiales, en línea o en el Centro de Bienvenida. Las misas se otorgarán en el orden que sean recibidas. Para más información por favor, contactarse con Maria Romero 703.896.7419

Confesiones en español durante el mes de noviembre son el sábado 19 de 9: -9: 30 a.m. o de lunes a jueves únicamente con cita. Puede llamar para hacer una cita con el Padre Mateo al 703.938.2828 o envíe un correo electrónico a frhillyard@olgva.org. No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después de la misa.

O"La oportunidad de hacer grandes cosas no llega a menudo, pero en todo momento, podemos hacer pequeños actos con gran amor." - San Francisco de Sales: Como seguidores de Cristo, somos llamados por medio de nuestro Bautismo a servir a nuestros hermanos en nuestra parroquia, comunidad, país y el mundo entero. Es nuestra esperanza que todos los feligreses tengan la oportunidad de descubrir y desarrollar sus dones dados por Dios. Si desea participar como Sacristán, Ministro Extraordinario de La Sagrada Comunión, Lector, Portero/Ujier, Ministerio de La Bienvenida o Monaguillo por favor pase por el mostrador de Bienvenida o llame al 703.896.7419.

Monthly Outreach Project: Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

Drop off Tuesday, November 22nd

We're Very Close!

Thank you to all who have signed up to provide Thanksgiving meals to 350 local families through OLGC's St. Vincent DePaul Society and seven FCPS schools—six of which are in Vienna. We still need a few more families to open their hearts to make Thanksgiving a joyful time to a struggling family. As of press time, **we need 29 more donors to meet our goal of serving 350 families.**

Please go to bit.ly/3sMvMnZ to learn the details and to sign up to provide a dinner. If you have questions, please contact Meg Gillespie at 703.887.1843.

We Need Volunteers!

If shopping isn't your thing, you can give of your time (and muscle!). We need strong bodies to help sort the meals and load cars on November 22 and drivers to deliver large containers with Thanksgiving meals to area schools.

Please consider giving a couple of hours of your time to make a difference to those in need. Sign up at bit.ly/3G37oX0. Please direct any questions to Tina Wickham at twickham96@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Dinner Drop Off Tues. Nov 22, 7:30 - 8:00am



Thanksgiving Dinner Drop Off Tues. Nov 22, 8:15 - 10:00am



Preschool families drop off at preschool entrance.

OLGC's Joy of Christmas Giving

The December Monthly Outreach Drive, the Joy of Christmas Giving is right around the corner! There will be two ways to help families who are struggling this Christmas. Please open your hearts and help others experience the joy of the season!

Gift giving to families: Add a family in need to your gift giving this year. Families are referred to the program by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Vienna public schools, and OLGC families. If you would like to sponsor a family on your own, or team up with friends, co-workers, or parish groups, contact Fran Davenport at 703.242.7440, Maria Madocks at 703.319.0010, or via email at olgchristmasgiving@gmail.com to be matched with a family.



Gift giving to individuals: Help to brighten an individual's holiday with a gift. We work with local charitable organizations who serve those in need: New Generations of Fairfax County,

Second Story, Retired Oblates, The Lamb Center, Retired Sisters of St. Joseph in Chestnut Hill, St Vincent de Paul, and Home Stretch. Watch for a tree in the Narthex soon. Contact: Chris Desmarias (chrisdesmarias526@gmail.com) or Theresa Caputy (ctlc26@aol.com) if you have questions.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed every December to help with the logistics of organizing and delivering gifts. Watch for the Signup Genius to give the gift of your time! Gifts will be collected the weekend of December 17th!

Thank you!
Thank you!



Golf Classic Sponsors & Volunteers



Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers whose time and support helped to make the OLGC Golf Classic a success. Volunteers put in hundreds of hours to prepare for and host the event, and corporate and family sponsors, like those

shown below, contributed to help us ensure that finances are never an obstacle to a high-quality Catholic education at OLGC. Thank you, thank you! Watch for more information about the Golf Classic and the generosity of the community.





Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is more than festivities It's a time to think about what lessons we've learned and how we can spread happiness around, and to look back on all the great memories and good people who came into our lives. Happy Thanksgiving Day to you and your loved ones!

SAFETY AND CYBER SCAMS – Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they are now considered “the crime of the 21st century.” Join Juan Vazquez of the Vienna Police Department as he discusses common scams targeting many older adults. Topics he'll explain are home repair scams, financial crime scams, intimidation scams as well as computer safety and unwanted solicitors. This free program is offered by Vienna Parks and Recreation and will be held on **Monday, November 28** from 10-11 am at the Vienna Community Center. Call 703-255-6360 to let them know you're coming, for planning purposes.

NEW BENEFITS FOR VETS – Veterans will have new health benefits under the recently passed PACT Act. It's touted as the largest health care and benefits expansion in Department of Veteran Affairs history. The law adds more than 20 “presumptive” conditions or conditions that are presumed to have been caused by military service, for people exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances as well as more locations for Agent Orange and radiation exposure. This will help veterans obtain disability status.

Among the new presumptive conditions are brain, gastrointestinal, head and kidney cancers and glioblastoma. The law also requires Veterans Affairs to screen every veteran enrolled in VA health care for toxic exposure. Details on what conditions are now considered presumptive can be found at www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits. For more information about filing a VA disability claim, you can go to www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim. If your claim was denied in the past and your condition is now considered presumptive, you can file a supplemental claim at www.va.gov/decision-reviews-supplemental-claim. (Kiplinger's Retirement Report)

FRAUDSTERS CONFUSE CITIZENS – There's a jury duty scam going on in Fairfax County which attempts to criminally defraud unsuspecting citizens. They've gone so far as to claim to be law enforcement officers or court personnel, calling and demanding fines be paid for purported failure to appear for jury duty. No one from the Fairfax Circuit Court Clerk's Office is going to call and demand payment over the phone for failure to appear for jury duty. While you must serve if you receive your summons in the mail, if someone wants money from you, have your fraud detection hat on!

LOOK FOR THE GOOD – It's never too late to look for the unexpected and pleasant surprises that occur every day – those random acts of kindness from a stranger; those would-be tragic accidents narrowly avoided; sicknesses healed;

the neighbor that cut your grass or shoveled your snow; the person that let you go ahead in a long line because you only had one or two items; the driver that stopped a line of traffic so you could make that left turn. If we take the time to look, we'll see good sprinkled over every day. And who knows? As 1936 Olympic Gold Medalist Jesse Owens said, “Find the good. It's all around you. Find it. Showcase it, and you'll start believing in it.” We may come to believe that goodness really is all around. In addition, start putting good out there and you'll find that it'll come back to you tenfold in the most unexpected ways!

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we'll see good sprinkled
over every day.

LOOKING AHEAD – There's a way to go yet before we have to begin dealing with income tax returns. Here's some information about how to find a qualified tax preparer if you're in need of one. Our circumstances can change very quickly, and it's helpful to know what to do when that happens. The IRS has a searchable directory to help you find people with tax-preparation credentials and specific qualifications. You can find it at <https://irs.treasury.gov/rpo/rpo.jsf>. Make sure anyone you hire has a tax-preparer identification number issued by the IRS, which is required for anyone who is compensated for preparing tax returns. You can also check with organizations that partner with the IRS: The American Academy of Attorney-CPAs, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, National Association of Enrolled Agents, National Association of Tax Professionals, National Conference of CPA Practitioners, National Society of Accountants and National Society of Tax Professionals. (Kiplinger Retirement Report)

Elder Wisdom

I can always pray for someone
when I don't have the strength to
help them in some other way.

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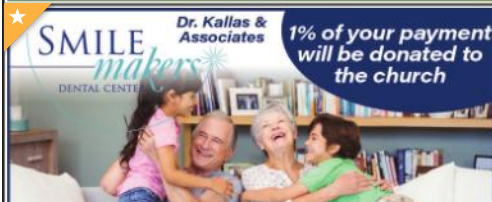
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