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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

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 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

Monday, November 28, 2022

8:30am + Joe McKeon

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

8:30am The Gadell Family

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

8:30am + Lora Caputy

Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:30am + Rodolfo Manuud Regala

Friday, December 2, 2022

8:30am + Rogelio Belicano

Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:30am + John Desman Dolan

Sat. / Sun. December 3, 2022, – December 4, 2022

+ Manuel Marbella
+ Fausto Antonio C. Acuña
+ Joseph F. Fernandez
+ Richard Calder
+ Edward Radgowski Sr

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@olgcv.org.

Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of, November 27, 2022

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
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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

- + Elizabeth D. Samson, mother of Anthony “Butch”, mother-in-law of Verna Samson, grandmother of Analise V. Cariño, Jasmine A. Hernandez, & Anthony J. Samson
- + Marion Vey, aunt of JoAnne Kinyon

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

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

Church	In Thanksgiving for Morris & Steele Families
Chapel	In Thanksgiving for the OLGC Priests
Our Lady	For all suffering from mental illness

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

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Children's Liturgy of the Word 10—10:30 AM Chapel RCIA Breaking Open the Word 10:30 - 11 AM Chapel & Cry Room	Little Rock Scripture Study 10 - 11:30 AM Zoom Quilters 11:30 AM - 3 PM Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm Advent Evening Prayer 7 - 8 PM Church Baptism Prep Class - English 7 - 8:30 PM SJC-Brisson Rm Registration Required	Giving Tuesday Tuesday Bible Study 9:45 - 11:45 AM Zoom Funeral and Luncheon: Elizabeth D. Samson 11 AM - 1 PM Church, DeSales Hall The service may be viewed online Baptism Prep Class - Spanish 7 - 8:30 PM SJC-Aviat Rm Registration Required Music Ministry (Hemmingson) 7 - 8:30 PM Church	BSA Troop 976 Mtg 7 - 8:30 PM Counsel Rm Music Ministry (Jones) 7 - 8:30 PM Church RCIA Catechumenate 7:30 - 9 PM SJC-Brisson Rm RCIA Mystagogy 7:30 - 9 PM SJC-Aviat Rm Men's Basketball 8:30 - 10 PM Fr. Brisson Gym	Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 - 11 AM SJC-Brisson Rm CS Pack 976 Arrow of Light Den Mtg 6 - 8 PM Counsel Rm Music Ministry (Choir) 7 - 8:30 PM Church Men's Basketball 8:30 - 10 PM Fr. Brisson Gym	Adoration 9 AM - 3 PM Chapel	Elementary CCF 8:30 - 10 AM School Confessions 9 - 9:30 AM Reconciliation Room Emmaus 10 - 10:30 AM School Elementary CCF & RCIC 10:30 AM - 12 PM School CS Pack 976 Treasure Hunt 12 - 1 PM Field-Lower BSA Troop 976 Wreath Sales 3:30 - 6 PM Bell Tower

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



December 2 9am - 3pm
Sign up at bit.ly/3EjZQg7

Monthly Collections

FY July 2022—June 2023

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Offertory	178,304	168,557	202,362
Total Budgeted	<u>189,958</u>	<u>175,514</u>	<u>184,041</u>
Variance	(11,654)	(6,957)	18,321
YTD Received	360,240	528,797	731,159
Budget YTD	<u>353,230</u>	<u>528,744</u>	<u>712,785</u>
Variance	7,010	53	18,375

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.





Dear friends and people of Our Lady of Good Counsel,

Greetings and Peace to you from God our Father, and Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Advent is a season about time. This season before Christmas is a time of preparation. We prepare ourselves, yes, to celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior on Christmas, but a closer look at the Bible readings for our Sunday worship calls on us to prepare ourselves for the time when our Lord shall return in the Glory of the Father.

So how best can we prepare ourselves? I want to suggest to you that this year, we might prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels to the shepherds near Bethlehem by slowing down our lives and being more aware of this thing we have been given called Time.

Time is a precious gift that God gives to us so that we may have time for family and friends; time for happiness and peace; time for love and joy; time for worship; thanksgiving, and praise of him, the giver of Time. And all of us are good spenders of time. But, I wonder, do we truly appreciate that time, in every moment, at every instant, as his precious gift to us? Do we realize that what He has given us is not our own, but His? Do we recognize that we live our lives in God's time?

Too often, we spend our time wastefully by not seeing it and using it as we would a special gift from dear friend or loved one. Perhaps this Advent, the best way to prepare ourselves to hear again the timeless message of our Salvation, who was born so long ago in that lowly stable, is to live every movement in appreciation of that wonderful and precious gift God has given us.

This advent, I invite you into a deeper relationship with Our God and Savior through the spending time: In Scripture, in prayer, and in praise and thanksgiving. I invite you to spend some time each day pondering the many gifts and blessings which God sends your way at every moment of every day.

And my hope is that by spending Advent in this way, we will be transformed from "wasters of time" into "appreciators of time," so that when we gather to worship on Christmas, we may enter into a deeper appreciation for what God has done to and for you and me. He has come to this world, he has broken through to us from his eternal habitation and promised to be with us always guiding and guarding, leading, and protecting us, even to the end of time.

Wishing you all Happy Advent Season!

Father Mathias Kumar, OSFS

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 available for \$20, as well as a limited number of other ornaments. 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.



Monthly Outreach Project: Joy of Christmas Giving

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!



FR. MATT'S MUSING:

A Salesian Seven

Francis DeSales loved words. As a matter of fact, he is one of the founders of the modern French language...

Read more: bit.ly/3GulMYC

Dining for Dollars

There's nothing BASIC about Dining for Dollars in December!

On Wednesday, December 7th from 4pm-9pm, head to Basic Burger at 1495 Cornerside Blvd., Vienna for a delicious burger, chicken, salad, or fries all the while helping to support the OLGC PTO. In order to credit OLGC with 25% of the sales, any dine-in or to-go restaurant orders should ask for an extra printout of their receipt and give it to any Basic Burger Employee. Any online orders, please enter the promo code "OLGC."



GIVING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2022

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ensure our future together.

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Información Parroquial en español

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

EL SEÑOR DICE, "Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

El domingo 27 de noviembre se **inició el Adviento**, período que termina el 24 de diciembre, en la víspera de la Navidad. El Adviento consiste en una preparación espiritual para la Navidad, así como la preparación del creyente para la segunda venida de Cristo. El Adviento marca el inicio del año litúrgico en el cual es la organización de los diversos tiempos y solemnidades durante el año. Durante el Adviento es tradicional que los fieles tengan en sus hogares las denominadas "Coronas de Adviento", coronas de ramas y flores con cuatro velas, una por cada semana. Tradicionalmente las familias cristianas rezan todos los domingos alrededor de estas y encienden la vela correspondiente como parte de su preparación.

"¡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 welcme@olgcv.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.olgcv.org/sacraments/baptism>

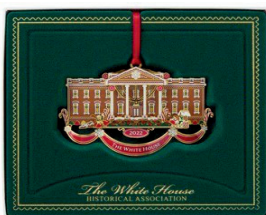
Catequesis: para niños, adultos y bautizó de niños mayores de 6 años, sacramento de la confirmación y comunión Comuníquese con Amy MacKinnon amackinnon@olgcv.org o 703.896.7426.

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

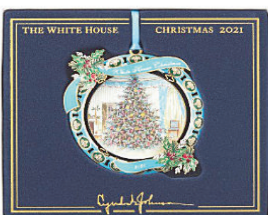
Confesiones en español durante el mes de noviembre son el sábado 19 de 9: -9: 30 a.m. o de lunes a jueves únicamente con cita. Puede llamar para hacer una cita con el Padre Mateo al 703.938.2828 o envíe un correo electrónico a frhillyard@olgcv.org. No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después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

Tenemos en la oficina parroquial los adornos navideños de la Casa Blanca del 2021 y 2022, los adornos de la parroquia y las velas de Adviento por.



\$25



\$20



\$5



\$5



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\$10 / \$15

Do you want to feel inspired?

"As teachers, you kindle in your students a thirst for truth and wisdom. You spark off in them a desire for beauty. You introduce them to their cultural heritage. You help them to discover the treasures of other cultures and peoples. What an awesome responsibility and privilege is yours in the teaching profession."

— Pope John Paul II

We still need catechists and aides for most grades for CCF! If God is inspiring you to help children learn and grow in their knowledge and love of God, please contact Amy MacKinnon at amackinnon@olgcv.org



Staff Transitions



We are pleased to welcome **Vivianne Pico** to the OLGC staff as Bookkeeper. Vivianne comes to us from Logi Analytics where she worked as Staff Accountant.

Vivianne moved to Washington from her home in Ponce, Puerto Rico to attend Trinity College and decided to stay. She is a PBS fan and enjoys Latin American music, especially Salsa and Merengue.

We bid farewell to **Karen Pubal**, who has served many years as Accounting Assistant for the OLGC community. We thank Karen for her dedication to OLGC and wish her many blessings in her new endeavors.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Called & Gifted Workshop

Dec. 3 | 9:00am

Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas

Dec. 4 | 4:00pm

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Bishop Burbidge for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Miscarriage or Early Infant Death

December 4

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 8 | 12:05pm

Evening Prayer in Advent

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



Watch "The Letter" on YouTube

This original documentary is brought to you from the Academy Award® winning team behind "My Octopus Teacher." Here Pope Francis calls for a deep transformation of our hearts, an "ecological conversion". A world where we become active participants in the creation of a society where we are caretakers—rather than owners—of this planet we call home. At the core of the film will be the "voices of the peripheries"—the unheard, the marginalized.

In the first month of its release, it's been viewed more than eight million times. Use the QR code or visit youtu.be/Rps9bs85BII.





SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

"Holly Jolly Christmas" will be the theme for the December luncheon for OLCG seniors. It will take place at noon on Thursday, December 15 in DeSales Hall. If you've been coming to the luncheons over the years, you know what a special occasion this will be. If you've yet to enjoy the camaraderie of our seniors, try to attend this festive gathering. There is no charge, but reservations are required. Watch for registration information in next week's column. The Book Swap Table will be available again. Donate a few recent books or jigsaw puzzles (nothing else, please) and feel free to take home something that interests you.



THE ADVENT SEASON

Well, here we are today, the first Sunday in Advent when the Church begins to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Give yourselves the gift of a great Christmas by taking quiet time every day. The spirit of Christmas is alive and ready to fill your life with joy and blessings if you just slow down enough to let it in. In this time of uncertainty and change, turn to your traditions, such as the Advent Wreath, to remind you daily of why we do what we do during this time of waiting.

HOLIDAY TEA

The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia invites you to its Annual Holiday Tea on Thursday, December 8 from 2–4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road in Oakton. You'll spend the afternoon with other seniors, savoring tasty treats and enjoying our community at this festive time of the year. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased by calling 703-281-0538. Please RSVP by December 5.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Are you facing a "no heat" situation? The Crisis Assistance program helps households overcome energy emergencies that cannot be met by other resources. An energy emergency is determined when a household has no heat or is in imminent danger of being without heat. The open application period for the Crisis Assistance Program began earlier this month and closes on March 15, 2023. Households can apply in the following ways:

- Online: at CommonHelp.Virginia.gov
- Phone: call the Enterprise Call Center, 1-833-522-5582

- Paper Application: call 703-324-7500 to request an application to be mailed to you.
- Fax: fax a completed application to 703-653-1355
- In Person: applications are available at these Department of Family Services locations:
Fairfax Pennino Bldg., 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232, Fairfax or Reston-Lake Anne Office Bldg., 114484 Washington Plaza West, 4th floor, Reston (these are the two closest locations.)

HOLIDAY BINGO

Come to Foster's Grille for dinner on Monday, Dec. 5, 4–7 pm and play Bingo to benefit the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia. The Grille is located at 138 Maple Avenue in Vienna. 10 cards for \$10, and prizes for every game. Bring your appetite because the Shepherd's Center will receive 20% of the food receipts. Wear your favorite holiday sweater, hat or shirt to add to the fun! There's no registration. Email communications@scnova.org if you have questions.

CHURCH STREET STROLL

On Monday, November 28, enjoy welcoming Santa, live holiday music from local groups, a tree lighting led by Mayor Colbert and great deals from local Church Street businesses! Visit historic sites such as the Freeman Store and Museum, Little Library, Caboose, Train Station and others. Free, 6–8:30 pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TAX SEASON

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation to qualified individuals and families in Northern Virginia. Fairfax County Dept. of Family Services is recruiting volunteers to act as greeters, interpreters (including ASL), screeners, tax preparers, online tax coaches, social media outreach, and IT support. No experience is necessary but volunteers must be 19 and older. Free training (classroom and online) is available for screeners and tax preparers. No tax training is needed for greeters and interpreters. To register as a volunteer please visit volunteer.Fairfaxcounty.gov and search for "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" Proof of COVID vaccination is required.

Elder Wisdom

Learn to bend like the bamboo,
so that when the wind blows,
you won't break.

—Anon.

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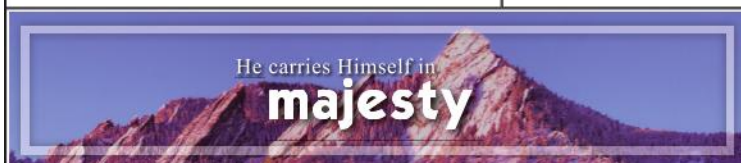
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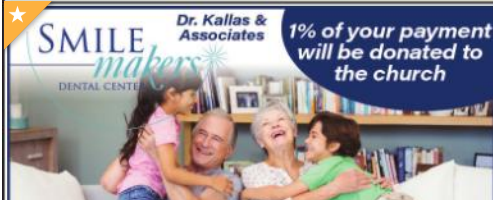
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