

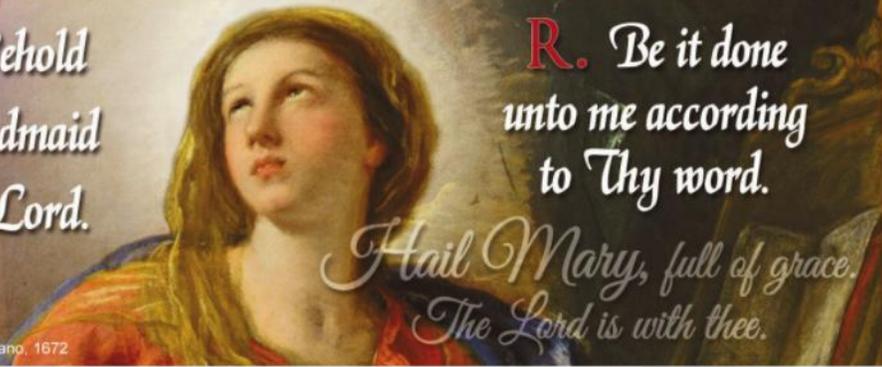


*V. Behold
the handmaid
of the Lord.*

*R. Be it done
unto me according
to Thy word.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

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OUR LADY of
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

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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. December 3 – December 4, 2022

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

Monday, December 5, 2022

- 8:30am + Denise Sheehan

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

- 8:30am + Sam Althoff

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

- 8:30am + Richard Nicolosi
- 7:00pm + Irma Umaña Girón

Thursday, December 8, 2022

- 8:30am + Otto Doerflinger
- 12:10pm Russ & Tarah Weaver
- 7:00pm + Elizabeth Jarosz

Friday, December 9, 2022

- 8:30am For the OLGc Community

Saturday, December 10, 2022

- 8:30am + Irma Umaña Giron

Sat. / Sun. December 10 – December 11, 2022

- Eleanor Smith & Neddy Henares
- + Rose Marie Connor Lanzetta
- + Reuben Perez Diaz
- + Thomas E. Mcgunigal
- + Noah Clemente Crespo

Taking Care in Crowded Masses

As we approach Christmas, this is a time when we find more and more people attending Mass. Worshiping in community is an important part of our faith so we want everyone to feel welcome when they return to church.

We ask that you try to limit the size of bags, backpacks and other personal items that you bring into the church in order to make it easier for everyone to be comfortable during Mass. It's as simple as leaving items you don't need for worship in your car. Thank you in advance for helping to welcome all to OLGc this holiday season!

Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of, December 4, 2022

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| 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 |
| Monday | Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Lk 5:17-26 |
| Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13;
Mt 18:12-14 |
| Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10;
Mt 11:28-30 |
| Thursday | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Friday | Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19 |
| Saturday | Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13 |
| Sunday | Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11 |



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

- + Teresita Amundaray, mother of Audrey Meza, mother in law of Luis Alfonso and grandmother of Tomas Eduardo Alfonso Meza
- + Salvatore DiMassimo

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

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

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| Church | For all suffering from mental illness |
| Chapel | For all caregivers |
| Our Lady | Russ & Tarah Weaver |

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

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
BSA Troop 976 Wreath Sales 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM Bell Tower Donut Social 9 AM - 1:30 PM DeSales Hall Children's Liturgy of the Word 10 - 10:30 AM Chapel RCIA Breaking Open the Word 10:30 - 11 AM Chapel & Cry Room Jr High CCF 6:15 - 7:45 PM School	Little Rock Scripture Study 10 - 11:30 AM Zoom Rosary Makers 10 AM - 12 PM SJC-Aviat Rm Quilters 11:30 AM - 3 PM Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm GS Troop 50198 3 - 5 PM SJC-Brisson Rm Girl Scout Troop 5689 4:30 - 5:30 PM DeSales Hall Advent Evening Prayer 7 - 8 PM Church	Tuesday Bible Study 9:45 - 11:45 AM Zoom CS Pack 976 Tiger Den Mtg 6 - 8 PM Counsel Rm Music Ministry (Hemmingson) 7 - 8:30 PM Church	BSA Troop 976 Adult Mtg. 6:30 - 8:30 PM School-Loft 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 Small Faith Group 7:30 - 8:30 PM Zoom SVdP Mtg 7:30 - 9 PM DeSales Hall Men's Basketball 8:30 - 10 PM Fr. Brisson Gym	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass 8:30 - 9:30 AM Church Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass 12:10 - 1 PM Church Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass 7 - 8 PM Church	GS Troop 50118 3:30 - 4:30 PM DeSales Hall Wedding Rehearsal: Kelly/Deegan 5 - 7 PM Chapel Open Mic Night 7 - 10 PM DeSales Hall	Elementary CCF 8:30 - 10 AM School Confessions 9 - 9:30 AM Reconciliation Room Baptisms 10 - 11 AM Chapel Emmaus 10 - 10:30 AM School Elementary CCF & RCIC 10:30 AM - 12 PM School Wedding: Kelly/Deegan 1:30 - 3:00 PM Chapel

Christmas Flower and Environment Collection

This annual collection is taken up to help to cover the costs of decorating the church for Advent and Christmas seasons. It is through this collection that the OLGc community "decks the halls" for the holiday season. Your donation provides for the festive celebration of Christmas.



See the sign up sheets in the Narthex to assist with decorating the church and the gym for Christmas.

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.



December Second Collections

- 4 Christmas Flower & Environment
- 8 Immaculate Conception
- 11 Catholic Charities-Diocese of Arlington
- 25 Christmas

Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

In its present form, the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche, or manger, for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

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All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R: Amen.

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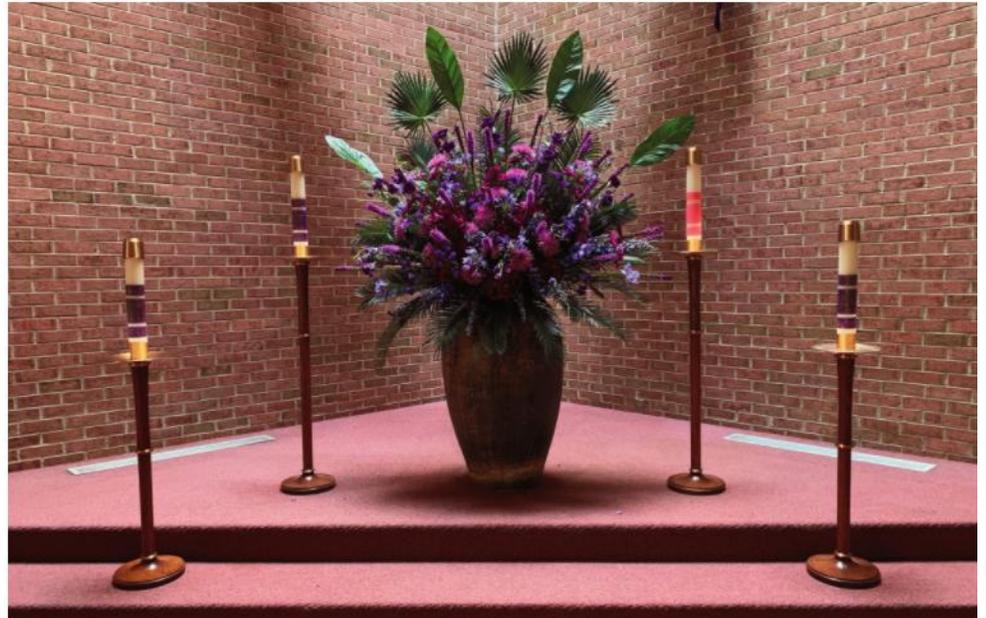
From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

Our Advent 'Wreath'

The four Sundays preceding Christmas are recognized for the four virtues.

Each candle represent: Hope (1st), Love (2nd), Joy (3rd) and Peace (4th).

Christians turn to this time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. Our Advent design could be thought as different or unusual. The vase we see each week of floral arrangements for advent have been filled with the color spectrum of purple, blues, greens. The vase being "round" acknowledges the "round" traditional wreath. There is really no exact form Advent needs to be set up, except for the four candles of each week. As the Lord says, "I am doing a new thing." Let us all relish in doing a new thing.



Blessing of the Bambinelli



You are invited to bring to church your baby Jesus from the creche at home.

A Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Holy Father invites children to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. After the announcements on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11, Father will bless your baby Jesus.

Please Note:

Don't forget to take home your photos of your loved one from the November's Remembrance display

Lectors: The 2023 workbook are available in the Ministry Sacristy

Join us for Christmas

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm CHURCH
4:30 pm GYM
6:00 pm CHURCH
6:30 pm GYM
8:00 pm CHURCH
10:00 pm CHURCH

Christmas Day: 8:00 am CHURCH
10:00 am CHURCH
12:00 pm CHURCH

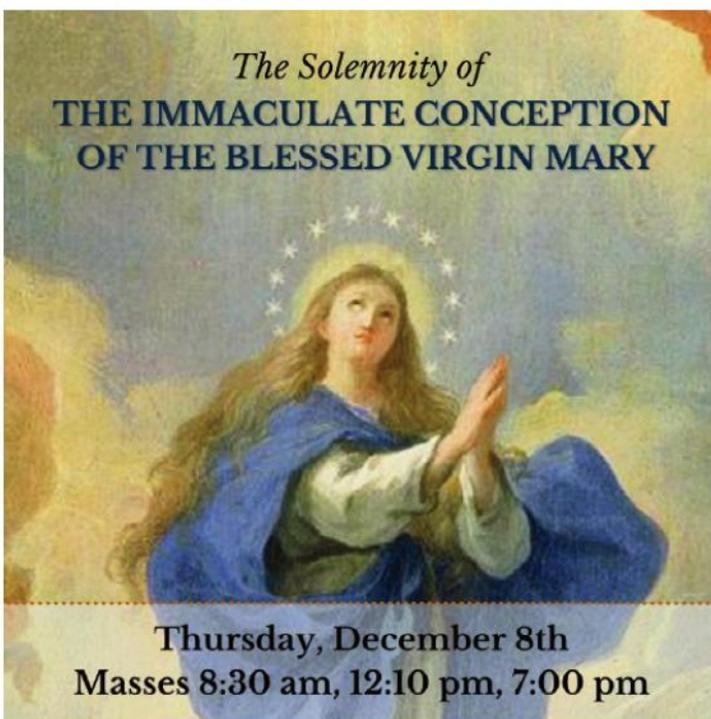
Tickets are not required for any of the Masses

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.



The Solemnity of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



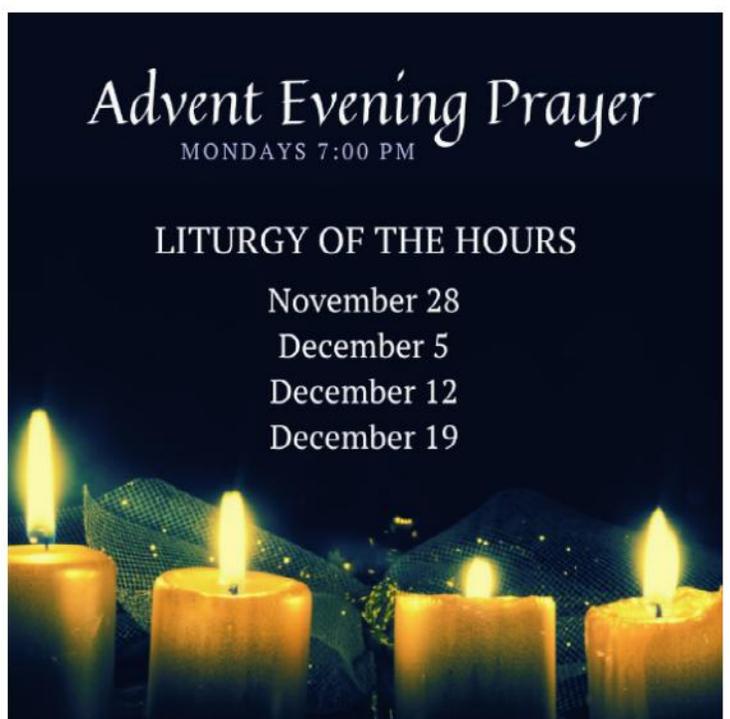
Thursday, December 8th
Masses 8:30 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

Advent Evening Prayer

MONDAYS 7:00 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

November 28
December 5
December 12
December 19



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 Desmaris (chrisdesmaris526@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. Sign up at bit.ly/JoyofChristmasVolunteers to give the gift of your time! Gifts will be collected the weekend of December 17th!



*Spread some
Christmas Cheer!*

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."



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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@olgcva.org

EL SEÑOR DICE, "Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

El Adviento comenzó el 27 de noviembre, cuatro domingos antes de la Navidad, es decir, 4 domingos antes del nacimiento de nuestro señor Jesús; lo que significa la llegada de un nuevo año litúrgico y con ello la posibilidad de una vida más plena, una vida "Haciendo Algo Nuevo".

La luz, la esperanza y la alegría le dan sentido a esta temporada y la Corona de Adviento es el símbolo de todo ello: "ella recuerda que la luz se irá abriendo paso en medio de la tiniebla y que la vida triunfará sobre la muerte. Esa luz no es otro que Dios hecho hombre: Jesucristo",

Este domingo 4 de diciembre celebramos el Segundo Domingo de Adviento 2022 y vamos a encender la segunda vela de nuestra corona como signo de que seguimos preparándonos para recibir a Jesús con el corazón reconciliado.



"¡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!

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@olgcva.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.olgcva.org/sacraments/baptism>

Catequesis: para niños, adultos y bautizo de niños mayores de 6 años, sacramento de la confirmación y comunión Comuníquese con Amy MacKinnon amackinnon@olgcva.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 diciembre son el sábado 10 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@olgcva.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

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be immediately after the noon Mass on Sunday, December 11 in Spanish. We will initiate the celebration with a procession at the beginning of Mass. We encourage all parents to bring their children in traditional clothing of their country to participate in the procession. At the end of Mass we will hear the story of the miracle of the roses and process to De Sales Hall to conclude our celebration with a reception.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

Of what do I need to repent and how can my repentance produce good fruit?

A New Look for the New Year

The Bulletin will get a new look for 2023. Watch for the new design in January.

Doing a New Thing!

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 8 | 12:05pm

Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

Dec. 10 | 8:45am

Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families

Dec. 13 | 7:30pm

Day of Recollection for Men Discerners

Dec. 17 | 10:00am

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.

Open Mic Night Next Friday

December 9, 7-10pm DeSales Hall

Open Mic Night is a free family-friendly event where anyone who would like to perform (music, song, poetry, storytelling, comedy, etc.) will find a friendly audience. Even if you don't want to perform, please come be part of audience and enjoy some great entertainment; performers love a good crowd. Light refreshments are provided, but folks are welcome to bring snacks/desserts to share.

Join us monthly in DeSales Hall 7pm to 10pm for a relaxed, informal evening of live performance and good fellowship. Some people come for just part a portion of the evening, so come when you can. They are usually held on the second Friday of the month.





SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

This is the second call for you to make a reservation for "Holly Jolly Christmas", this month's luncheon for OLG seniors, on Thursday, December 15 at noon in DeSales Hall. This is always a festive gathering and you can make it more so by wearing your favorite Christmas sweater! There'll be a sumptuous buffet and the other best part will be the opportunity to socialize which is so important, especially for seniors. There is never any charge but reservations are required for planning purposes. Email Dagny at seasonedcitizens@olgcv.org, call her, 703.281.5525, or RSVP at bit.ly/HollyJollyLunch. Bring some recent books or jigsaw puzzles (nothing else, please) for the Book Swap Table, and feel free to take something that appeals to you.



NEW TRIP

Vienna Parks and Recreation invites you to join other seniors at a matinee performance of "A Christmas Carol" at Olney Theatre on Wednesday, December 14. In a season stuffed with varied versions of the classic yuletide tale, Paul Morella's solo performance stands apart for its devotion to Dickens's original language and storytelling genius. One extraordinary performer brings to life Scrooge and his specters, present and future—more than 40 different characters in all. The trip fee is \$74 for Vienna residents, \$92.50 for everyone else and includes the performance and transportation. Register with your WebTrac account or stop by the Vienna Community Center to do so in person.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

We all know how magnificent this musical work is. Here's your opportunity to hear it sung by the New Dominion Chorale on Saturday, December 10 at 4:00 pm in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. It's located at the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4916 East Campus Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Concert tickets may be purchased online by visiting www.newdominion.org. They will also be available at the door at the time of the performance. Those 62+ pay \$30; general admission is \$35. Masks are optional for the audience and required for the singers. Parking is free. For more information call 202.244.7191.

WHERE TO SEND USED STAMPS

Please collect your holiday and other postage stamps and mail them to: Sisters of the Holy Cross Stamp Ministry, 100 Augusta Hall-Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, IN, 46556.

CONSERVE (ENERGY) KITS

Here's something new you might be interested in to help lower your energy costs this winter. To help county residents weatherize their homes and save money, Fairfax County Public Library has created Conserve (Energy) Kits. Each one includes tools and consumable items that will seal leaks in your home and help you understand more about how various appliances and devices use energy. Some of the items included in the kit are considered consumables—use what you need and return the rest; all other items are to be returned with the kit along with any unused consumables.

The kits may be borrowed for two weeks and are renewable if there are no existing holds. You can place a hold online or in a branch, but the kits may only be picked up at one of five branches. The closest one to Vienna is the Reston Regional Library. The kits must be returned to the same branch.

Items included in the kit (asterisks indicate consumable items): Kilowatt Usage Meter, Laser Thermometer, Mechanical Timer, Moisture Meter, Thermometer/Hygrometer Gauge, Caulking Gun, Caulk*, Finish Tools, Outlet/Light Switch Insulation Gasket*, Weather Stripping*, Window Insulation Shrink Kit*. For more information about the Conserve Kits, visit Research.FairfaxCounty.gov/lot/conserve.

COVID VACCINES & MEDICARE

Updated COVID-19 vaccines are now available free to all U.S. residents, including Medicare beneficiaries. The latest vaccines provide protection against the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants. If it's been at least two months since you completed your COVID-19 vaccine series or had your last booster, then you're eligible for the updated vaccine.

To find a COVID or flu vaccine location near you, look online at vaccines.gov. You may be asked to show proof of insurance, but it's not a requirement to get a COVID vaccine. If you have trouble reaching a vaccination site, you may be able to get a vaccine in your home. Medicare recipients can call the hotline at 800.633.4227.

Elder Wisdom

“Walk joyously through life. And if at times you cannot, at least walk with faith and courage.”

(St. Francis De Sales)

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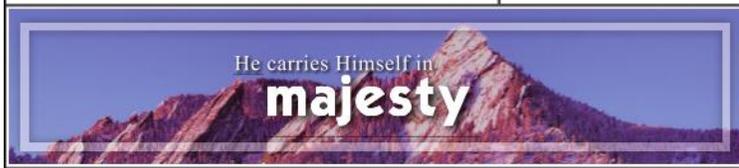
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