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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

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www.olgcva.org/about-us/facilities

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www.olgcva.org/about-us/communications

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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 24 – December 25, 2022

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day:

All Masses are for the Presiders intention

Monday, December 26, 2022

9:00am + Richard LaFrancois

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

8:30am + Elizabeth Samson

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

8:30am + Lilian Rainey & Family

Thursday, December 29, 2022

8:30am + Isabel Trinchera Mustafa

Friday, December 30, 2022

8:30am + Ikhlass Roy

Saturday, December 31, 2022

8:30am + The OLCG Community

Sat. / Sun. December 31, 2022, – January 1, 2023

+ Robert J. Baker

+ Felicity Rodriguez

+ Augustine Lloyd J. Lee

Rosa Ester Flores

No 5:00pm Mass on January 1

In October, November and December, we welcomed our newest members of the OLCG community through the waters of Baptism.

James Cavanagh

Lucia Cora Danielli

Henry Doyle Vannoy

Celeste Marina Rodriguez – Cortes

Alessia Concepcion Hernandez Ruiz

Aliah Angeles Hernandez Ruiz

Kennedy Loftus Huether

Peyton Natalie Clubb

Vivienne James Light

Monica Colt

Grace Frances Wonder



Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of, December 25, 2022

Sunday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14;

Lk 2:1-14

Monday Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;

Wednesday Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17;

Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

Low-Gluten Host

Low-gluten host is available at Mass for those who are in need of it. Please sit in the front section, closest to the Tabernacle.

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

+ Tarah Weaver, wife of Russ Weaver

+ Michael Driscoll

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

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

Church For all suffering from Mental health

Chapel In loving memory of + Augustine Lloyd J. Lee

Our Lady In loving memory of + Tarah Weaver

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

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No CCF - Christmas Break No CYO Basketball Games No House League Basketball Games Christmas Mass 10 - 11 AM Church This Mass may be viewed online at https://youtu.be/BcSiybM2qgs Christmas Mass 12M - 1 PM Church	No School & Church Offices Closed - Christmas Holidays Holiday Mass 9 AM Church	No School & Church Offices Closed - Christmas Holidays Undecorate the Gym 10 - 11 AM Gym Music Ministry (Hemmingson) 7 - 8:30 PM Church	No School - Christmas Holidays 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	No School - Christmas Holidays Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 - 11 AM SJC-Brisson Rm Music Ministry (Choir) 7 - 8:30 PM Church Men's Basketball 8:30 - 10 PM Fr. Brisson Gym	No School & Church Offices Closed - Christmas Holidays	No CCF - Christmas Break NO Confessions No CYO Basketball Games No House League Basketball Games Solemnity of Mary Mass 4 - 5 PM Church

Year-end Giving Options

As you plan for year-end giving, we hope you will consider OLCG.

There are multiple ways to make a gift by the end of the calendar year. To give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift, please visit: www.olgcva.org/support/the-cornerstone-project

Two additional assets to consider are an IRA distribution or a gift of appreciated stock; use of either can have an impact on your taxes when you use them charitably.

Does your company offer a matching gift program? If so, when you make a gift and utilize your company's match program, you can double the impact of your charitable giving.

We are so grateful for the generosity of this wonderful community. Please contact the Office of Advancement with any questions or to discuss how your gift can help further our mission. Merry Christmas and THANK YOU for all the ways in which you support OLCG!



*Happy are the hearts that can bend,
for they will never break.*

—St. Francis de Sales

A SHOUT-OUT!

A special thank you to the Fil/Am Community Ministry here at OLCG for their generous donation of a new ciborium for the Tabernacle in the Chapel!

Monthly Collections

FY July 2022—June 2023

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Offertory	168,557	202,362	174,934
Total Budgeted	175,514	184,041	185,677
Variance	(6,957)	18,321	(10,743)
YTD Received	528,797	731,159	910,175
Budget YTD	528,744	712,785	898,462
Variance	53	18,375	11,713

Weekly & Second Collections

Give with checks or cash via envelopes, text amount to 703.810.7674, or give online at membership.faithdirect.net/VA875. Thank you.

January Second Collections

- 1 Solemnity of Mary
- 22 Oblate Mission Appeal
- 29 Latin America
Facilities Improvements



FR. MATT'S MUSING:

Advent Colors

Our Oblate community has an artificial Christmas tree in our living room. Every evening, before dinner, we pray Evening Prayer. We light our Advent wreath, but we also light our Christmas tree...

Read more: bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-12-17-2022

My Vatican Christmas Angel

I had just graduated from college and was traveling to Europe for the first time to meet up with two friends. Barbara was in Montpellier, France for her junior year in college, and Cindy was teaching French in Rouen, France. They both met me in Rome, Italy a few days before Christmas to travel around Rome and to attend Midnight Christmas Mass at the Vatican.

Throughout the four days prior to Christmas Eve, we each would see the same lady wherever we went; from the coffee bar in the morning, to a sight later, to a street corner at lunch. She was obviously following us.

Finally, in the gift shop on Via della Conciliazione, the lady came up to me and asked if we were planning on going to midnight Mass, and did we have

our ticket? Ticket?? None of us knew we needed a ticket!

She directed us go to the 10th column on the right side of St. Peter's Square at 3:00 pm. Although we were taken by surprise by this strange lady, we thought, "What do we have to lose?" Sure enough, at 3:00 pm, we went as directed and discovered a person standing there who simply said, "At 5:00 pm there will be a monk standing in front of the walled-up Holy Door" (the entrance into the Vatican) and upon our arrival, we were to inform him that we were sent to see him.



Now, the story gets stranger . . . The monk wanted to know how we knew to see him. He gave us a piece of paper with someone's name written on it and said, "Tomorrow (December 24, 1981) at 11:00 am, go the entrance to the Papal Palace. There will be two Swiss guards. Hand them this piece of paper." Again, at 11:00 am the next day, we went as directed and handed the Swiss guard the piece of paper. He then walked us a distance and brought us into the Papal Apartments. Sitting in an alcove, behind a highly ornate writing desk, was a Monsignor. He looked up at the three of us, said nothing and handed us three beautifully engraved red and gold tickets. We were then ushered out

of the Papal Apartments, simply stunned, although not able to read the Italian on the tickets. We soon discovered that Pope John Paul II had stated that a small section (4 chairs wide and

about 30 seats back) around the main altar of St. Peter's was to be reserved for the "people of God". The three of us were the first to go through the metal detectors and we found ourselves sitting in the front row, next to the Papal Choir, for Midnight Mass. Pope John Paul was only five steps away from us as he was exiting Mass, and stopped and blessed rosaries that I held out to him.

There is no doubt, 41 years ago, a Christmas Angel followed us around Rome those days.

—Dr. Paul Ciotti

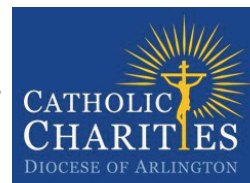
What to learn more about Catholic Charities?

Want to spread the word about Catholic Charities to those in the OLGC Community? Please join the Parish Liaison Network.

Plan to attend the Parish Liaison Network Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 10 - 11:30am on Zoom.

The panel of Catholic Charities program directors will provide an overview of how the graces from our parish partnerships impact our mission, and the clients we serve.

Register in advance at: bit.ly/Jan18PLN. After registering, you will be emailed instructions on how to join the Zoom. Email questions to volunteer@ccda.net.



PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Navidad

¿Cómo pueden florecer las semillas de la divinidad sembradas en mí para que todos se den cuenta?

¿Reconozco las semillas de la divinidad en mí?

¿En otros?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

How can the seeds of divinity sown in me bloom for all to realize? Do I recognize the seeds of divinity in me? In others?



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Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we rejoice in the birth of Our Savior! His arrival, foretold by prophets throughout the centuries, brings to the world a great mystery of our faith: this tiny baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a humble manger - born of a virgin - was both human and divine. He is both our Creator and our Savior; both the Eternal Word, who existed before the beginning, and a man, who dwells among us.

In response to this mystery, our Blessed Mother proclaims, "*My soul rejoices in the Lord!*" These words are also the theme for this second preparatory year toward our diocesan Golden Jubilee celebration in 2024. We rejoice with her, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the incarnate Savior.

Jesus' birth was marked by a star shining in the sky. The light that Christ brought into the world on this day has shone brightly for two millennia. It has revealed God's glory as it has guided Christians to love one another, protect the vulnerable, care for the poor, serve those in need, educate children, heal the sick, welcome the newcomer, work for justice and live in peace with our neighbors.

As we celebrate the true Light coming into the world, may we strive daily to walk in that light always! May we also renew our promise to bring others into the light by sharing the love that God has for us, his beloved sons and daughters.

Please be assured of my prayers for you! May *your* soul rejoice in the Lord and may his peace and abundant blessings be yours this Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



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Navidad 2022

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Hoy nos alegramos por el nacimiento de Nuestro Salvador! Su llegada, anunciada por los profetas a lo largo de los siglos, trae al mundo un gran misterio de nuestra fe: este pequeño bebé, envuelto en pañales y acostado en un humilde pesebre -nacido de una virgen- era a la vez humano y divino. Es a la vez nuestro Creador y nuestro Salvador; a la vez el Verbo Eterno, que existía antes del principio, y un hombre, que habita entre nosotros.

En respuesta a este misterio, nuestra Santa Madre proclama: "*¡Mi alma se alegra en el Señor!*". Estas palabras son también el lema de este segundo año preparatorio para la celebración de nuestro Jubileo de Oro diocesano en 2024. Nos alegramos con ella, mientras celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, el Salvador encarnado.

El nacimiento de Jesús estuvo marcado por una estrella que brilló en el cielo. La luz que Cristo trajo al mundo en este día ha brillado con fuerza durante dos milenios. Ha revelado la gloria de Dios al guiar a los cristianos a amarse unos a otros, a proteger a los vulnerables, a cuidar de los pobres, a servir a los necesitados, a educar a los niños, a curar a los enfermos, a acoger al recién llegado, a trabajar por la justicia y a vivir en paz con nuestros vecinos.

Mientras celebramos la llegada de la verdadera Luz al mundo, ¡que nos esforcemos diariamente por caminar siempre en esa luz! Que también renovemos nuestra promesa de llevar a otros a la luz compartiendo el amor que Dios nos tiene, sus amados hijos e hijas.

Por favor, tengan la seguridad de que estoy rezando por ustedes. Que su alma se regocije en el Señor y que su paz y abundantes bendiciones sean suyas en esta Navidad y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Mons. Michael F. Burbidge
Obispo de Arlington

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."

Sacramento del bautismo de niños menores de 6 años:

Comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419

welcme@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>

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.

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

Intenciones de misas: 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 línea <https://www.olgcva.org/liturgyworship/devotions/mass/olgc>, en las oficinas parroquiales, o en el Centro de Bienvenida. Las misas se otorgarán en el orden que sean recibidas. También puede reservar una de las velas rojas del Santuario al lado de los tabernáculos en la iglesia y la capilla, y la vela azul al lado de la estatua de Ntra. Sra. del Buen Consejo. Igualmente tenemos, El Libro de Intenciones, este se encuentra en la entrada principal de la iglesia.

Confesiones en español durante el mes de enero

son el sábado 28 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.

"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.

Voluntarios: 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. Visite nuestra página web de la parroquia para ver la variedad de formas en que puede ayudar en <https://www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve> y para español visite el mostrador de Bienvenida.

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.



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FROM THE DIOCESE

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 multicultural cookbook! It will include recipes from every culture, submitted by those who call the Diocese of Arlington home! Recipes will be reviewed and selected by a diverse panel, and then published in a keepsake cookbook in commemoration of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee. Find out more here and access the submission form: www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table.

Upcoming Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Mass In Recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.

January 15 | 7:30pm

Sundays with the Sisters

January 22 | 2:00pm

FIAT Day of Reflection

January 28 | 9:45am

Virginia Pro-Life Day

February 1 | 7:30am

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics

February 4 | 9:00am

Monthly Outreach Project: Joy of Christmas Giving

This parish generously—and festively (the gifts were wrapped beautifully!)—made Christmas a bit brighter for almost 700 people (and that does not include Lamb Center clients or SVdP clients!!).

Thank you also to the parishioners, OLGC school classes, OLGC groups and

others who were matched up with families referred from SVdP, 3 local elementary schools, Care Connections Fairfax INOVA and parish families in need to provide gifts.

A special thank you goes to the volunteers who organized, kept track of, and delivered gifts.



GIFTS GIVING BY THE NUMBERS:

New Generations
10 clients (30 gifts)

Second Story
89 clients (264 gifts)

Retired Sisters of St. Joseph
200 Sisters (200 gifts)

Retire Oblates of St. Francis De Sales
29 Priests (29 gifts)

Lamb Center
168 gifts and \$975 in cash and gift cards to fill ongoing needs

St. Vincent DePaul
28 gift cards to fill ongoing needs

76 Families in need (371 family members) received gifts including **53 bikes** from CHO.

DINING FOR DOLLARS • JAN. 2023

Kick off 2023 at the Inn!

Let's start the year off right with a Vienna institution - The Vienna Inn. ALL DAY (8:00 AM - 10:30 PM) on Monday, January 9th and Tuesday, January 10th, The Inn will donate a portion of their proceeds to OLGC PTO. Meet some fellow moms and dads after drop-off for breakfast. Go again for lunch. Then swing by with the kids for dinner. No judging if you go both days!



St. Paul VI Catholic High School Applications are due January 6

All 8th graders and transfer students are welcome to apply.

St. Paul VI Catholic High School reminds all 8th graders and transfer students that applications are due by January 6, 2023. If a student still needs to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) the test will be offered on January 7th. For more details, please visit www.paulvi.net/admissions/application-process.





Merry Christmas!

Ten years ago, I used this reflection on Christmas in this column, and as I was preparing for this year's greeting, I found it at the bottom of a box of clippings. As in 2012, it touched a deep chord in my heart and I chose to share it with you again.

"Every man has his Bethlehem source of a new beginning, where hope is born and possibility looms large; where history is invaded by newness and memory births our faith. Home. Let us go to Bethlehem. Hear the word that comes again into our world, to see the light that shatters its long darkness, to know the God who meets us where we are, to feel the life that throbs to become, to begin again to be born. Home, let us go to Bethlehem." (Daryl Fleming)

I'm wishing all of you a blessed Christmas season, filled with the love of family and friends, good health and happiness and, especially, a peaceful heart!

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SOMETHING FRESH FOR THE NEW YEAR

Here's your chance to write your personal history, beginning early next month. Why not begin the new year with a fresh project and join this free class in Personal History at the nearby Vienna Community Center?

Our lives are filled with unique experiences, which make future generations more knowledgeable when shared through written autobiographies. This is an opportunity to record the story of your life for your children, grandchildren, and generations to come. At the beginning of each session, class members themselves select topics about which to write. Each week, each class member comes to class prepared to read the equivalent of one or two typed or written pages. There's no formal critique of writing. This is for fun, friendship and supportive feedback. A \$5 cash donation is paid in class to purchase coffee, tea, sugar, and creamer to be served at each class. The session begins on January 5, 2023 and runs through March 30 and takes place from 10:40 am to 12:40 pm in the Vienna Community Center. Register via your WebTrac account or call 703.255.6360.

Elder Wisdom

It takes a long time to become young.
Irish Proverb

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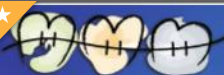
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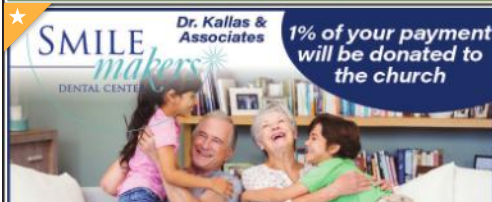
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