# JANUARY 1 • 2023

# The Solemnity of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD





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#### **Mass Schedule**

Mon-Sat - 8:30am holidays are at 9am Saturday Vigil 4pm Sunday 8am, 10am (online), 12pm (en español), 5pm

View Mass Online www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

Chapel open for prayer Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm Confessions Saturdays 9:00am

**Confessions** Saturdays 9:00am or by appointment

#### **Office Hours**

Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm, Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

Make a fresh start each day. There is no better way of growing in the spiritual life than to be always starting over again.

#### Happy New Year!

he new year brings new opportunities, new blessings, new challenges, and a new design to the Bulletin. You will notice that things have moved around a bit, so please take a minute to look through this issue to see where things are. If you would like to see regular features in the Bulletin, please contact Maude Hales at communications@olgcva.org with your ideas. Until then, read about all the wonderful things happening here at Our Lady of Good Counsel and consider where you might give some of your time and talents.

#### The Spaghetti Dinner is Back

We're doing a new thing. On Sunday, January 29th, let's join together in family and fellowship as we bring back the famous Spaghetti Dinner. The Pastoral Council is coordinating the effort, and we hope that you'll consider joining us for a wonderful evening.

- Two seatings, at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Limited seats and tickets via presale only
- No carry-out
- Bread, salad, pasta and meatballs, non-alcoholic drinks, and dessert
- Beer and wine sold separately

The ticket link will be available in early January. We are looking forward to a fun and delicious evening!





"Tam doing a new thing"

#### Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at: bit.ly/PresiderSchedule
Sat. / Sun. Dec. 31, 2022 –
Jan. 1, 2023

- + Robert J. Baker
- + Felicita Rodriguez
- + Augustine Lloyd J. Lee Rosa Ester Flores NO 5PM MASS

Monday, January 2, 2023 9:00am + Bud Candee

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023** 8:30am + David A. Roby Jr.

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 8:30am The Davenport Family

**Thursday, January 5, 2023** 8:30am The Madocks Family

Friday, January 6, 2023 8:30am Gabriella & Eli Gallegos

**Saturday, January 7, 2023** 8:30am The OLGC Community

#### Sat. / Sun. January 8-9, 2023

- + Pilacarpio Cener
- + Barbara Paquette
- + Alba cantos de Cabrera
- + Edward Lawrence Komarinski
- + Elizabeth Reed

Cathy Nagurney & Amanda Witecki

# Please keep those listed in the prayer intention book and the recently deceased in your prayers:

- + Joseph Dubill
- + Michael Driscoll

### Please pray for those for whom candles are lit:

Church In loving memory of

+Al McGarraghy

Chapel In loving memory of

+Elizabeth "Duty" Samson

Our Lady For all suffering from

depression and mental illness

#### **Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel**

e, 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.

Please be in contact with our staff if you have questions about any matter related to the life of the church. Below is a list of the many people here to help.

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFSfrhillyard@olgcva.org
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Información en español Maria Romero 703.896.7419 welcome@olgcva.org
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Respect Life /Gabriel Project Betsy Argauer 703.255.3744 betstim@gmail.com
Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654 www.knightsvienna.org
<b>Counseling</b> Catholic Charities <b>Consejería</b> Caridades Catolica
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Our website, OLGCVA.org, is a source of lots of information about our parish life. There are a number of ways you can communicate with staff for specific needs through the site. The links below provide first steps to various things you may need.

 $OLGC\ Funerals: \underline{www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals}$ 

Devotional Candles: <a href="https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship">www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship</a>

Join the Parish: olgcva.org/register

Schedule an Event: olgcva.org/about-us/facilities

Add Item to Bulletin/Media: <u>olgcva.org/about-us/communications</u>
Mass Intention Request: <u>olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass</u>

#### **Spring 2023 Bereavement Program**

# Have you lost a loved one? Journey with us!

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, and would like to join with others in a safe, welcoming environment to talk about your feelings and your journey, please consider joining a grief support group being jointly offered by OLGC and St. Mark.

The 9-week program begins on Sunday, January 8, and will run through March 5. We will meet on Sundays, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm, both in-person and via Zoom. To sign up, or to get more information, please contact Ms. Sarah Kirk at <a href="mailto:skirkbtr@gmail.com">skirkbtr@gmail.com</a>, or phone/text her at 703.403.3072.



### Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC)

We are single Catholics, 40 and over, who are free to marry by Catholic standards. Our goals are to share in Christian fellowship with one another through religious, social, cultural, community, and recreational activities, and to promote greater participation in our Catholic parishes.

#### Meet us for:

- Movie and dinner (Jan. 3);
- Tour of Carlyle Historic House (Jan. 8);
- Square dancing (Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31);
- Thursday lunches (Jan. 12 and 26);

• Brunch in Del Ray (Jan. 15). For details, visit our website: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/">bit.ly/</a> ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



#### **Catholic Business Network**

Please join the Alexandria-Springfield Chapter of the Catholic Business Network on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 for a networking evening with Catholic business people at Samuel Becketts, 2800 South Randolph Rd., Arlington (Shirlington), Virginia, from 5:30pm to 7:30 p.m. Preregistration member cost is \$15 and includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar at Happy Hour prices. Please RSVP at www.CBNNoVa.org in the "Upcoming Events" column. Pre-registration and pre-payment are preferred. For questions contact Paula Potoczak at pmplaw@earthlink.net.

#### **Adoration**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday, January 6 from 9am-3pm in the
Chapel. Spend some time with the Lord.
Adoration occurs on the 1st Friday of the
month after the 8:30am Mass until 3pm.
Please sign up online

bit.ly/Adoration-Jan2023.



#### PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

María, Madre de Dios Domingo

¿Qué pasó en mi vida en 2022 que atesoro en mi corazón? ¿Cómo reconozco el papel de Dios en estas bendiciones?

# QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

What happened in my life in 2022 that I treasure in my heart? How do I recognize God's role in these blessings?

#### Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

#### For the Week of January 1, 2023

**SUNDAY** Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

MONDAY Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

#### **TUESDAY**

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

WEDNESDAY Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

**THURSDAY** Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

#### **FRIDAY**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

#### SATURDAY

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b; Jn 2:1-11

**SUNDAY** The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

# November Monthly Collections Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023 Offertory 174,934 Total Budgeted 185,677 Variance (10,743) YTD Received 910,175 Budget YTD 898,462 Variance 11,713

#### Weekly & Second Collections

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

#### **January Second Collections**

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

#### Calendar (Subject to change, updates at <a href="https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar">www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar</a>)

#### January 1-7

SUNDA				
	No CCF - Christmas Break			
	No CYO Basketball Games			
	No House League Basketball Games			
	Solemnity of Mary Mass	8 - 9 AM	Church	
	Solemnity of Mary Mass	10 - 11 AM	Church	
	Solemnity of Mary Mass	12 - 1 PM	Church	
MONDA	ΛΥ			
	No School & Offices Closed - Christ	mas Holidays		
	Holiday Mass	9 - 9:30 PM	Chapel	
TUESDA	Υ			
	ECAP Registration 3rd Trimester 0	pens		
	Students Return from Christmas Br	eak		
	Funeral & Luncheon: Joseph Dubill	11 AM - 1 PM		
	Music Ministry (Hemmingson)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church	
WEDNE	SDAY			
	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 Meeting	7:30 - 9 PM	DeSales Hall	
	Men's Basketball	8:30 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
THURSD	AY			
	Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
	Funeral: Michael Driscoll	11 AM - 12 PM	Chapel	
	CS Pack 976 Webelo 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	
FRIDAY				
	Adoration	9 AM- 3 PM	Chapel	
SATURD	AY			
	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 - 12 PM	School	
	CS Pack 976 Pinewood Derby	12:30 - 4:30 PM	DeSales Hall	

# 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 <u>www.paulvi.net/admissions/application-process</u>.



# 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!

#### **Students & Volunteers Needed!**

#### St. Mark English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry

St. Mark ESL Program is seeking students and new volunteers to participate in our Winter/Spring inperson term, Jan. 17- May 4. Our goal is to 'Welcome the Stranger' and provide a program where adults from all ethnic and religious backgrounds can come and learn English and acclimate better to life in the U.S.!

No experience is necessary to volunteer! All classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 1 1/2 hours from January 17 until May 4 with breaks for Presidents Day week and Holy Week. In

# English and <a>@</a> Citizenship Classes

Join our Community of Cultures!

addition to English language classes, we will also offer informal English conversation, writing and citizenship preparation.

For additional information on classes and volunteering for this important ministry, call Monica at 703.980.9380, email stmarksesl@g mail.com, or see the Web site at www.stmarkesl.org.

# SERVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

# Learn more about Catholic Charities

Join the Parish Liaison Network.

Plan to attend the Parish Liaison Network Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 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: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/Jan18PLN">bit.ly/Jan18PLN</a>. After registering, you will be emailed instructions on how to join the Zoom. Email questions to <a href="mailto:volunteer@ccda.net">volunteer@ccda.net</a>.



#### Learn about Fairfax County's Health & Human Services (HHS) System

Faith Communities in Action

Tuesday January 17, 2023, 7pm-8:30pm Online event, please register at <a href="https://bit.ly/FaithinAction-HHS-Overview">bit.ly/FaithinAction-HHS-Overview</a> to receive meeting link.

This is an opportunity for you to hear about the HHS initiatives and priorities for 2023 and to discuss with county officials additional ways your faith organization can partner with Fairfax County to meet the needs of the community.

Speakers will include:

Supervisor Rodney Lusk (Franconia District), Christopher Leonard (Deputy County Executive), and Thomas Barnett (Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development)



#### Thank You, Thank You!

We are grateful for everyone who came out on Wednesday, Dec 21st to decorate the Church, Gym, Narthex and Chapel for the Christmas Season! Their loving care ensured that we had many sacred spaces to welcome all.

And a special thanks to our Facility Department with their ladders and assembling all of the Christmas trees.











#### Informacion 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

# "Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

#### Le agradecemos

En nombre de nuestro párroco, todos los sacerdotes y el personal le damos las gracias a todos los que de uno o otra forma nos ayudaron con nuestros servicios y misas de Adviento y Navidad. No seríamos la parroquia fructífera que somos si no fuera por cada uno de ustedes. Estamos agradecidos por su servicio como ministros eucarísticos, lectores, miembros del coro, ujieres, decoradores de la iglesia y todos nuestros comités que ayudaron. Felices Fiestas de Navidad y un Prospero Años Nuevo!

# 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. 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.

#### **VOLUNTARIOS**

"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.

#### **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 olgcva.org/ liturgy-worship/devotions/mass, 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**

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.

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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.



#### **Senior Moments**

Marge Van Lierde Gitkagirl@gmail.com 571.831.3951



#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

This is the first day of the first week of a brand-new year! Another chance to start over, another crack at getting it right, another opportunity for hope to nurture our spirits. I remember some of the resolutions I made when I was a lot younger; they seem trite now, viewed from the perspective of old age. It's strange how new beginnings provoke memories. Collectively, we've all been through a lot in recent years. My prayer is that these fresh new days of 2023 will bring us a little more happiness, a little more good health and freedom from worry, peace, and a lot more love. Happy New Year everyone! Let's hope it'll be kind to us!

#### **BINGO, COOKIES AND COCOA!**

Vienna Parks and Recreation invites those of you ages 55+ to join your friends for an afternoon of Bingo, cookies and cocoa on Friday, **January 20** from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center (VCC). Enjoy a traditional Bingo game in a friendly atmosphere while you win bargain prizes. Bingo cards are \$2 for 2 cards (limit 2 cards/person). Please bring an inexpensive or slightly used item to donate to the prize table. Preregistration is required. Use your WebTrac account to do this (Activity #341563-A1) or call the VCC, 703.255.6360.

#### VIENNA THEATRE COMPANY

This local drama group will be presenting Monty Python's "Edukational Show." It's a collection of sketches, songs, and animation from "Monty Python's Flying Circus," an entertaining and hilarious 80-minute musical revue. Come, enjoy music, dance, and a good deal of laughter! Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now at www.viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the Vienna Community Center. Performance dates are January 21, 22, 28 and February 3, 4, at 8 pm. Sunday matinees are at 2 pm on January 29 and February 5.

#### ART ACROSS CULTURE— A VIRTUAL TOUR

The creation of art is a universal human experience, but what connects art works across cultures, and what sets them apart? The

Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art is home to more than 44,000 objects, with strengths in arts of the Islamic world; the Ancient Near East; South, East and Southeast Asia; and the United States. For this museum highlights tour, you'll enjoy selections from diverse regions and time periods, exploring commonalities and differences in cultures, aesthetics, and ideas. This is an in-person program being shown at the Vienna Community Center Auditorium on Tuesday, January 17 from 10-11 am. There is no charge.

# FREE COVID 19 TEST KITS FOR THIS WINTER

This is a new program. Every U.S citizen is eligible to order a free at-home test kit from the U.S. government. Go to COVID.gov and click on "Order Free at Home Tests." It'll take you to a USPS.com page where you can fill out a form to order them. Each household will get one set of four rapid test kits. There's also a link to learn more about these tests, including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates. As well, there's a link to determine if the tests you have are still good. These tests are free, shipping is also free, and became available the week of December 19.

#### **NEW!**

The new AARP Veteran Report is a free, twice-monthly newsletter that celebrates the contributions of veterans to our country and communities. With inspiring stories

and practical help for veterans in areas such as health, money, work, and benefits, it's an invaluable resource for vets, their families and all who support the U.S. Military. If you're a member of AARP, visit aarp.org/VeteranReport to subscribe. (*Kiplinger's Retirement Report*)

# NO SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON THIS MONTH

Following the usual schedule, there will be no luncheon in January. The next event will be on Thursday, February 16, right around Valentine's Day. Until then, snuggle up and stay warm!

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Early every year I've been featuring "Encore," a list of various helpful resources to turn to every now and then, information that's been published before. Sometimes they come in bunches, other times in dribbles, depending on what else is going on. If you have a question, let me know and I'll be glad to help if I can. My contact information is in the header at the top of this page.

# Elder Wisdom

"The best thing about the 'New Year', Joey, is we can all just start over."

(Dennis the Menace)

#### **New Beginnings**

hen I first arrived in Alaska for my experience with the Jesuits, I had a conversation with Father Gregg Wood, who had been ministering there for the past 27 years. This discussion centered around different Jesuits' concepts of poverty. For decades, Jesuit seminarians had been sent to remote Native American villages in the Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta for a brief poverty immersion experience. Some Jesuits felt this experience should be a time for the men in formation to use no funds of their own, forcing them to fully rely on others to provide for them. For others, a poverty experience was to be placed in a foreign environment in which none of your previously

developed life skills were of use. This would force the seminarians to lean on others to teach and train them new skills.

I think this is why we often struggle to take on new challenges or embrace new beginnings. Most of us don't like change, because it can make us feel poor and it can make us feel weak. It can be hard to ask for help and guidance from others, admitting we have no idea what to do. And yet, this is what God calls us to. As the new year begins, may we let go of our ego and pride, and embrace something new, trusting in God and our fellow community members to help us grow and develop new ways to glorify God in our lives.



**DEACON JOE KATARSKY** 

#### **DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **Madonnas of Color**

Join Brother Mickey McGrath at St. John Neumann Parish, Reston on January 24 at 7:00PM as he shares his paintings and stories in a celebration of MARY, our Blessed Mother. Drawing from ancient traditions as well as contemporary events, Brother Mickey strives to make the soulful connections between traditional reverence and modern relevance.

Use this link <u>bit.ly/3F4eKIQ</u> to register for this in-person event.

Brother Mickey's latest book, *Madonnas of Color*, will be available for signing and for sale.

Those attending the event will be included in a drawing to receive one of five copies of *Madonnas of Color*. Attendees are encouraged to wear masks.



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#### **Upcoming Diocesan Events**

Visit <u>arlingtondiocese.org/all-</u> events for details

Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families

January 10 | 7:30pm

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

**St. Therese Vocation Society Morning of Reflection**February 4 | 9:00am



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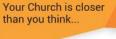


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