

APRIL 16 • 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



OUR LADY of
GOOD COUNSEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays

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

or by appointment

Office Hours

Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm,

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

*"May all our actions,
words, thoughts, and
spirit be centered in God,
on God, and for God!"*

— St. Jane de Chantal

*"Que todas nuestras
acciones, palabras,
pensamientos y espíritu
se centren en Dios, Sobre
Dios y para Dios."*

— Sta. Jane de Chantal

The Feast of the Divine Mercy

This year, the Sunday of Divine Mercy falls on April 16th. Help us celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy, and join us in the Chapel for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Sunday at 3:00 pm.

This feast was established by Pope St. John Paul II as a time when the entire Catholic Church is invited to celebrate God's mercy, as shown through the ministry and sacrifices of His Son, Jesus Christ. We reflect on the image of Jesus as He appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska, with rays radiating from His Heart. The two rays denote Blood and Water.

As we prepare our hearts to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, please join with prayers as we work together to radiate the message of God's mercy to a world so desperately in need of it. Learn more about the Divine Mercy Devotion, place your innermost trust in Jesus, and permit him to fill you with the graces He so wants for all of us. *Lord, as You guided St. Faustina, guide us in spreading the message of Your mercy.* A popular devotion related to the Divine Mercy is to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3 o'clock to experience true trust, true peace, and true love. You can find the Chaplet online at bit.ly/Divine-Mercy-Chaplet.

Although the Chaplet can be said anytime, Our Lord asked specifically that it be prayed at 3pm (the Hour of Divine Mercy, which is the hour that He died). Sign up for the daily reflection at TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup.



Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:
bit.ly/PresiderSchedule

Sat./Sun., April 15/16, 2023

+ Angel Serafin Cabrera
+ Martin & Catherine Lowe
+ Peter Komarinski
+ Brian Patrick Fimian
+ John McFadden

Monday, April 17, 2023

8:30am The OLG Community

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

8:30am Jonathan & Amy de Bernardo
Wedding Anniversery

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

8:30am + Pauline Remaniski

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:30am + Stephanie Garcia

Friday, April 21, 2023

8:30am + Thomas Ledesma

Saturday, April 22, 2023

8:00pm + Lorraine "Lori" Nicole Fagan

Sat./Sun., April 22/23, 2023

+ Jose Luis Vivanco
+ Armenjol Dejas
+ Kate Cooper
+ Dr. Charles Joy
+ Bill, Tom and Chris Cody

**Please keep those listed in the prayer
intention book and the recently
deceased in your prayers.**

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

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| Church | For all who are struggling and suffering with the burdens of life |
| Chapel | For all survivors of violence |
| OL Votive | For the homebound |

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.

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.

| | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS..... | frhillyard@olgcv.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 |
| Counseling | Catholic Charities Consejería Caridades Catolica | 703.425.0109 |

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

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

Join the Parish: olgcv.org/register

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

Add Item to Bulletin/Media: olgcv.org/about-us/communications

Mass Intention Request: olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

Parking Lot Gates Schedule

Beginning **Monday, April 17**, the parking lot gates (in red below) will be closed 7:30 am – 4:00 pm to allow students more time outdoors as the weather gets warmer.

The spaces marked in orange will not be available when school is in session. The spaces marked in green are accessible at any time

and include a number of handicapped-accessible spaces for those who need them.

Please note that there is no cut-through option when the gates are closed.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



Many Thanks!

It is with grateful hearts that we look back on Holy Week and Easter and say thank you to the musicians, lectors, porters, sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, environment committee, and the many, many others who served the parish during this sacred time of year. It is the dedication and joyful service of our parishioners that make our worship services spirit filled and holy.

Thank you one and all.

Thank You!

Register for Next Year's Religious Education!

Registration is open for 2023-2024. Sign up online now.

2023-24 CCF Registration
bit.ly/CCF-in-person-2023-24

2023-24 Homeschool Registration
bit.ly/CCF-homeschool-2023-24

Contact Amy MacKinnon, the CCF Coordinator, if you have questions: amackinnon@olgcv.org



FR. MATT'S HOLY WEEK MUSING: Crucifix

Upon entering a Catholic church, there are some unique symbols. There are holy water fonts for us to make the sign of the cross to remind us of our baptism...

Read more at bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-HolyWeek

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

2nd Sunday of Easter

With eyes of faith, how do I see Christ's wounds in my community?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

2º Domingo de Pascua

Con ojos de fe, ¿cómo veo las llagas de Cristo en mi comunidad?

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of April 15/16, 2023

SUNDAY Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

MONDAY

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20;
Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023

| | Jan. 2023 | Feb. 2023 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Offertory | 200,665 | 180,930 |
| Total Budgeted | 244,437 | 184,645 |
| Variance | (43,772) | (3,715) |
| YTD Received | 1,403,982 | 1,584,912 |
| Budget YTD | 1,403,016 | 1,587,664 |
| Variance | 965 | (2,752) |

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.

April Second Collections

- 2 Oblates Annual Appeal
- 30 Catholic Home Missions

Calendar (Subject to change, updates at www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar)

April 16-22

SUNDAY

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| Children's Liturgy of the Word | 10 - 10:30 AM | Chapel |
| Nightlife | 6 - 8 PM | DeSales Hall |
| Jr High CCF | 6:15 - 7:45 PM | School |

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MONDAY

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| Little Rock Scripture Study | 10 - 11:30 AM | Zoom |
| Quilters | 11:30 AM - 3 PM | Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson |
| Rm | | |
| CYO Track Practice | 3 - 4:15 PM | Parking Lot & Upper Field |
| Girl Scout Troop 5689 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM | DeSales Hall |

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TUESDAY

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| Tuesday Bible Study | 9:45 - 11:45 AM | Zoom |
| Youth Adoration | 7 - 8 PM | Chapel |
| Music Ministry (Hemmingson) | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Church |

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WEDNESDAY

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| PTO Parent Coffee--Grades 3-5 Parents | 9:15 AM | DeSales Hall |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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THURSDAY

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| Prayer Shawl Ministry | 9:30 - 11 AM | SJC-Brisson Rm |
| Seasoned Citizens Luncheon | 12 - 2 PM | DeSales Hall |
| GS Troop 50012 | 4:30 - 6 PM | SJC-Brisson Rm |
| CS Pack 976 Tiger 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 |

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FRIDAY

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| Lamb Center Lunch | 10 - 10:15 AM | Parking Lot-Bell Tower |
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SATURDAY

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| JH BASH | | Bishop O'Connell |
| 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 |

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APRIL OUTREACH PROJECT • APR. 22/23

KOVAR- A Knights of Columbus Drive to Help the Intellectually Disabled!

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus tax-exempt charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax-exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. One major focus area of KOVAR is to assist in helping people with intellectual disabilities to live independently. To enable this, KOVAR provides interest-free loans to organizations that are setting up group homes for



those with intellectual disabilities. KOVAR is also a proud sponsor of Special Olympics in Virginia.

The Santa Maria Council #4654, which supports OLGC, will be collecting funds for KOVAR before and after each mass during the weekend of April 22/23. The Knights will resume the tradition of handing out Tootsie Rolls as they collect donations. If you will not be at a Mass that weekend, you can still donate to support KOVAR:

- By check: Make checks payable to KOVAR and write Council #4654 in the memo line. Mail to: KOVAR, 5588 Needleton Ave., Woodbridge, VA 22193.
- By credit card: Go to our state KOVAR website: donate.givedirect.org/?cid=1467. Fill out the form to donate and enter Santa Maria #4654 for the Council Name.



If you would like to help the Knights collect donations, you can sign up at bit.ly/KOVAR-volunteer.

Questions? Contact Bob Davis at rfdavis78@yahoo.com or 240.454.2053.

Interested in being a Knight? Contact Chris Fortier at grandknight4654@knightsvienna.org.



Co-ed Softball Preseason Information Session

Come Find Out About OLGC Softball!

Join us on Saturday, April 22 at 7pm in DeSales Hall. Players will answer questions and show you how much fun it is to play.

Please bring a dish to share and whatever drinks you would like. Please RSVP to Jackie Madden at jfkmadden@gmail.com.

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PRESENTS

BASH

AN EXCITING DAY FOR HUNDREDS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GATHER WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE TO CELEBRATE THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH!

Register Here! 

Mass with Bishop Burbidge! Fun With Friends! Entertainer Paul J. Kim

Saturday, April 22, 2023 youth@olgcv.org
at Bishop O'Connell HS

Together towards the same goal

REACH BEYOND

DAY OF GIVING
APRIL 26-27, 2023

JOIN US FOR 32 HOURS IN SUPPORT OF
THE WILDCAT FUND
on behalf of The Cornerstone Project



Thank You, Thank You!

The Lenten Fish Fry ended on a very high note, with record-breaking sales! Over the course of Lent, we had more than \$110,000 in gross sales and sold 6,127 seafood entrees!

Looking at the numbers can be fun, but this event is much more about the OLGC community and fellowship. We had more than 200 volunteers every, single, week. That included individuals who have been volunteering since we started this in 2017. We also had numerous people volunteer for the first time, with many of them helping multiple weeks. What a testament to the vitality of the OLGC community! We have had more than a few local parishes observe or ask for our help since we started doing this. They may be able to duplicate a process or even a recipe, but we usually explain that they cannot replicate the talent and will of the OLGC community. We should all feel blessed to be part of such an amazing parish.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedication and support the past six weeks. And thank you to all the patrons who made each week a gathering full of life and joy. Thank you also to Father Matt and the entire OLGC staff for their support of this event.

See you at the next fish fry on February 16th, 2024.



Información Parroquial en español

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

EL SEÑOR DICE,
"Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS MENORES DE 6 AÑOS:

Comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419 welcome@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. 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.

CONFESIONES

Confesiones en español durante el mes de abril son el sábado 22 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.

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.

LAS SEGUNDA COLECTAS EN ABRIL SON

Apelación Anual de Los Oblatos
La Apelación Anual de Los Oblatos se utiliza para ayudar a financiar los diversos ministerios apoyados por

los Oblatos de San Francisco de Sales. Su donación juega un papel importante para ayudar a los Oblatos a avanzar en la sagrada misión que se les ha confiado: predicar el Evangelio con mansedumbre y humildad a ejemplo de San Francisco de Sales.

Llamado para las Misiones Católicas

El Llamado para las Misiones Católicas Fortaleciendo la Iglesia Aquí. ¡Muchas Gracias por su contribución para ayudar a fortalecer la iglesia aquí! Para informarse más acerca de los fondos y actuales beneficiarios de las Misiones Católicas, por favor visite www.usccb.org/moe-missions.

¡LA PETICIÓN CUARESMA DEL OBISPO DEL 2023 YA EMPEZÓ!

La correspondencia sobre la Petición Cuaresma Del Obispo del 2023 se envió recientemente a los feligreses. El lema de este año es "Mi Alma Se Regocija En El Señor". Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado, en espíritu de oración piensen en hacer una promesa de contribución. www.arlingtondiocese.org.



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 o visite nuestra página web de la parroquia para ver la variedad de formas en que puede ayudar en olgcv.org/outreach/serve.

UN CAMINO DE JUBILEO CON MARÍA

A María se le han dado títulos de las Escrituras, de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y de muchos casos en los que María visitó lugares de la tierra para animar a las personas a pasar más tiempo en oración con Jesús. Hay 12 iglesias en la Diócesis de Arlington que llevan el nombre de María o uno de sus muchos títulos.

Como parte del segundo año de preparación para el Jubileo de Oro, el Obispo Burbidge le anima a visitar estas diversas iglesias y pasar tiempo allí en oración. Estas mini-peregrinaciones lo ayudarán a usted o a su familia a aprender más sobre un título particular de María, conocer la vasta historia de las parroquias de la Diócesis y lo animarán a pasar tiempo en oración con el Señor. Hay una oración para este año de preparación que se encuentra a arlingtondiocese.org/Jubilee/Year-II-Prayer-Card-Spanish.pdf y hermosas reflexiones del rosario para coincidir con este año de preparación que se encuentran aquí: www.arlingtondiocese.org/prayerguides.

Senior Moments

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SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

This is the last call to make a reservation for this month's luncheon for the seniors of OLGC on **Thursday, April 20** at noon in De Sales Hall. The deadline is by Sunday evening, April 16. "Spring is in the Air" is an appropriate theme, given that we've had such an amazing blooming season. Ham, mac and cheese, salads and other seasonal items are on the menu. E-mail seasonedcitizens@olgcv.org, call Dagny at 703.281.5525 or RSVP at bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Apr2023 to save your place.



ORGANIZING YOUR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Conclusion: How long should I keep my **receipts**? Shred them now. Unless you're working from your home office, doing home improvements, or anything else you might get a tax credit on, you really don't need them. So, take that pile of receipts you've been collecting from your weekly grocery runs and shred them. And just in case you were wondering whether to keep warranty records, receipts for big ticket items like a TV and even proof of home repairs, you should keep them around until the

warranty **expires**, you sell that TV or move out of your house. Then shred them.

How long should I keep **property records**? That depends. You really should keep things like titles, deeds, mortgage statements and even insurance policies for as long as you own your property (or for the life of the loan). And once you say goodbye to that mortgage payment and your home is paid off, you'll be thrilled, but you'll still want to hold on to those loan documents for at least ten years.

If you've got a car, when it comes to your loan payments, contract details, titles, and proof of insurance, you'll want to hang on to those for at least ten years...just in case. Debt doesn't often come back to haunt us, but it's always a good idea to be prepared.

How long should I keep **personal records**? These are things like your birth certificate, marriage certificate, Social Security card, retirement accounts, life insurance documents, wills, and powers of attorney. You need to keep all these things forever! While your birth certificate, marriage certificate, and Social Security card matter most when you're alive, your loved ones will need easy access to your will, power of attorney, living will and life insurance policies if there's ever a time you can't speak for yourself, or after you're gone.

When it comes to wills, powers of attorney, living wills, life insurance and even information on your retirement accounts, you don't want to send your family members on a scavenger hunt to find out what they should do with your personal property.

Here's the rule of thumb: If you think you might need it, if it's a personal identification document, if it's something that has to do with finances, or if it protects your future, like life insurance or a will,

then hold on to it. And remember to shred any documents with personal information on them before discarding. You never know who could get their hands on that.

That pretty much covers all you need to know about what important documents are and how long you need to keep them. This information has been adapted from an online article by Ramsey Solutions. You may already have a system in place that's working well, so no need to change. There are others, of course, that may go about organizing your important documents in a different way, but the basics remain the same about what to keep and for how long.

IRS UPDATE

The Treasury Secretary vowed to significantly improve IRS performance this year. With tax season now in full swing, it shouldn't be a difficult promise to keep, considering that the 2021 and 2022 tax filing seasons were absolute nightmares with refunds delayed for months, dismal telephone service and lengthy delays processing paper returns.

The agency has hired 5,000 customer service operators to answer the phones. Last year only 13% of callers reached a live person. This very low level of service was due, in part, to a new record number of callers asking about the COVID credits, other COVID-related tax law changes, delayed refunds and suspected identity theft. So, there's hope! (*Kiplinger Retirement Letter*)

Elder Wisdom

Always remember that
you're unique—just like
everyone else.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Earth Day 2023—April 22

Earth Day brings together people of all backgrounds to advance sustainability and climate action. The Laudato Si' Movement is dedicated to helping the world's 1.3 billion Catholics bring Laudato Si' to life and save God's creation.

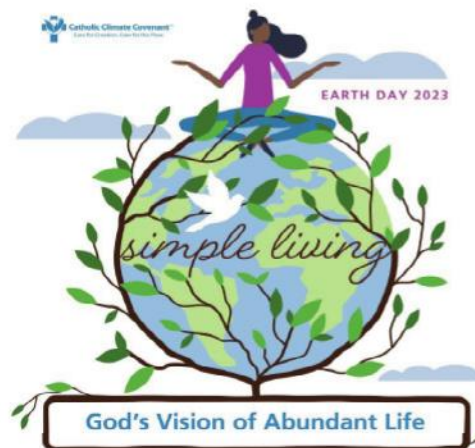
[Laudato Si'](#) is the second encyclical of Pope Francis, that he describes as "a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet."

In honor of Earth Day, consider some steps you can take toward the Laudato Si' goal of adopting a sustainable lifestyle.

- Try choosing beans and other plant-based proteins more often
- Choose fruits and vegetables that are in season and grown locally
- Try skipping the plastic produce bag, letting your food "go naked"

or using a cloth, re-usable bag

- Consider where your pantry items are from, how many chemicals were used in making them, and how they are packaged
- Try not to waste food
- Consider eating simple meals some days, in solidarity with people with less abundance



7 Goals of the Laudato Si' Movement

Read about the goals at laudatosi.actionplatform.org/laudato-si-goals

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH
RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR
ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS
ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION
ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Car Raffle & Cash Prizes

OLGC is again participating in the Annual All Saints Church, Manassas, VA car & cash raffle. All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2023 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. Lots of chances to win—if you purchase a ticket.

You should have received your tickets in the mail, if not, please visit the Parish Office to purchase tickets.

With your support, everyone is a winner. Your purchase provides additional financial support for the church and you could win a prize too. **Please return tickets, sold and unsold, to the parish office by Thursday April 20 or directly to All Saints by Tuesday, April 25.**



Pictures are representative of the vehicles but not actual vehicles.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Lourdes and the Miraculous Cures
April 18 | 7:30pm

St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Silent Retreat
April 21 | 5:00pm

BASH 2023 Middle School event
April 22 | 3:30pm

Zoom Book Club for Adult Children of Divorce
April 26 | 7:45pm

"Mary Went in Haste," a Marian Symposium
April 29 | 9:00am

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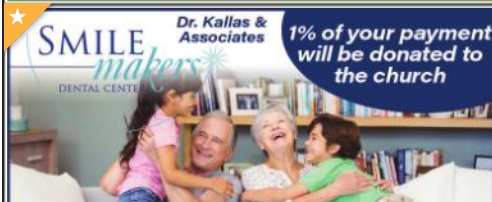
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