

DECEMBER 17 • 2023

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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Administered by the Oblates of  
St. Francis de Sales

### 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](http://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

*"The Holy Virgin can be  
compared to the sun, because as  
the sun shines resplendent above  
all the stars, so Mary shines  
brightest among all the saints  
because she is so full of grace."*

- St. Francis de Sales

*"La Santísima Virgen se puede  
comparar con el sol, porque  
así como el sol brilla  
resplandeciente sobre todas las  
estrellas, así María brilla más  
entre todos los santos porque  
está tan llena de gracia."*

- San Francisco de Sales

### Christmas Cheer!

Sweets with Santa was a wonderful success, full of merriment and cheer! OLGC families and community members came together in De Sales Hall this past Saturday for professional photos with Santa, a variety of sweets and hot cocoa, crafts for all ages, and a "J is for Jesus" candy cane lesson with Fr. Matt. There were lots of smiles, and it was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship this holiday season.

Special thanks to Santa Claus, to Jack Dausman for his photography expertise and tremendous efforts and generosity in planning Sweets with Santa, to Geraldine Lee for donating the beautiful festive balloon arch décor, and to all of our energetic volunteers. We couldn't do it without each of you!





## Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

### Week of December 17-24, 2023

#### SUNDAY Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### MONDAY

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

#### TUESDAY

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

#### WEDNESDAY

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

#### THURSDAY

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,  
20-21; Lk 1:39-45

#### FRIDAY

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

#### SATURDAY

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

#### SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,  
29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

#### Nativity of Our Lord Vigil Mass

Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17,  
22-25; Mt 1:1-25

### Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023—June 2024

	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
Offertory	167,288	194,571
<b>Total Budgeted</b>	<b>168,507</b>	<b>206,494</b>
Variance	<b>(1,219)</b>	<b>(11,923)</b>
YTD Received	453,665	648,236
<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>528,747</b>	<b>735,241</b>
Variance	<b>(75,082)</b>	<b>(87,005)</b>

### Weekly & Second Collections

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

### December Collections

- 3 Christmas Flowers
- 10 Catholic Charities
- 25 Christmas Journey

## Calendar (Subject to change, updates at [www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar](http://www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar))

### December 18—24

No Afterschool Clubs or Sports This Week

<b>MONDAY</b>			<b>18</b>
Little Rock Scripture Study	10 - 11:30 AM	Zoom	
House League/CYO	4:30 - 9 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception	7 - 10 PM	Church, DeSales Hall	
<b>TUESDAY</b>			<b>19</b>
Tuesday Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom	
House League/CYO	4:30 - 9 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>20</b>
Early Dismissal for Students, No ECAP	11:30 AM		
House League/CYO	4:30 - 8 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
RCIA Catechumenate	7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
St. Vincent DePaul Society	7:30 - 9 PM	DeSales Hall	
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
<b>THURSDAY</b>			<b>21</b>
No School—Christmas Break			
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
<b>FRIDAY</b>			<b>22</b>
No School—Christmas Break			
<b>SATURDAY</b>			<b>23</b>
NO Confessions			
NO Elementary CCF			
4th Sunday of Advent Mass	4 - 5 PM	Church	
4th Sunday of Advent Mass	6 - 7 PM	Church	
<b>SUNDAY</b>			<b>24</b>
NO Jr. High CCF			
4th Sunday of Advent Mass	9 - 10 AM	Church	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	DeSales Hall	
4th Sunday of Advent Mass (bilingual)	11 AM - 12 PM	Church	
Nativity of Our Lord Vigil Mass	6 - 7 PM	Church	
Nativity of Our Lord Vigil Mass	8 - 9 PM	Church	



*Join us for Christmas*

CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY
• 6:00 pm	• 9:00 am
• 8:00 pm	(livestreamed)
	• 11:00 am
	(bilingual)

Tickets are not required. Seating will be first come, first served.  
We are unable to reserve or save seats for any Mass.



## OUR COMMUNITY HAS RESPONDED WITH GREAT LOVE.

A grateful update on The Cornerstone Project  
and a final challenge...

On behalf of Fr. Matt and the Finance Council,  
The Advancement Office is very pleased to share our  
progress towards The Cornerstone Project goal.

Our community has responded so positively to the needs of our  
Church and since the November 4th announcements, we have  
seen a steady increase in giving including a significant major gift.

## WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE ARE NOW ONLY \$550,000 AWAY FROM OUR GOAL!

If you've considered participation in this effort, **now is the time!**

Please contact The Office of Advancement for support or with any  
questions about how you can help us reach our goal!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT! WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL!

Do you have pledge  
paperwork that you've not  
signed and returned to  
The Advancement Office?  
Please do so today!

Considering a Gift?  
Check with your Employer  
about a Corporate  
Matching Program  
to double the impact for  
OLGC!

Consider a gift of stock,  
complete an IRA  
Charitable Rollover, or  
take your Required  
Minimum Distribution  
with OLGC as the  
beneficiary!





**FR. MATT'S  
MUSING:  
DECEMBER 6**  
**Love**

“Love is our origin;  
Love is our destiny;  
Love is our constant calling.”  
This past Sunday, we began a  
brand new liturgical year.  
Happy new year! ...

Read more at [bit.ly/  
FrMattsMusing-Dec6](http://bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-Dec6)



**2024-25 Preschool  
Registration Now Open**



Contact Laura Wood at [lwood@olgcschool.org](mailto:lwood@olgcschool.org)

**EXPLORE LEARN GROW**

OLGC Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications can be found on the school website at [olgcschool.org](http://olgcschool.org). For more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact Laura Wood, preschool director, at [lwood@olgcschool.org](mailto:lwood@olgcschool.org).

## Help Prepare the Church for Christmas

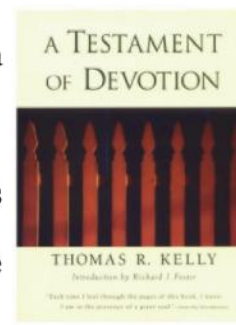
We need your help preparing the Church for Christmas. Based on renovations to the Chapel and the need to accommodate revised schedules, we will be decorating the Church, Narthex, and DeSales Hall in two rounds of “fun” this year. Round 1: the Church and DeSales Hall on Thursday, December 21 from 3:00 – 6:30pm. Round 2: the Narthex on Friday, December 22 from 3:00 – 5:30pm. The work includes lifting, climbing ladders, moving flowers, and other tasks. Young and old are welcome. This is a great opportunity for families to

work together or for young people looking for service hours! Learn more and sign up to “join the fun” at [bit.ly/OLGC-Christmas-decorating-2023](http://bit.ly/OLGC-Christmas-decorating-2023). For more information email [info@olgcv.org](mailto:info@olgcv.org).



## In Search of Peace & Solitude?

Looking to find a bit of peace and solitude? What a better way to start the new year than to gather in the presence of God to carve out some quiet and stillness in our hectic lives. If this sounds like just what you’re looking for, please join fellow parishioner and adult catechist, Ann Marie Mack for our Winter Book Study of *A Testament of Devotion*. Written by the esteemed author and teacher, Thomas R. Kelly, this timeless classic gathers together five compelling essays that urge us to



center our lives on God’s presence, to find quiet and stillness within modern life, and to discover the deeply satisfying and lasting peace of the inner spiritual journey.

Join us Wednesday mornings for five weeks,

January 10-February 7, 9:30 - 11:00 am in Fr. Brisson Room.

For information, contact [annmariemack@gmail.com](mailto:annmariemack@gmail.com)

Reading the book is not required but it is available on Amazon.com.

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

### James Bible Study: Pearls for Wise Living

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers “pearls for wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

OLGC Tuesday Morning Bible study *James: Pearls for Wise Living* begins on January 9 at 9:45 am by Zoom. Participants will meet each week to view an engaging video followed by lively discussion and fellowship. For more information contact Fran Davenport for zoom link at [bwdavenport@cox.net](mailto:bwdavenport@cox.net).

To order the study set for \$29.95, visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com)



## Welcome Kathy DeJardin



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Kathleen “Kathy” DeJardin has accepted the position of Director of Music. Kathy comes to OLGC with a literal lifetime of musical prayer

and experience in Music Ministry in parishes from her home parish in Wisconsin to parishes in Arizona and California. She recently served as Director of Music at Holy Trinity in Georgetown. Kathy loves to read, see movies and travel. She is looking forward to getting to know us as we worship in song together. Please join us in welcoming her!

## Simbang Gabi

Join the Filipino/American community for Simbang Gabi at OLGC on **Monday, December 18**. Mass is at 7 p.m., followed by a salu-salo reception at DeSales Hall. The Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses are held at different parishes in the Diocese of Arlington from December 15 through December 24. The full schedule is available at [arlingtondiocese.org/](http://arlingtondiocese.org/)

[simbanguabi](http://simbanguabi.com). All are welcome!

The Fil/Am Community Ministry at OLGC sincerely acknowledges the support of our Pastor, his staff, the parishioners of OLGC, and the Office of Multicultural Ministries in the Diocese of Arlington, without which our endeavor to carry on a most beloved tradition would be in vain.



## Mark Your Calendar and Get Your Tickets!

Please join us on Saturday, January 27th for Casino Night in De Sales Hall! We will have BlackJack, Texas Hold’Em, Roulette, Craps, Beverages, Fellowship and more. This event is for adults only.

Advance tickets are on sale now at [olgva.org/fellowship/casinonight](http://olgva.org/fellowship/casinonight).



## Gaudete Sunday

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: “Gaudete” Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called “St. Martin’s Lent.” “Gaudete Sunday” was the Advent counterpart to “Laetare Sunday,” which marks the mid-point in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, “The Lord is coming.” But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, “The Lord is near.” This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest may wear rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. Today’s Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy: “Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

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## Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:  
[bit.ly/OLGC-Presider-Schedule](http://bit.ly/OLGC-Presider-Schedule)

**Sat. Dec 16/Sun. Dec 17, 2023**

+ Jose Ernesto Ponce  
+ Maria Adela Restrepo de Echeverry  
+ Rober LaForce  
+ Nicholas Robert Hoy  
+ Eduardo M. Hoy

**Monday, December 18, 2023**

8:30am + Patricia Raynor

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

8:30am + Tarah Lynn Weaver

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

8:30am + Omana Kariampuzhat

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

8:30am + John Richard Porte

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

8:30am + Eduardo Isaza

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

8:30am The OLGC Community

**Sat. Dec 23/Sun. Dec 24, 2023**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

+ Nahida, Robert & Sami Awad  
The OLGC Community  
Matt & Emma Malanga  
+ Phyllis Journell

*Christmas Eve & Christmas Day*

+ John & Anne Hillyard  
+ Ignatius & Paulin Savariappa  
+ William & Ann Metzger  
The OLGC Community  
OLGC Supporters

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

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

Church: In loving memory of  
+ Robert Koetz

**DECEMBER 5 - JAN 2024**  
**CHAPEL UNDER RENOVATION**



All Masses will take place in the church.

## Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

**W**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.

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**Counseling** Catholic Charities **Consejería** Caridades Catolica ..... 703.425.0109

Our website, [OLGCVA.org](http://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.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals](http://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals)

Devotional Candles: [www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship](http://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship)

Join the Parish: [olgcva.org/register](http://olgcva.org/register)

Schedule an Event: [olgcva.org/about-us/facilities](http://olgcva.org/about-us/facilities)

Add Item to Bulletin/Media: [olgcva.org/about-us/communications](http://olgcva.org/about-us/communications)

Mass Intention Request: [olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass](http://olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass)



## Informacion 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](mailto:mromero@olgcv.org)



### EL ADVIENTO

El Adviento comienza el 3 de diciembre, 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", El domingo 10 de diciembre celebramos el Segundo Domingo de Adviento vamos a encender la segunda vela

de nuestra corona como signo de que seguimos preparándonos para recibir a Jesús con el corazón reconciliado.

### SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS MENORES DE 6 AÑOS:

Comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419 [welcome@olgcv.org](mailto: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](http://olgcv.org/sacraments/baptism)

### CONFESIONES

Confesiones en español durante el mes de noviembre son el sábado 11 y 18 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](mailto:frhillyard@olgcv.org). No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después de la misa.

### CORNERSTONE

El mes de junio lanzamos nuestro Proyecto Cornerstone; Pueden encontrar información adicional en nuestro correo electrónico semanal, en el mostrador de bienvenida o en nuestra página web. Nuestro Párroco P. Hillyard les pide como comunidad en espíritu de oración, consideren donar y ayuden a recaudar 12 millones de dólares. La parroquia tiene urgencia de hacer reparaciones de nuestra instalaciones de la iglesia y la escuela. Recuerde no importa la cantidad solo le pedimos que cada familia se comprometa a apoyarlo. Puede usar el código QR. Gracias por su generosidad.

### 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](mailto:berrioscg@gmail.com).

Agradecemos a todas las personas que colaboraron con la celebración de La Virgen de Guadalupe. Gracias por a sus generosos corazones tuvimos una bonita tarde y un compartir con nuestra familia de fe.





# Senior Moments

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## FREE COVID TEST KITS

Here's one more chance to get free COVID at-home test kits provided by the federal government. Visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) and fill out the order form. (4 test kits per person.) You should get them in about a week. The program began on November 20.

## SAVE THOSE STAMPS!

As you may remember, we no longer collect used postage stamps and other postal items, but the Sisters of Notre Dame continue to collect them to support their various ministries throughout the world. Their "wish list" includes U.S. and foreign stamps on and off paper (commemorative and high value), foreign mint stamp sheets and blocks, U.S. mint stamp sheets, mint strips, and plate blocks, first day covers, postcards, album



collections and other philatelic items. Do not send low value stamps, flag stamps, and other "ordinary" postage items, as they have absolutely no value. Trim the stamps from the envelopes, leaving a border of at least 1/4" and mail them to Stamp Ministry, 100 Augusta Hall -Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana, 46556-5002. While it seems rare these days to get first

class mail, the holiday season is a time when we get a lot of it. You may want to make a habit of saving stamps throughout the year and send them in after the holidays are over. The Sisters thank you!

## REMINDER

There will be no Seasoned Citizens' Luncheon in January. This event will resume on February 15, 2024.

## ADMINISTERING A DESCEDENT'S ESTATE

Begin the new year by aiming to attend the classes and lectures especially designed for seniors by Vienna Parks and Recreation. This one is designed to guide an executor, personal representative, or trustee through all the hoops of settling an estate and make it as quick and painless as possible. Attorney Alison Mathey Lambeth will introduce you to the four areas where a fiduciary works to settle an estate. It will be held on Wednesday, January 3 from 10-11 am at the Vienna Community Center.

Another class of great interest is "One of the Greatest Gifts" offered on Monday, January 8 from 10-11 am, also at the Vienna Community Center. Just in time for New Year's resolutions! Come learn about the benefits to you and your loved ones of getting your home and records organized. You'll also discuss methods and tips for doing this, why people keep stuff, and specialized sources to sell, donate, and recycle those "what-do-I-do-with" items. Presented by No Frills Organizing. There is no charge for either of these classes, but you're asked to call to let them know you'll be there, for planning purposes: 703.255.6360.

## WHO'S WATCHING WHOM? YOUR SMART TV AND YOUR PRIVACY

This is a virtual event (Zoom) presented by Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer

Services-Communications Policy and Regulation. It will be held on Tuesday, December 19 from 10:15-11:15 am. For more information, contact Jennifer Thompson at [Jennifer.Thompson@servicesource.org](mailto:Jennifer.Thompson@servicesource.org).

## NEW TRIP

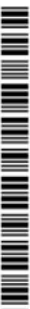
Here's a nice way to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture, offered by Vienna Parks & Recreation, on Wednesday, January 17 from 10:30 am-4:30 pm. Located in Washington, D.C., it's the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. You'll have the opportunity to explore interactive exhibitions and over 40,999 artifacts. Lunch will be on your own at the Sweet Home Café housed in the museum. The fee is \$49 for Vienna town residents; \$61.25 for everyone else. Register with your WebTrac account for Activity #351511-A1m or stop by the Vienna Community Center to do it in person.

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## Elder Wisdom

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## A Big Welcome!

After several months of preparation, three of our RCIA candidates were recently welcomed into the Catholic Church through



Joy Dierks with her husband (sponsor) Michael Dierks and Fr. Hillyard. Joy received the Sacraments on Sunday, Oct. 15.

the reception of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please join us in welcoming Joy Dierks, Don Long, and Joyce Pugh to the



Don Long (on the right), with his sponsor Hank Reinhardt and Fr. Kumar. Don received the Sacraments on Sunday, Nov. 19

Church. Each of them is incredibly joyful and we are so happy for them!



Joyce Pugh (third from the left/middle row) with family, close friends, and Fr. Hillyard. Joyce received the Sacraments on Saturday, Nov. 25.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Trek Vienna Holiday Lights Ride



#### Ready. Set. Glow!

Deck your bike with strings of lights and join us for a cruise that's merry and bright.

Don your holiday sweater and join the fun at Trek Bicycle Vienna, 224 Maple Avenue, on Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm.

This family-friendly group ride will be at a casual, no-drop pace and enjoyable for all riders. And, of course, no holiday ride would be complete without festive beverages, tasty treats, and free gifts for all—so meet up back at the shop after the ride for a toast with new friends.

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**Sacred Music for Advent**  
Sunday, December 17 | 4:30pm

**Holy Hour for Healing**  
Thursday, January 4, 2024 | 7:00pm

**Life is VERY Good - Evening of Prayer**  
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