

DECEMBER 31 • 2023

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



## 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

*"Let us run to Mary, and,  
as her little children, cast  
ourselves into her arms  
with a perfect confidence."*

- St. Francis de Sales

*"Corramos hacia María,  
y, como sus pequeños,  
arrojémonos a sus brazos  
con perfecta confianza".*

- San Francisco de Sales

## OLGC Spreads Christmas Cheer!

This parish generously made Christmas brighter for hundreds of our neighbors. Parishioners were matched with families or took ornaments from our Giving Tree to provide individuals and families with much-needed holiday gifts and necessities. Thank you, thank you for your generosity!

80+ families were supported through the matching families part of the

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## Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of December 31-January 7, 2023

**SUNDAY** Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

**MONDAY** 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

**TUESDAY** 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

**WEDNESDAY** Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

**THURSDAY** Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

**FRIDAY** Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

**SATURDAY** Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**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

### Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023—June 2024

	Oct 2023	Nov 2023
Offertory	194,571	174,537
Total Budgeted	206,494	174,934
Variance	(11,923)	(397)
YTD Received	648,236	822,773
Budget YTD	735,241	910,175
Variance	(87,005)	(87,402)

### Weekly & Second Collections

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

### January Collections

1 Solemnity of Mary  
28 Oblate Mission Appeal  
(Latin America collection moves to February)

## Calendar (Subject to change, updates at [www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar](http://www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar)) January 1—7

### MONDAY

1

#### New Year's Day

No Afterschool Clubs or Sports

No School—Christmas Break

Parish Office closed—New Years Day Holiday

Little Rock Scripture Study 10 - 11:30 AM Zoom

### TUESDAY

2

No Afterschool Clubs or Sports

No School—Christmas Break

Tuesday Bible Study 9:45 - 11:45 AM Zoom

### WEDNESDAY

3

ECAP Registration Opens-3rd Trimester

Girl Scout Troop 50198 3 - 4:30 PM SJC-Brisson Rm

BSA Troop 976 meeting 6 - 8:30 PM Counsel Rm

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

### THURSDAY

4

Prayer Shawl Ministry

9:30 - 11 AM SJC-Brisson Rm

Men's Basketball 8:30 - 10 PM Fr. Brisson Gym

### FRIDAY

5

Adoration

9 AM - 3 PM Church

Coffee Social 9 - 10:30 AM DeSales Hall

### SATURDAY

6

Elementary CCF 8:30 - 10 AM School

Elementary CCF 10:30 AM - 12 PM School

Funeral and Luncheon: 11 AM - 1 PM Church, De Sales Hall

Bridget Sophia Bair

### SUNDAY

7

Donut Social

8 AM - 2 PM DeSales Hall

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10 - 10:30 AM DeSales Hall

Breaking Open the Word 10:30 - 11 AM Reconciliation Rm

Cub Scout Pack 976 Pinewood Derby 12 - 4 PM Counsel Rm

Grief Support Group 1 - 3 PM SJC-Brisson Rm

Nightlife 6 - 8 PM DeSales Hall

Jr. High CCF 6:15 - 7:45 PM School

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



January 5 9am - 3pm  
Sign up at [bit.ly/Adoration-Jan2024](http://bit.ly/Adoration-Jan2024)

### Coffee Social Friday, January 5

Join us in welcoming in the New Year in DeSales Hall after the 8:30 mass for our monthly Coffee Social.





## 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!



## Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

**Sat. Dec 30/Sun. Dec 31, 2023**

+ Madeline Lucia Tarazi  
+ Garry Roan  
+ Agustin Lloyd J. Lee  
+ Eduardo Arancibia  
The OLGC Community

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

**9:00am** + Lee Burning

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

8:30am + Edward F. Carney Sr.

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

8:30am + Jim McGeehan

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

8:30am + William & Regina Gaya

**Friday, January 5, 2024**

8:30am + Bill Aloisi

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

8:30am The OLGC Community

**Sat. Jan 6/Sun. Jan 7, 2024**

+ Bud Candee  
+ Catherine Colleli  
+ Ana Julia Chavez  
+ Charles D. McCoy Jr. &  
Jeanice Yuhua McCoy  
+ Rose Paoletta Caputo

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

+ Anthony W. Stoll

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

Church: Special Intention of KRP

OL Votive: Special Intention of AJP

## 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.

**Pastor** Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS..... [frhillyard@olgcva.org](mailto:frhillyard@olgcva.org)

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**Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654**..... [www.knightsvienna.org](http://www.knightsvienna.org)

**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)

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



All Masses will take place in the church.



## Greeting the New Year

**Y**ou might still have Christmas presents lying around the house when you first get asked the classic late-December social inquiry.

“What are your plans for New Year’s?”

Our mind immediately goes toward our calendar, parties we might attend, or ways we may ring in the new year comfortably and quietly at home.

The sacred may not overtly have a role in most New Year’s Eve festivities, but inviting God to enter more deeply into your life is beneficial on any given day.

God is indeed present with us as we celebrate the new year, as He is in all days. And given that it is a time of renewal, refreshment, and recommitment, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day can be an especially important time in our prayer lives.

In addition to all the other reasons to spend time in prayer around New Year’s Day, Jan. 1 is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

It is often the Holy Day of Obligation.

The gospel reading for the day takes us back to Luke,

with the birth of Jesus, Mary’s encounter with the shepherds, the message they bore, and how Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

How might we do the same, reflecting on God’s message for us and holding it in our hearts?

Since the day honors Mary, consider praying the Hail Mary or the Rosary.

When New Year’s Day draws to a close consider falling asleep with Mary, by using the Hallow app’s “Hail Mary” prayer, which softly repeats the prayer to Mary.

As we embark on a new year, may the gentle spirit of St. Francis De Sales inspire us to embrace love, kindness, and humility. Let us strive to be channels of God’s peace, sharing compassion with one another and radiating the warmth of Christ’s love. In the spirit of St. Francis De Sales, may our hearts be open, our words be gentle, and our actions reflect the grace that flows from our faith. Wishing you a blessed and joy-filled New Year!

Fr. Mathias Kumar, OSFS

## Joy of Christmas Giving

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program. 64 bikes were donated. From the Giving Tree, 400+ tags were taken by generous parishioners, resulting in more than \$9,000 in gift cards and 135 gifts purchased for neighbors in need, retired Oblates, and retired Sisters of St. Joseph. Through the online Giving Tree, hundreds more gifts were given!

Once again, the OLGC community has shown its abundant generosity and care for others. Thank you for sharing God’s love with those around you.

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

So many angels at OLGC!







**FR. MATT'S  
MUSING:**  
DECEMBER 19  
**Love Language**

As a challenge to our school community, a few weeks ago I asked them to come up with words that described love to them...

*Read more at [bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-Dec19](https://bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-Dec19)*

**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).



**OUR LADY OF  
GOOD COUNSEL**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Applications for the  
2024-2025  
school year are  
being accepted.**

## GOOD THINGS HAPPENING @ OLGC SCHOOL



### Christmas Program

Students dressed in festive attire for a special Christmas program led by the fifth grade before starting their much-anticipated Christmas break.



### THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



**Wednesday, January 24  
7 PM Mass and Reception**

**JOIN US SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH  
IN DE SALES HALL**



**OLGC  
CASINO NIGHT**

**\$50 PER PERSON | 7 PM - 10 PM | ADULTS ONLY  
ADULT BEVERAGES INCLUDED**

**Tickets Available Now!**  
[olgcv.org/fellowship/casinonight](http://olgcv.org/fellowship/casinonight)



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



### 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 enero son el sábado 27 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/LA PIEDRA ANGULAR

Nuestro proyecto Cornerstone/ Piedra Angular está a \$550,000 para cumplir nuestra meta.

Nuestro Párroco P. Hillyard nos recuerda que cada uno de nosotros formamos La Piedra Angular de Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo. Les pide como comunidad le ayuden llegar a la meta. La iglesia tiene urgencia de hacer reparaciones de nuestra parroquia y escuela. Por favor, recuerde toda donación es valiosa no hay donación pequeña. Gracias por su generosidad.

### ADORACIÓN

Adoración Eucarística del Santísimo Sacramento viernes 5 de enero: "Nuestra adoración comunitaria en la misa debe ir acompañada de nuestra adoración personal de Jesús en la adoración Eucarística para que nuestro amor sea completo". (San Papa Juan Pablo II). Venga a experimentar la mirada amorosa de Jesús en la Adoración Eucarística el 5 de enero, de 9:00am a 3:00pm. [Bit.ly/Adoration-Jan2024](https://bit.ly/Adoration-Jan2024).

### VOLUNTARIOS

Estamos en necesidad de voluntarios de lectores, ministros Eucarísticos, ujieres, monaguillos, como parte del equipo de bienvenida y celebraciones culturales. Para registrar se llamen a la oficina parroquial al 703.896.7419.

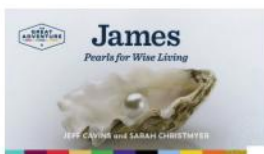
### REZAR EL ROSARIO

Acompañemos a rezar el rosario en la iglesia los domingos a las 11:00am y vía zoom los lunes a las 7:30 pm, para el enlace comuníquese con Carlos Berrios [berrioscg@gmail.com](mailto:berrioscg@gmail.com).

## Book and Bible Study in January

### 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).

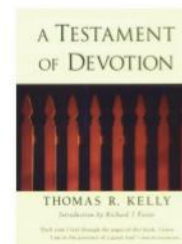
To order the study set for \$29.95, visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com).

### BOOK STUDY:

#### A TESTAMENT OF DEVOTION

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.



# Senior Moments

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May it be your best year yet! I hope it brings you much love, laughter, and joy. May it be filled with new adventures, good fortune, good health, happiness, and a peaceful heart. A new year means a new chapter, and I hope 2024 will be an incredible part of your story.

## SHAKESPEARE IN HOLLYWOOD

This hilarious romp written by Ken Ludwig, will be performed at the Vienna Community Center on January 19, 20, 26 and 27 and February 2 and 3 at 8:00 pm and on January 28 and February 4 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$16 and may be purchased by going to [www.viennava.gov/webtrac](http://www.viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the Vienna Community Center.

## WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY

This class for older adults is offered on a regular basis by Vienna Parks & Recreation. Begin the new year by recalling and writing the history of your family. The class begins on January 4 and meets on Thursdays from 10:30 am-1:00 pm for 13 weeks at the Vienna Community Center. The class is free but there's a \$5 charge to cover the cost of coffee, tea, creamer, etc. This class is member-led. Use your WebTrac account to register for Activity #142480-A1 or stop by the Community Center to do it in person.

## GET UP ALREADY!

The government wants you moving and is launching a campaign focusing on ways to make that happen. The Department of Health

and Human Services (HHS) is circulating information among health care and exercise professionals, among others, outlining evidence-based ways they should intervene to support physical activity among people 65 and older.

The growing population of older adults can gain substantial health benefits and prevent or manage chronic disease by engaging in physical activity, according to HHS.

## HOME REPAIR FOR THE ELDERLY

Does your loved one need minor repairs in their home? This program is designed to provide minor home repairs and/or accessibility modifications to eligible low- and moderate-income homeowners and individuals with



disabilities for homes in which they are currently residing. These minor repairs can often make a major difference in protecting their investment and helping them maintain their independence. All materials and labor for the work done under this program are provided completely free of charge to eligible homeowners. Learn more at [bit.ly/HomeRepairforElderlyandDisabled](http://bit.ly/HomeRepairforElderlyandDisabled).

## SOME GOOD NEWS

Unannounced visits to taxpayers by revenue officers are mostly ending, according to *Kiplinger's Tax Letter*. For decades, collection officers have popped in uninvited at homes of individuals with large delinquent tax debts, after first trying to resolve

the matter through the mail.

The IRS is now curtailing the policy in part to protect the safety of its employees and in part to reduce confusion by taxpayers who are worried about scam artists. There will still be some very limited circumstances requiring pop-in visits, for example, to serve summonses and subpoenas and to seize assets in egregious cases.

## SCAMS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Unfortunately, society's criminal element has already found ways to use AI. Here are some ways to spot AI generated messages: You'll notice unnatural language. Many times, AI-generated text will lack a natural conversation-type flow. It may contain grammatical mistakes, strange language and phrases and a tone not consistent with the conversation. There'll be a lack of contextual understanding. If it appears that the responses you receive do not show a meaningful understanding of your question or are generic or unrelated, chances are it's an AI scam. There'll also be a lack of personalization. Scammers may use AI to send mass messages without personalization. You should be suspicious if you receive generic messages that don't address you by name or provide specific details related to your personal circumstances or history.

Lastly, look for text that uses the same words repeatedly or the overuse of buzzwords. Look for tips on how to protect yourself from AI scams in next week's column.

## Elder Wisdom

Retirement: twice the time, half the money





## JANUARY OUTREACH PROJECT

### St. Lucy Project Food Drive

Please join us as we partner with Catholic Charities and fill a blue bag to feed the hungry through the St. Lucy Project Food Drive. Pick up a blue bag after Mass next weekend.



Each bag has a list of requested items. Simply fill the bag and drop it off the following weekend. Thank you for your generosity and spirit of giving to feed others!

The Catholic Charities truck will be at OLGC on Saturday, Jan. 13 and Sunday, Jan. 14 so that you can drop off your donations before or after Mass.

We will need able-bodied volunteers on drop-off weekend to help move bags as well. Sign up at [bit.ly/StLucyProject2024](http://bit.ly/StLucyProject2024).

Items requested:

- Jam or Jelly\*
- Cooking oil, sugar, flour and Masa
- Spices (salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, cinnamon)
- Canned meat and tuna\*
- Rice and dried beans (1-2 lb bags)
- Canned corn and green beans
- Canned fruit
- Diced tomatoes
- Cereal/oatmeal packets
- Canned pasta and pasta sauce
- Self-stable milk
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise)

\* *Most needed*

*No glass jars please!*

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Explore Career Opportunities at Paul VI

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### Giant Food to Donate to St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church has been selected as a beneficiary of the Giant Food Community Bag Program for the month of January.

The Giant Food Community Bag Program, which launched in July 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul was selected as the January beneficiary of the program by store leadership

at the Giant Food located at 359 Maple Avenue in Vienna. Society of St. Vincent de Paul will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during January, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.



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

**Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families**  
Tuesday, January 9 | 7:30pm

**After Abortion Care Volunteer Opportunities**  
Thursday, January 11 | 12:30pm

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