

FEBRUARY 4 • 2024

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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 lives of the  
saints are nothing but  
the Gospel put into  
practice."*

- St. Francis de Sales

*"La vida de los santos  
no es más que el  
Evangelio puesto en  
práctica".*

- San Francisco de Sales

## Together in Fellowship



Hundreds gathered for two events in January, a special Mass and reception in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, and Casino Night.



## Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

### Week of February 4-11, 2024

#### SUNDAY Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;  
Mk 1:29-39

#### MONDAY Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56

#### TUESDAY Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5 and 10, 11;  
Mk 7:1-13

#### WEDNESDAY

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;  
Mk 7:14-23

#### THURSDAY Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest, and Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37 and 40;  
Mk 7:24-30

#### FRIDAY

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15;  
Mk 7:31-37

#### SATURDAY Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22;  
Mk 8:1-10

#### SUNDAY Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1;  
Mk 1:40-45

### Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023—June 2024

|                       | Nov 2023        | Dec 2023         |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Offertory             | 174,537         | 337,135          |
| <u>Total Budgeted</u> | <u>174,934</u>  | <u>293,141</u>   |
| Variance              | <b>(397)</b>    | <b>43,994</b>    |
| YTD Received          | 822,773         | 1,159,908        |
| <u>Budget YTD</u>     | <u>910,175</u>  | <u>1,203,316</u> |
| Variance              | <b>(87,402)</b> | <b>(43,408)</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.

### February Collections

- 14 Eastern Europe
- 18 Black and Indian Missions
- 25 Latin America

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

### February 5— 11

|   |                  |                      |           |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>   |                  |                      | <b>5</b>  |
| Little Rock Scripture Study                           | 10 - 11:30 AM    | Zoom                 |           |
| Rosary Makers   | 10 AM - 12 PM    | SJC-Aviat Rm         |           |
| Quilters  | 11 AM - 3 PM     | SJC-Brisson Rm       |           |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>  |                  |                      | <b>6</b>  |
| Tuesday Bible Study                                   | 9:45 - 11:45 AM  | Zoom                 |           |
| Girl Scout Troop 50274                                | 2:30 - 4:30 PM   | SJC-Brisson Rm       |           |
| Daisy Girl Scout Troop 50296                          | 3 - 5 PM         | School-Loft          |           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                      |                  |                      | <b>7</b>  |
| Book Study: A Testament of Devotion                   | 9 - 11 AM        | SJC-Brisson Rm       |           |
| Girl Scout Troop 50198                                | 3 - 4:30 PM      | SJC-Brisson Rm       |           |
| BSA Troop 976 meeting                                 | 6 - 8:30 PM      | Counsel Rm           |           |
| EM Training   | 7 - 8:30 PM      | Church               |           |
| 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>8</b>  |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry                                 | 9:30 - 11 AM     | SJC-Brisson Rm       |           |
| Girl Scout Troop 5689                                 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM   | DeSales Hall         |           |
| PTO General Meeting                                   | 6:30 - 8 PM      | DeSales Hall         |           |
| Men's Basketball                                      | 8:30 - 10 PM     | Fr. Brisson Gym      |           |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>   |                  |                      | <b>9</b>  |
| Funeral and Luncheon:<br>Jude Mollenhauer Duesterhaus | 11 AM - 1 PM     | Church, DeSales Hall |           |
| Girl Scout Troop 50118                                | 2:45 - 4:45 PM   | DeSales Hall         |           |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                                       |                  |                      | <b>10</b> |
| Elementary CCF  | 8:30 - 10 AM     | School               |           |
| Baptisms  | 10 AM            | Chapel               |           |
| Elementary CCF  | 10:30 AM - 12 PM | School               |           |
| Cub Scout Pack 976 Awards Dinner                      | 4 - 9 PM         | DeSales Hall         |           |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>   |                  |                      | <b>11</b> |
| Scout Sunday  |                  |                      |           |
| Donut Social  | 8 AM - 2 PM      | DeSales Hall         |           |
| Christ House Food Collection                          | 9:30 AM - 1 PM   | SJC parking lot      |           |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word                        | 10 - 10:30 AM    | Chapel               |           |
| Breaking Open the Word                                | 10:30 - 11 AM    | Reconciliation Rm    |           |
| Scout Sunday Religious Emblem                         |                  |                      |           |
| Ceremony & Reception                                  | 11 AM - 12:30 PM | Chapel, DeSales Hall |           |
| Nightlife   | 6 - 8 PM         | DeSales Hall         |           |
| NO Jr. High CCF                                       |                  |                      |           |

## It's Power Pack Time!

We begin packing on Sunday afternoon. To help pack, join us in DeSales Hall. We also need drivers to deliver Power Packs on Monday. See Tina Wickham. Thanks so much for helping make this another successful year!

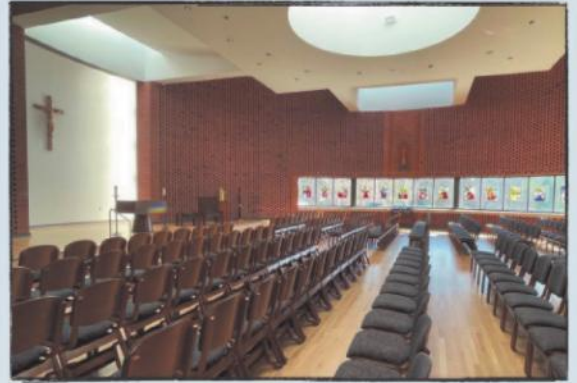




# The Cornerstone Project



## *Welcome Back to the Chapel!*

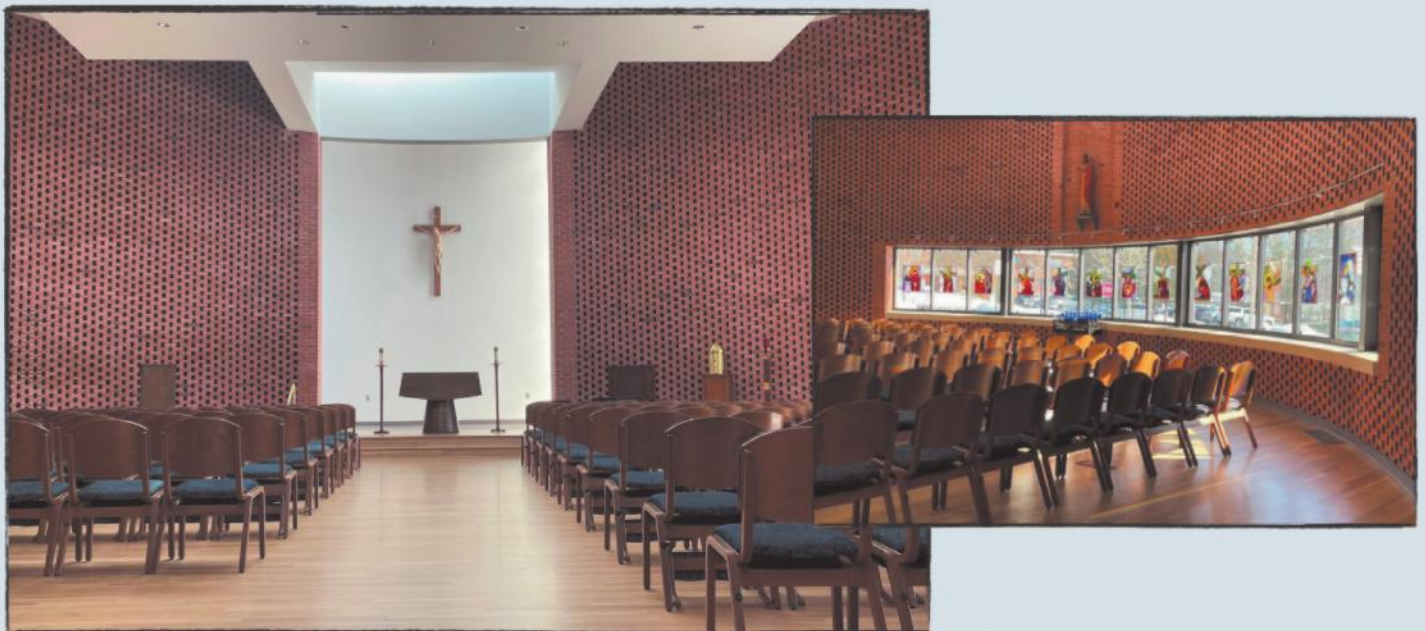


The following work has been done in the Chapel:

- The brick walls were professionally treated & cleaned.
- The walls, ceiling, and baseboards have been painted.
- The floors were sanded, restored, and re-stained.
- The stain glass windows have been professionally cleaned.
- The existing chairs have been professionally cleaned.

We are working to design a new altar to match the presider's chair as well as new candle holders, processional crucifix, and statues.

We ask for your help and support in preserving the integrity of the restoration. We appreciate your care and attention, particularly in maintaining the furniture placement, and hope you enjoy this new space for daily mass and fellowship.





## Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

**Sat. Feb. 3/Sun. Feb. 4, 2024**

+ Frank Van Lierde  
+ Frances Linda Raycroft  
+ Eric Detjen  
+ Betty and Shelby Hunt  
Roger Trozado

**Monday, February 5, 2024**

8:30am + Art Hathaway

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

8:30am The OLGC Community

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

8:30am + Oscar Fernando Téllez-Duran

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

8:30am + Marissa Nigro

**Friday, February 9, 2024**

8:30am + Jorge Escalante Vaccari

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

8:30am + Bridget Bair

**Sat. Feb. 10 / Sun. Feb. 11, 2024**

+ Anastacia Mendoza  
+ Marcel & Lucy Dinka  
+ Thomas Vy & Maria Thuc Nguyen  
+ Berrios – Berrios Family

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

+ Ruby Cunje  
+ Jude Mollenhauer Duesterhaus,  
wife of Richard Duesterhaus

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

Church In loving memory of  
+ Marga Vitale  
Chapel Special Intention for Bing  
Valmonte-Santos



## 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@olgcv.org](mailto:frhillyard@olgcv.org)  
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**Retired** Rev. William Metzger, OSFS..... [william.metzger@olgcv.org](mailto:william.metzger@olgcv.org)  
**Retired** Rev. Lewis Fiorelli, OSFS..... [lfiorelli@oblates.org](mailto:lfiorelli@oblates.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.olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/funerals](http://www.olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/funerals)

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

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

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

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

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



## Eden Corner

### ANNUAL SPRING GALA WEEKLY UPDATES

Check back each week for new auction items, sponsor highlights, event updates and more!

## Consider a donation to our Auction!

**DONATE  
TODAY!**

- ✿ AN ITEM OR EXPERIENCE
- ✿ A BASKET
- ✿ A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE



items



baskets



parties

Purchase your tickets by February 14  
for a chance to win the Presidential Suite  
on Gala night!



## Tuesday Scripture Study by Zoom

Looking for an opportunity to deepen your prayer life this Lent? Check out *Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer* from Ascension Press. This study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks, you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice. Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study will offer the course by Zoom at 9:45 am, **beginning on Tuesday, February 13th** (the day before Ash Wednesday) and finish on April 2nd (Easter Tuesday). To purchase the study workbook for \$18.95 and/or online access for \$5.95, please visit [Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer - Ascension \(ascensionpress.com\)](https://www.ascensionpress.com).

To register and get Zoom access, please contact Fran Davenport at 703.867.3278 or [bwdavenport@cox.net](mailto:bwdavenport@cox.net).

## A Salesian Welcome

December will always be important for many reasons—the obvious one, of course, (Advent and Christmas, right?) but for me, it will be the month I answered the call to Music Ministry here at OLGC. I have been blessed to experience a true Salesian welcome—loving, gentle and grateful. I thank you for your welcome and good wishes. It has been gratifying to pray musically with the OLGC parish family over these past months, and I look forward to accompanying weekend worship, as well as sacramental celebrations in the future.

In worship at OLGC I have experienced the Body of Christ incarnate—the Body of Christ embracing their Baptismal identity and mission. The Body of Christ embracing their role as Ministry of the Assembly. Masses where the assembly fully proclaims the responses and prayers, and where songs, hymns and acclamations are joyfully sung!

We continue to unify our sung prayer at all the Masses in English. This allows our music to be a singular prayer expressed in different ways, honoring the wide variety of styles composers have used for centuries.

Beginning this weekend, you will find the songs and hymns in the *Music Issue* books found in the pews.

At OLGC I have found an amazing group of people, young and old, amateur and professional, serving in music ministry, giving of their time, and talent. But there is a need for more (perhaps you) to join and get involved in music ministry. Do you have that gift of music, the talent to sing or play an instrument? Have you sung in choirs in the past and miss it? Perhaps this is a ministry you could embrace as you contemplate your upcoming Lenten practices. We need singers who can lead or support, and instrumentalists who can play the guitar, flute, violin, trumpet or other instruments. If you are involved in music in school—Chorus, Band or Orchestra—or if you sang or played in the past, pray, think and JOIN with fellow parishioners in one of the many music ministry groups at OLGC.

I look forward to our musical prayer time and other parish events (like the Friday Fish Fry!!) where I can meet and get to know this wonderful OLGC family.

Dr. Kathleen DeJardin  
*Director of Music*



## EM Training— Feed the Flock

Experience the reward and fulfillment of growing your faith by joining the team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A training session will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 7pm in the Church. If you are interested in attending, please complete and submit a Ministry Information Form found on the OLGC website: [olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form](http://olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form) by Monday, February 5th. For additional information and/or questions, please contact Cheryl Jones at [cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com).

Grow your faith by joining the team of

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training session  
Wednesday, Feb. 7  
at 7p.m. in the Church.



## It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

The wait is over! OLGC Girl Scout Troops will be selling cookies after Masses this weekend and next. Be sure to bring cash. Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-si-Dos, Tagalongs, Adventurefuls, and Lemon-Ups are \$5.00 per box. Girl Scout S'mores and gluten-free Toffee-tastics are \$6.00 per box. Your purchase helps to fund our Troops' activities and service projects. Thank you for your support!

## Adult Confirmation Classes

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life and calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. Through Confirmation, our relationship with Christ is strengthened.

We are offering sessions at OLGC for Catholic adults who were unable to receive the sacrament of confirmation as youth. These sessions will have a structure of biblical readings, liturgical symbols, and signs or symbols of the sacraments of Initiation. Using the

teaching of Confirmation as a platform, each session develops theological points expressed in the Ritual.

All Catholic adults seeking confirmation are invited to prepare for this sacrament of initiation!

Classes will take place at the St. Joseph's Center (building across from the chapel and next to the school) in the Brisson Room on Sunday mornings from 11:15am to 12:45pm. February 25, March 3 and 17, April 7, and May 26.

Register at [bit.ly/OLGC-adult-confirmation](http://bit.ly/OLGC-adult-confirmation).

## OLGC Volleyball Survey

### OLGC Volleyball Players and Coaches/ Commissioner needed

Building on the 8th Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball game on Feb. 1, we would like to survey the OLGC student community for interested volleyball players (3rd/4th grade boys & girls/5th-8th grade girls) and parents interested in coaching and/or serving as commissioner.

Please e-mail me at [creyes22182@gmail.com](mailto:creyes22182@gmail.com) so we can see how many students plan to play this year. Please include:

1. Student name
2. Grade
3. OLGC student or OLGC CCF
4. Best phone number for text messages about program registration info

Also, if you are interested in serving as volleyball commissioner, co-

### OLGC YOUTH VOLLEYBALL SURVEY

3rd-4th grade  
boys & girls

5th-8th grade girls

commissioner, or commissioner-in-training, I am willing to help in this transitional year when I would like to find others to serve in this critical role for both the house league and CYO programs.

Finally, please let me know if you are interested in serving as a coach. No experience necessary—training can be provided.

—Chris Reyes (240.244.9045)



### Fridays Beginning February 16

Please consider volunteering for the Fish Fry during Lent on Thursday evenings or at various times on Fridays. Food runners, please sign up for no more than 3 time slots so that all who want to can participate.

Visit [bit.ly/Fish-Fry-2024-volunteers](http://bit.ly/Fish-Fry-2024-volunteers) for opportunities to help make this a success!



# 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.

## ADORACIÓN

Adoración Eucarística del Santísimo Sacramento el primer viernes del mes: "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 de 9:00 am a 3:00 pm.

## 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).

### Mensaje del Padre Kumar

#### Llegar a Misa a tiempo trae varios beneficios:

**Preparación para la adoración:** ser puntual le permitirá tener tiempo para reflexionar y prepararse en silencio, lo que le ayudará a entrar al espacio sagrado con una mentalidad centrada y receptiva.

**Participación en la liturgia completa:** Llegar a tiempo garantiza que no se pierda partes esenciales de la liturgia. Puede participar activamente en oraciones, himnos y lecturas desde el principio, mejorando su experiencia de adoración en general.

**Reverencia por la Eucaristía:** Estar presente desde el principio demuestra reverencia por la Eucaristía. Puedes participar plenamente en la consagración y recepción de la Sagrada Comunión, un aspecto central y sagrado de la Misa.

**Conexión comunitaria:** Llegar a tiempo le permite compartir la experiencia comunitaria con otros fieles. Contribuye a un sentido de unidad y culto colectivo dentro de la comunidad parroquial.

**Evitar distracciones:** Llegar a tiempo ayuda a minimizar las interrupciones causadas por llegadas tardías, lo que garantiza un ambiente más concentrado y tranquilo para todos los presentes.

**Establecer un tono espiritual:** Su puntualidad establece un tono positivo para su práctica espiritual. Refleja un compromiso de priorizar y honrar su tiempo de adoración.

**Oportunidad para la oración personal:** Llegar temprano brinda la oportunidad de orar personalmente antes de que comience la Misa, lo que le permitirá presentar sus intenciones y

preocupaciones al Señor de una manera tranquila y contemplativa.

Al estar presente al comienzo de la Misa, maximiza los beneficios espirituales y contribuye a un ambiente de adoración más reverente y armonioso.

A medida que nos acercamos al tiempo litúrgico de la Cuaresma de 2024, los invito a todos a tratar de llegar a tiempo, ya que puede ser nuestra resolución de Cuaresma. Todo por amor nada por la fuerza- San Francisco de Sales.

A medida que avanzamos hacia el mes de febrero, nos encontramos en el umbral de múltiples ocasiones significativas. Abracemos el espíritu de la Cuaresma, un tiempo de reflexión y crecimiento espiritual. Que esta temporada sea un viaje hacia conexiones más profundas con nuestra fe.

Este año, el Miércoles de Ceniza, el primer día de la Cuaresma, también celebramos el Día de San Valentín, un día para expresar amor y aprecio unos por otros. Que nuestra comunidad esté llena de compasión, comprensión y amor.

Además, les comparto que emprenderé una visita a casa en la India. A partir del 4 de febrero hasta el 8 de marzo, por favor manténganme en sus oraciones, los extrañaré a todos, pero estarán en mis pensamientos y oraciones.

Os deseo a todos una bendecida Cuaresma y un San Valentín lleno de amor.

Vive Jesus,  
Padre Kumar



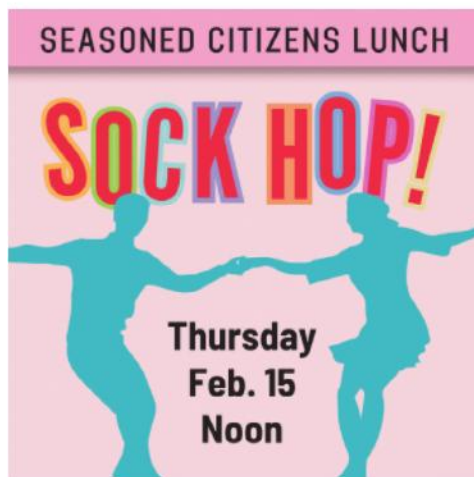
# Senior Moments

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## SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

February is here, the next luncheon will soon become a reality! And it's going to be a super-duper good time for all. I hope since last week you've given some thought to the theme, "Sock Hop." Yes, we're going retro so plan on enjoying the change of pace. First of all, if you've got any clothing or accessories that date back to the 50's, or look like it, wear them! The menu's featuring "diner food," and I'm leaving that to be a surprise. The entertainment is going to be fabulous! The Phoenix Rising Performers are returning with a new singalong, "Malt Shop Madness." Put on your dancing shoes and come prepared to cut a rug (rubber soles won't do!).



There is no charge, but reservations are necessary:  
[seasonedcitizens@olgcv.com](mailto:seasonedcitizens@olgcv.com), call Dagny, 703.281.5525, or RSVP at [bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Feb2024](http://bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Feb2024). Please note that take-home meals are only available for homebound OLG parishioners. Contact Heidi to make arrangements: [heidilinksnyder@gmail.com](mailto:heidilinksnyder@gmail.com).

Inclement weather procedures were in last week's column.

As well, the Book Swap Table will be open. Thanks to your donations of recent books, this feature has been able to continue. Jigsaw puzzles are also welcome, but nothing else, please. Bring something, take something! Let's keep it going!

## LET THE LIBRARY COME TO YOU

Do you, or someone you know, struggle to visit a library or read library books? The Access Service Library, part of the Fairfax County Library system and situated at the Government Center, offers two services for residents of Fairfax County who cannot physically visit the library or cannot read a book due to a disability.

The first service is Home Delivery, which provides materials owned by Fairfax County Public Library. To qualify, a resident must have a permanent or temporary disability, or a physical limitation that prevents them from visiting their local branch. Once in the program, books and DVDs are mailed at no cost to the patron. There are reader advisors on staff to assist with book selections, or the user may choose their books. For the tech-savvy who prefer to read eBooks or listen to eAudiobooks, they can qualify for a library card through their Home Delivery service and access the Libby app. Patrons will also have access to library databases, such as Consumer Reports and the Washington Post, for example.

The second service is the Talking Books program. They work with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, a division of the Library of Congress, to mail digital books and magazines, plus braille materials. Individuals who are unable to read or use standard print due to permanent or temporary blindness, visual impairment or physical limitations may qualify for this program. The

digital books play on a machine that's easy to use, especially for those who are unsure about technology. Materials and machines are borrowed and returned by mail at no cost to the user. For patrons who enjoy using mobile devices, they can use BARD Mobile, the app offered by the Library of Congress. The mobile app is similar to the Libby app in that it provides users with access to eAudiobooks, which can be accessed on any mobile device.

Both servicers, Home Delivery and Talking Books, require an application. Talking Books also requires a signature from a certifying authority. For more information on either program, or to apply, please call Access Services, 703.324.8380 or email [libas@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:libas@FairfaxCounty.gov).

If you're interested in attending a library program from the comfort of your living room, then join the All Access Book Club. It's held over the phone, like a conference call. Anyone can join, even those who are not part of the Home Delivery and Talking Books programs. Friendly conversation about the featured book is encouraged, but anyone is welcome to join the call and just listen.

Fairfax County Library loves spreading the word about their services, so spread the word to friends you think might be interested and would benefit from its services. (Thanks to Jennifer Tchida, Access Services Branch Manager for this information.)

## Elder Wisdom

A day is not a lifetime.

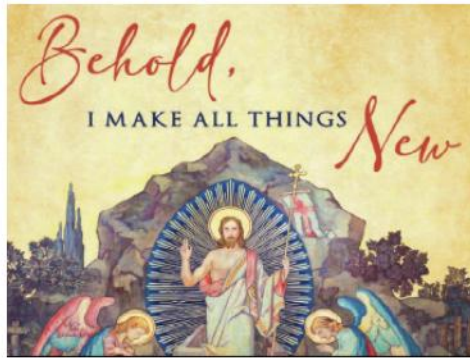




# DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

## 2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

The 2024 BLA Commitment Sunday is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no parish could provide on its own. We are asking every family to participate to help our parish make our goal. By participating in the BLA, we renew our commitment to the Lord with a response to His call to serve our



brothers and sisters. You may go online to make a donation at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla).

## Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit [arlingtondiocese.org/all-events](http://arlingtondiocese.org/all-events) for details

### Finding Jesus in Lent Men's Silent Retreat

Friday, February 9 | 6:00pm

### St. Therese Vocation Society Morning of Reflection

Saturday, February 10 | 8:30am

### Day of Prayer and Healing

Saturday, February 10 | 9:00am

## Ministry Formation: Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Each year the Diocese of Arlington holds Ministry Formation sessions for Eucharistic Ministers. Those wishing to become a Eucharistic Minister are required to attend a formation workshop presented by the Office of Divine Worship.

Information presented in these Diocesan-sponsored sessions focus on the theology of the Eucharist and your role as a lay Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion ('EMHC'). It does not take the place of Eucharistic Minister training at your home parish. Please contact

Cheryl Jones at [cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com) to learn when EM training will be offered to learn specific protocols for OLGC.

To register and learn more about these workshops, follow this link: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/emhc/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/emhc/).

### IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS - WINTER/SPRING 2024

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 am—1 pm, Saint Joseph, Herndon (English)

Saturday Feb. 3, 1—3 pm, Saint Joseph, Herndon (en español)

Saturday Feb. 3, 1:30—3 pm, Saint Charles Borromeo, Clarendon (English)

Saturday Feb. 10, 11 am—1 pm, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge, Madison (English)

Saturday Feb. 24, 10 am—1 pm, All Saints, Manassas (English)

Saturday Feb. 24, 1—3 pm, All Saints, Manassas (en español)

Saturday Mar. 2, 10 am—1 pm, Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg (English)

## Annual Car Raffle

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners once again to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2024 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 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes.

The tickets for the annual Car Raffle have been mailed. You will notice that the ticket returns are being

processed at All Saints again this year. This is required by the Department of Charitable Gaming. The raffle continues to benefit OLGC parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past.



We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make your checks payable to All Saints.



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