

AUGUST

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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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

Chapel open for prayer

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Confessions Saturdays 9:00am

or by appointment

Summer Office Hours

Mon - Thu 9am - 4:30pm,

Fri 9am - 1pm

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

*“Be who you are
and be that well.”*

- St. Francis de Sales

*“Se quien eres
y hazlo bien”.*

- San Francisco de Sales

Beloved

Each year, we have a Salesian theme to help us reflect and move forward with the year. This year, the theme is “Beloved.” It is a simple theme, but a very important one.

Twice in Jesus’s life, the heavens opened and he heard that word from his heavenly father. At his baptism, The message was meant for his disciples and others to hear: “This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.” As his impending crucifixion approached, he heard the message a second time on Mount Tabor. This time, the message was clearly meant for him: “You are my beloved son with whom I am well pleased.”

As we go through this year, I ask us each morning as we wake up and begin our day to remind ourselves



BELoved!

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

that we are beloved. It is the title that God gives us: beloved son or beloved daughter. In one of his letters to Saint Jane de Chantal, Saint Francis de Sales wrote: “Jane, if only you can see yourself as God sees you, simply through the eyes of love.” You are beloved to God.

After that reminder, please remove the D from beloved and “be love” to all you meet that day. That is our calling and responsibility, fellow beloved ones.

Live Jesus!

Fr. Matt

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a significant event in Christian theology, commemorating the moment when Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heaven. This doctrine, while rooted in ancient tradition, was formally defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950. St. Francis de Sales, a 16th- and 17th-century saint and Doctor of the Church, provides profound insights into the Assumption, enriching our understanding of this mystery.

St. Francis de Sales’ Perspective on the Assumption

St. Francis de Sales, known for his gentle approach to spirituality and his deep devotion to Mary, offers a unique perspective on the Assumption. In his writings, particularly in his sermons and letters, he often reflected on Mary’s role in salvation history and her exemplary virtues.

Mary’s Purity and Holiness

For St. Francis de Sales, Mary’s Assumption is a natural consequence of her immaculate purity and unparalleled holiness. He believed that because Mary was free from original sin, it was fitting that she should not undergo the corruption of the grave. Her sinless nature made her body a pure vessel,

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Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:
bit.ly/OLGC-Presider-Schedule

Sat. August 3/ Sun. August 4, 2024

+ Theresa M. Bruno
+ Humberto & Alcira Valdez
+ Santiago A. Zegarra Barbaran
+ Al McGarraghy
+ Rosa Mirian Flores

Monday, August 5, 2024

8:30am + Rita Destro

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

8:30am For the OLGC Community

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

8:30am + Wanda Burggraff

Thursday, August 8, 2024

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 9, 2024

8:30am + Julie Winkler

Saturday, August 10, 2024

8:30am Tom & Elvira Jakub 50th
Wedding Anniversary

Sat. August 10/ Sun. August 11, 2024

+ Souls in Purgatory
+ John, Ann & Samantha Schell
+ Nicholas Robert Hoy
+ Joyce Elenor Robson
Lana Demeo

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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Sanctuary Candles are available on a weekly basis starting on a Sunday. To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, the candle a symbol of that prayer.

For a donation of \$25, you may have the candle burn for a week in memory of a deceased loved one, for a celebration or for a special intention.

Visit olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/candle to light a candle.

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.

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Our website, OLGCVA.org, is a source of lots of information about our parish life. There are a number of ways you can communicate with staff for specific needs through the site. The links below provide first steps to various things you may need.

OLGC Funerals: 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/Devotional Candles: olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

Revelation

The Kingdom Yet to Come

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

OLGC will begin an eleven-week Bible study *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 am by Zoom. In-person Meet & Greet Tuesday, September 10 at 9:45 am in DeSales Hall. Participants will meet every week by Zoom beginning September 17 to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

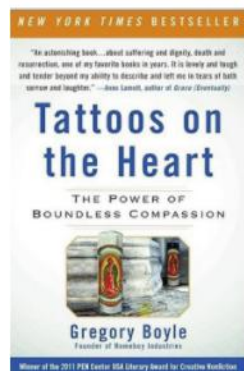
For more information or to register and get Zoom access, contact Fran Davenport at bwdavenport@cox.net.

The study workbook is available for \$27.95 (online access to videos \$6.95) at ascensionpress.com.

September Book Study: *Tattoos on the Heart*

What can we learn from a modern saint? The OLGC book study resumes in September with

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion



by Gregory Boyle, S.J., the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang rehabilitation program in the world. Fr. Boyle was recently awarded the

Medal of Freedom for his work. In this book, he writes movingly and

humorously about his experiences with gang members in the Los Angeles ghetto.

All are invited to join fellow parishioner and adult catechist, Ann Marie Mack, as she facilitates this incredible book discussion which will renew our faith and remind us that all lives are valuable.

Join us on Tuesday evenings, September 3, 10, 17 and 24, 7 - 8pm in the Fr. Brisson Room.

It is recommended, but not required, to read the book. It is available on Amazon through this link: amzn.to/3zSzy63.

RSVP to Cheryl Jones to ensure enough seating: cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com.

IN HIGH SCHOOL, WANT TO TAKE YOUR FAITH TO THE NEXT LEVEL?



APPLY FOR THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM!



IN HIGH SCHOOL?



H I C K O F F
SEPT 8

Join us for dinner, games and prayer Sunday nights 6-8pm



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!" Mt 14:16

Volunteer Background Checks & Training

If you are interested in volunteering with children, you are required to have training. If you are volunteering for the first time, you need to fill out a request form: www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children to start the process.

BACK FROM SUMMER BINGO NIGHT

Friday, August 23, 2024

6 - 9 PM

De Sales Hall

Tickets Available online today!



SAVE THE DATE! Fall Fest 2024

Sunday, September 22, 2024

11:30 AM - 4 PM

OLGC Campus

Carnival Games - Bounce Houses & Climbs-ons - Delicious
International food Options from OLGC Community Groups
Live Music - Visit from the Fire Department
Fellowship - Fun - MORE!



CYO Tennis Registration Opens August 22!

Calling all 4th—8th grade student athletes! Join our co-ed CYO tennis team for skill-building, teamwork, and friendly competition.

Registration opens Thursday, August 22nd, with evaluations the same day (5-7pm) at Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043. Open to OLGC School and CCF students.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VIRTUS training required. Coach, assist with practices, or line judge during Sunday matches (1pm & 3pm). Make it a great season for

CYO Tennis

All School & CCF students grades 4-8

Registration Opens August 22



our players!

Contact: Ashley Binkowski |
ashleybinkowski@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word 2024-2025

You Can Make a Difference!

Do you want to help our youngest parishioners (3-7 years old) learn more about our Catholic faith?

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) needs you! No experience needed. You can teach, help the CLW teachers with crowd control, or read the Gospel. Adults, Confirmandi needing hours, teens, and tweens are welcome. Our CLW year begins on Sunday, August 25

during the 10 am Mass. Contact Regina Allegra at 703.798.6008 or sisfroggy@verizon.net with any questions.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Yearly Subscription of *The Word Among Us* (WAU)

The Word Among Us assists people in reading, meditating on and understanding scripture and to provide sound, practical advice for Catholics on the living out of the Christian life.

It includes daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, testimonies, and

stories of the saints and other Christian heroes! Subscribe for the year Oct. 2024 - Sept. 2025. It is also available in Spanish. The group subscription rate is \$25 per year. Please make your check payable to OLGC and on the memo indicate WAU/ Liturgy. Please complete the form below, bring it or mail it with your payment to the office.

We will not be mailing copies to parishioners. We ask that if you would like a mailed subscription, please order it directly from WAU. Visit their website at wau.org/renew, or call them at 1.800.775.WORD (9673). If you have any questions contact Maria Romero, 703.896.7419 or welcme@olgcvva.org.

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Number of copies you would like: English Copies # _____ Spanish Copies # _____

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worthy of being assumed into heaven. St. Francis de Sales wrote:

"Since it is a privilege of the immaculate purity of the Blessed Virgin that her sacred body should be preserved from corruption, it is reasonable to believe that the soul of this most holy Mother did not wait for the common day of resurrection but immediately went to rejoin her most pure body and together they were carried to the highest heaven."

The Assumption as a Foretaste of Our Own Destiny

St. Francis de Sales emphasized that Mary's Assumption is a sign of hope for all Christians. It prefigures the resurrection of the body and the glorification that awaits the faithful. He saw in Mary's Assumption the fulfillment of God's promise to humanity and a testament to the destiny that lies ahead for those who follow Christ.

"The Blessed Virgin's Assumption is a great and powerful sign for us. It shows us that heaven is our true homeland, and that we too are called to follow her there, body and soul. Let us, then, live in such a way that we may one day share in this glory."

Mary's Role as Our Advocate

In light of the Assumption, St. Francis de Sales also highlighted Mary's role as an intercessor and advocate for the faithful. From her exalted place in heaven, Mary continues to care for her children on earth, interceding on their behalf. St. Francis de Sales encouraged devotion to Mary, trusting in her maternal love and powerful intercession.

"Let us have recourse to our Blessed Mother in all our needs and tribulations. She who was assumed into heaven is ever ready to assist us with her prayers and obtain for us the graces we need. She is our mother and Advocate, and she will never abandon those who seek her help."

—Rev. Mathias Kumar, OSFS



The Assumption of Virgin Mary by Guido Reni

OLGC Youth Ministry

High School Nightlife

Grades 9-12

Sundays 6:00-8:00pm

- Dinner
- Games
- Prayer
- Worship
- Fellowship
- Service
- Sacraments
- Small groups

Nightlife Olympics

Have your chance at ultimate glory with weekly competitions at HS Nightlife!

Middle School Mondays

Grades 6-8

Mondays 6:00-7:30pm

- Dinner
- Games
- Field Trips
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Worship

Special Events

- HS 3-Day Retreat
- MS and HS Lock-ins
- Kings Dominion
- Laser Tag
- Snow Tubing
- One Act Play Festival
- Life is Very Good Rally



Check out our website for more info!

Got questions?

Call Carmen Clem at 703-896-7414
or email cclem@olgva.org

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DAY OF OBLIGATION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

MASSES 8:30 AM & 12:10 PM
NO 7:00 pm Mass



Tickets Available for Daniel

Tickets are still available to see DANIEL, live on stage, in Lancaster PA on Saturday, Sept. 7. \$175/person includes show ticket, transportation, driver gratuity, breakfast bag, and snack back on the trip back. To reserve a seat, contact Chiqui 571.499.8277; Verna 703.408.0652; or Zeny 202.390.3037; filminolgc@gmail.com.



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WAY TO GIVE
YOUR TIME OR
TALENT?



To read about our
programs, scan this
QR code!



Reach out to Carmen Clem with any questions
cclem@olgva.org
(703)896-7414 ext214

OLGC'S YOUTH
MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS



To get involved,
fill out this form!

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of August 4–11, 2024

SUNDAY Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

MONDAY Memorial of the Dedication of the
Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome
Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102;
Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY Feast of the Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mk 9:2-10

WEDNESDAY
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mk 9:2-10

THURSDAY Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta
of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,
41; Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

SUNDAY Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023—June 2024

	May 2024	June 2024
Offertory	170,887	186,931
Total Budgeted	171,598	114,500
Variance	(711)	72,431
YTD Received	2,136,683	2,323,614
Budget YTD	2,254,294	2,368,794
Variance	(117,612)	(45,181)

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.

August

18 Mission Co-op Plan Appeal

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

August 4 — 11

SUNDAY	Donut Social OLGC Adult Softball	8 AM - 2 PM 1 - 5 PM	DeSales Hall Lower Field	4
MONDAY	Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	5
TUESDAY	OLGC Adult Softball	6 - 8:30 PM	Lower Field	6
WEDNESDAY	RCIA Pre-Catechumenate Class St. Vincent DePaul Society ECAP Registration for 1st Trimester Closes	7 - 9 PM 7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm DeSales Hall	7
THURSDAY				8
FRIDAY	OLGC Adult Softball Open Mic Night	6 - 8 PM 7 - 10 PM	Lower Field DeSales Hall	9
SATURDAY	Baptisms Grades K-8 Used Uniform Sale	10 - 11 AM 10 - 11 AM	Church Fr. Brisson Gym Lobby	10
SUNDAY	Christ House Food Collection OLGC Adult Softball	9:30 AM - 1 PM 1 - 5 PM	SJC parking lot Lower Field	11



Stay and Chat

Plan to stay after Mass and get to know your fellow parishioners. It is through time spent together that we create closer bonds with those around us. The Knights of Columbus offer this opportunity for fellowship monthly, and we ask that you enjoy your donuts at the Donut Social rather than picking them up to eat at home.



Open Mic Night

Join us on Friday, August 9 for a free, family-friendly event where anyone who would like to perform (music, song, poetry, storytelling, comedy, etc.) will find a friendly audience. Even if you don't want to perform, please come be part of audience and enjoy some great entertainment; performers love a good crowd.

Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



DOWNSIZING

Here's another chance to take advantage of this popular presentation, thanks to Vienna Parks & Recreation's offerings of free classes and lectures of interest for mature adults. It'll be on Thursday, August 15 from 10-11 am at the Vienna Community Center.

It's a comprehensive seminar helping you to plan for the future by discussing various aspects of the downsizing process. Some topics to be discussed include decluttering your home, organizing, and getting it ready for sale, selling your home, and researching future home options including different types of living and levels of care available. Jeff Wu will be the presenter. To register for Activity #142525 A1, visit viennava.gov/webtrac or call the Center, 703.255.6360 to let them know you'll be there.

MEDICAL BRACELETS

Not all medical bracelets are created equal, and that's why August has been designated as Medical Alert Awareness Month. Are you a diabetic? Are you allergic to penicillin? Do you require a certain life-saving medication in an emergency? Do you wish to invoke a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order under certain circumstances? Medical Alert can tell the doctors caring for you what they need to know. A medical ID can save precious time in diagnosing the reason for the emergency. It can also clue the doctors in on any allergy the wearer has before administering medication or first aid. In an emergency, you may not be able to speak for yourself. A Medical Alert bracelet speaks for you and may well make the

difference in saving your life. If you're interested in getting a Medical Alert bracelet for yourself or a family member, contact the Medical Alert Foundation at MedicalAlert.org.

TAI CHI CHUAN/QIGONG

These are easy, gentle, low-impact exercises for better balance, general health, and flexibility, suitable for everyone. To join this fun, welcoming group in-person or via Zoom, contact hannamel122@gmail.com. The Tai Chi Chuan group meets at the Vienna Community Center in-person on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:30-8:30 am and via Zoom on Mondays and Thursdays at the same time. The Qigong group meets in person on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 am. These are free programs.



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HISTORIC VIENNA OUTDOOR EXHIBIT

History buffs, you may be interested in this exhibit running daily through September 12, from dawn to dusk. 2024 is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves. They were written primarily by George Mason, adopted on July 18, 1774, and rejected by the British Parliament's claim of supreme authority over the American colonies. Learn about the Fairfax Resolves through Historic Vienna's new outdoor exhibit along the fence surrounding the Freeman Store and Museum located at 131 Church St.

VOLUNTEER MEET & GREET POTLUCK BREAKFAST

The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia invites those of you who might be interested in joining its team of volunteers to this free event

on Tuesday, August 13 from 10:00 am—noon at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd. SW. You'll meet volunteers presently serving, an amazing group of people! The morning will include an informational session, giving you an opportunity to learn more about the mission, programs, and services this wonderful organization offers, and to sign up, making a difference and having fun while you do it! Please bring a breakfast item of your choice to share. Call the SCNOVA soon to register for this event, 703.281.0538.

TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR LEGACY

A good estate plan speeds up inheritances. When you die, the state courts review your will and distribute your assets to the listed heirs through a process called probate. If you don't have an estate plan and your family members fight over the inheritance, they could waste everything on legal fees. Even if probate goes smoothly, the process can still take months.

Accounts with beneficiary designations sidestep probate and go straight to the named beneficiaries. You could also set up transfer-upon-death instructions on bank accounts, brokerage accounts, vehicle titles, and home titles for the same result. Another option is to set up a revocable trust. You put property into the trust fund but can take it back when needed. When you pass away, the trust passes along the property according to your instructions without going through probate. It's recommended you review your estate plan every few years. (Thanks to Kiplinger Retirement Letter).

Elder Wisdom

Find the good.

Información Parroquial en español

Preguntas o sugerencias, ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por recién fallecidos, funerals, comuníquese con Maria 703.896.7419,



Amado!

NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL BUEN CONSEJO

Amado

Cada año, tenemos un tema salesiano que nos ayuda a reflexionar y avanzar con el año.

Este año, el tema es "Amado". Es un tema sencillo, pero muy importante.

Dos veces en la vida de Jesús, los cielos se abrieron y se escuchó esa palabra de su padre celestial. En su bautismo, el mensaje estaba destinado a que sus discípulos y otros escucharan: "Este es mi hijo amado con el que estoy muy complacido. Escuchadlo". A medida que se acercaba su inminente crucifixión, escuchó el mensaje por segunda vez en el Monte Tabor. Esta vez, el mensaje estaba claramente destinado a él: "Eres mi hijo amado con el que estoy muy complacido".

A medida que pasamos por este año, preguntémonos cada mañana cuando nos despertamos y comenzamos nuestro día para recordarnos a nosotros mismos que somos amados. Es el título que Dios nos da: hijo o hija amados. En una de sus cartas a Santa Jane de Chantal, San Francisco de Sales escribió: "Jane, si tan solo pudieras verte a ti misma como Dios te ve, simplemente a través de los ojos del amor". Eres amada por Dios.

Después de ese recordatorio, por favor, reemplaza amado con amor y "sé amor" a todos los que conozcas cada día. Ese es nuestro llamado y nuestra responsabilidad, queridos y amados compañeros.

¡Viva Jesús!
Padre Mateo

REFLEXIÓN SALESIANA

Décimo Octavo Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario 4 de Agosto

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos a Jesús que cuestiona a la multitud

sobre la pureza de sus intenciones al decidir seguirlo. Mientras que las personas se preocupan por buscar alimentos perecederos, Él los exhorta a enfocarse en la consecución del "Pan de la Vida": el "alimento que nos alcanzará para la vida eterna". San Francisco de Sales nos dice cómo podemos prepararnos para hacer que el "Pan de la Vida" se materialice en nuestras vidas:

El lazo de unión más maravilloso e íntimo que nuestro Salvador comparte con nosotros es Su divina existencia. En preparación para esta unión es importante que primero saquemos de nuestra todas las preocupaciones mundanas; que dejemos de pensar en todo aquello que sea pasajero. Una vez hayamos tomado la decisión de desechar nuestra mentalidad frívola, debemos adornar nuestra memoria con todos esos dones que Dios nos ha otorgado: la creación, la divina providencia y la redención.

Paso seguido debemos purificar nuestra voluntad deshaciéndonos de todos los afectos desordenados que existan en nuestra vida, incluyendo aquellos afectos cuyo objeto es algo positivo. Debemos evaluar cuidadosamente en quién y en qué hemos encauzado con tanto fervor nuestra devoción. Poco a poco debemos ir poniéndolos en orden para que entonces podamos decir a Nuestro Señor, como en su momento lo hiciera David, "Tú eres el Dios de mi corazón y mi herencia eterna". El amor y el apego excesivo por los hijos, los padres, los amigos, las posesiones y las cosas materiales, termina por convertirse en un obstáculo para el Espíritu Santo quien desea inundar nuestros corazones con el amor divino que es imperecedero.

Nuestro Salvador se acerca a

nosotros para que nosotros logremos ser todo en Él. Ustedes sólo deben demostrar gratitud por la sencillez de la fe que Dios les ha concedido. Pídanle a Él que jamás deje de otorgarles este don que es tanpreciado y deseable. Aliméntense a lo largo del día de reflexiones sagradas sobre la infinita bondad de nuestro Dios. Entréguese a la providencia del Señor; Él jamás dejará de darles todo lo necesario para garantizar su bienestar. Exalten a Dios en esta vida, y así podrán glorificarlo junto con todos los bienaventurados en el Cielo.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)

NOCHE DE ADORACIÓN BILINGÜE

La Pastoral Juvenil Hispana Diocesana invita a todos los Jóvenes de 18-35 años a una noche de Adoración Eucarística bilingüe y un compartir con snacks y música el **Viernes 9 de Agosto 7-9:30 pm.** en la capilla St. Robert Bellarmine (capilla de George Mason).

Habrà oportunidad para confesarse durante la adoración y un tema impartido por el Padre Guillermo Gonzalez. La entrada y refrigerio son gratis. ¡Jesús y nosotros te esperamos con los brazos abiertos!

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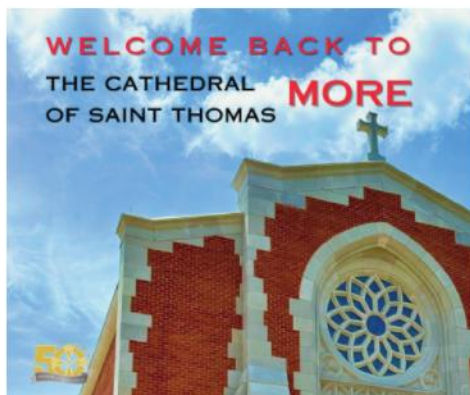
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Bilingual Adoration Night

The Diocesan Pastoral Juvenil Hispana invites all 18–35-year-olds to an evening of bilingual Eucharistic Adoration and sharing with snacks and music on **Friday, August 9, 7-9:30 pm** at St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (George Mason Chapel).

There will be an opportunity for confession during adoration and a talk given by Fr. Guillermo Gonzalez. Admission and refreshments are free. Jesus and we are waiting for you with open arms!

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Noche de Adoración Bilingüe
Friday, August 9 | 7:00pm

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics
Saturday, August 10 | 9:00am

Praise and Worship Holy Hour - August
Tuesday, August 13 | 7:30pm

Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, August 15 | 12:05pm

Mass for MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

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