# **AUGUST**

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# 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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#### Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays Saturday Vigil 4pm Sunday 8am, 10am (online), 12pm (en español), 5pm

View Mass Online www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

**Chapel open for prayer** Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

**Confessions** Saturdays 9:00am or by appointment

#### **Summer Office Hours**

Mon - Thu 9am - 4:30pm, Fri 9am - 1pm Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

> "To be faithful, we must live simply."

> > - St. Jane de Chantal

"Para ser fieles, debemos vivir con sencillez".

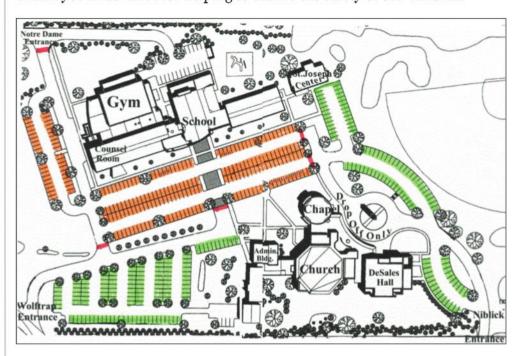
- Santa Juana de Chantal

### School Starts This Week

B eginning Monday, August 19th the parking lot gates will be closed during the school day as they were last year. Please watch for closed gates and plan accordingly if you attend weekday Mass.

The map below shows the parking spaces available during school hours—marked in green. Please note that cars will not be able to cut through the campus.

Thank you in advance for helping to ensure the safety of our children.





#### Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

Sat. August 17/Sun. August 18, 2024

- + Jeanne & Jim Frisino
- + Roberto M. Rodriguez
- + Ed & Martha Zdancewicz
- + Alfredo A. Ortiz Lunn Ray

Monday, August 19, 2024

8:30am + Oscar and Nanette Reyes

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

8:30am + Dolores & Kenneth Lennon

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

8:30am For the OLGC Community

Thursday, August 22, 2024

8:30am + Lorraine (Lori) Nicole Fagan

Friday, August 23, 2024

8:30am + Irma Umana Giron

Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:30am + Matthew J. Burns, Jr.

#### Sat. August 24/ Sun. August 25, 2024

- + Joseph Zator Stella Garrison
- + Stella Garrison
- + Saul Martinez
- + Guido Acurio
- + Hilda Lopez

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

+ Janet Cleary

Please pray for those for whom candles are lit:

Church In Celebration of

Beatriz Murgueitio

Chapel For all returning to school

Our Lady For World Peace

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

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

Visit <u>olgeva.org/liturgy-worship/</u> <u>devotions/candle</u> to light a candle.

## **Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel**

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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Finance Council (Regina Stranix) FinanceCouncil@olgcva.org
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Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654 www.knightsvienna.org
Counseling Catholic Charities Consejería Caridades Catolica
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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.

 $OLGC\ Funerals: \underline{www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals}$ 

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

Join the Parish: olgcva.org/register

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

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

Mass Intention/Devotional Candles: olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

# **Back from Summer Bingo Night This Friday**

We can't wait to see you all after a long, fun summer. Please join us for fellowship and fun at Back from Summer Bingo Night in De Sales Hall from 6-9 PM on Friday, August 23. Visit the Bingo Night Webpage

to purchase your tickets and pizzas in advance. Make it a fun and easy family night out with bingo games, prizes and more! We need a few volunteers for this event, sign up at bit.ly/bingo-volunteers.



# Fall Fest Coming Soon!

Join us on Sunday, September 22 for fun and fellowship at Fall Fest! 11:30-4 PM on OLGC Campus.

We will have a combined bilingual Mass at 10:30 that day so that 10:00 and 12:00 worshipers can celebrate together.

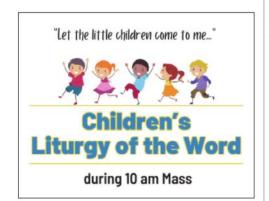
Fall Fest is a parish-wide afternoon of fellowship and fun! We have a wide variety of food options including your favorite carnival treats. Entertainment includes music, carnival games, play areas for toddlers, and activities for older kids and kids-at-heart!



# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Do you have a child(ren) between the ages of 3-7? Children's Liturgy of the Word supports their growing Catholic faith. During the 10:00 am Mass, children are invited to the chapel for prayer and discussion of the Sunday Gospel. Children are supervised at all times. Adults in the program have completed the Diocesan Child Protection Requirements. Parents are always welcome to join us. Let us share Jesus with your kiddos on their level. Questions? Contact Regina

Allegra at <u>sisfroggy@verizon.net</u> or 703.798.6008.





FR. MATT'S MUSING: AUGUST 9

#### Silver Medals

This is the last weekend for the Olympic Games. Many of us have watched with great respect the games themselves. The athletes have shown so much drive, determination, and dedication. Unfortunately, only three of them for each event are able to stand on the medal stand...

Read more at <u>bit.ly/</u> FrMattsMusing-Aug9-2024

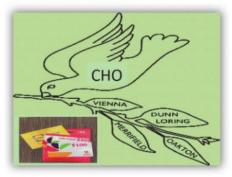
# SEPTEMBER OUTREACH Gift/Grocery Card Collection for CHO

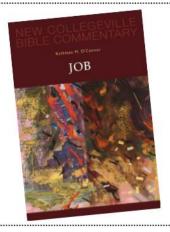
On September 14 and 15, CHO (The Committee for Helping Others) will be collecting gift cards to major local grocery stores (Giant Food, Target, Walmart, Aldi, Lidl & Safeway) and monetary donations.

Gift cards are distributed at our Christmas Store in December to help families stretch their grocery budget and provide presents for their older children. CHO has helped 150 -240 families (700-800 individuals) at its Christmas Store each year for the last five years. OLGC has always been a generous contributor.

CHO is a local interfaith nonprofit that provides food, clothing and emergency financial services to neighbors in need.

Contact Anne Moran Hamisevicz, amoranelm@gmail.com, with questions.





# Little Rock Scripture Study: The Book of Job

#### You've heard about it. Now dig into it.

Job is among the most intriguing books of the Bible, dealing with the trauma of evil befalling good people. Kathleen O'Connor, author of the book, *Job*, published by Liturgical Press, guides readers through Job with theological insight born of her faith and experience. Her book is available on Amazon or at Litpress.org.

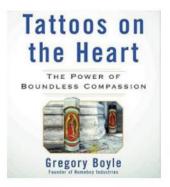
We will study the Book of Job using this text on Zoom on Mondays from 10 to 11:30 am beginning on September 9. Please contact Mike Plett at mike.plett1@gmail.com to join and receive Zoom invitations.



# TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

OLGC will begin an eleven-week Bible study on *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 <a href="mailto:ascensionpress.com">ascensionpress.com</a>.



# September Book Study: Tattoos on the Heart

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. In this book, he writes movingly and humorously about his experiences with gang members in the Los Angeles ghetto.

Join us on Tuesday evenings, September 3,10, 17 and 24, 7 - 8pm in the Brisson Room. RSVP to Cheryl Jones to ensure enough seating: <a href="mailto:cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com">cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com</a>.

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

Subscribe for the year Oct. 2024 - Sept. 2025. English or Spanish. The group subscription rate is \$25 per year. Please make checks payable to OLGC with "WAU/

Liturgy" in the memo line. Please bring or mail form with your payment to the office. We cannot mail copies to parishioners. If you would like a mailed subscription, please order directly from WAU wau.org/renew, or 1.800.775.9673. Contact Maria Romero, 703.896.7419 or welcome@olgcva.org with questions.

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# **Senior Moments**

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#### SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY

Wednesday, August 21, is a day to recognize the contributions older people have made and continue to make to our society. Although not a public holiday, senior citizens in the United States are recognized for their achievements on this day. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed it to raise awareness about issues that affect senior citizens and their quality of life, and to salute their value to our nation. So, hats off to us!!

#### **SENIOR MOVIE DAY**

The next free movie to be shown at the Reston Center's LOOK Cinema is "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3" on Wednesday, August 28. Doors open at 9:15 am. Free coffee, juice and donuts are provided, and door prizes are distributed prior to the movie at 10:00 am. Park in the Blue or Green Garage.

#### **LOOKING BACK**

The first Senior Moments column appeared in our church Bulletin in mid-August, 25 years ago! It's a milestone for me to be writing it for so long, but somehow the years slipped by, and suddenly, here we are!

I never envisioned it to continue beyond the time I served as the Senior Representative on the Pastoral Council. It began as a humble quarter-page, offering information about senior discounts and a few local events. The size of the bulletin increased with the start of a major campaign to fund the growth and improvement of our OLGC campus, and I was given a whole page to connect with the seniors of our parish. At the end of my term on the Council, I was encouraged to continue writing.

There's never been a Sunday

without Senior Moments, except for the rare occasions when important parish news trumped it. I think the biggest challenge for me was to continue to write a small piece each week during COVID, for a severely abbreviated Bulletin, because the world had shut down and nothing was happening. But things improved and soon events and activities resumed.

So much has changed in those 25 years! Advances in medicine and technology have altered the landscape of health care. Opportunities abound for seniors to socialize, exercise, travel, take classes, and volunteer. Most importantly, numerous support groups flourish for those struggling to care for a family member's overwhelming medical needs at home.

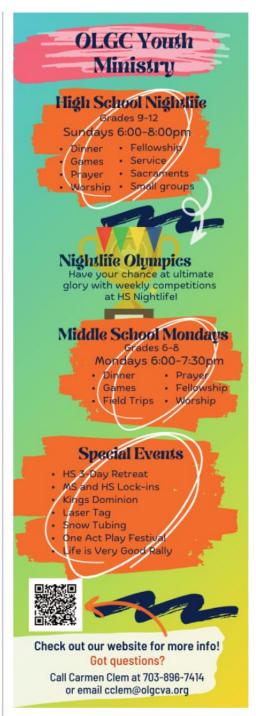
It's been gratifying to know that every Pastor we've had at OLGC has been supportive of the senior members of our parish. Fr. John O'Neil was a beacon of support from the beginning, along with Merle Senyk, and Al Reichelt.

Please contact me if you have a question or a subject of general interest to seniors that you'd like explored. There are a lot of helpful resources I can point you to. In the meantime, to celebrate, I think I'm going to have some ice cream!



### **Elder Wisdom**

The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why. (Mark Twain)





# Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of August 18-25, 2024

**SUNDAY Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

**MONDAY** Memorial of Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**WEDNESDAY** Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

**FRIDAY** Memorial Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**SUNDAY** Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

#### **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.

The Mission Co-op Plan Appeal collection is moved to Sep. 14-15

# Calendar (Subject to change, updates at <a href="https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar">www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar</a>) August 18 — 25

SUNDAY	1			18
	Backpack Drive	7:45 AM - 6:15 PM		
	OLGC Adult Softball	1-5 PM	Lower Field	
	Rising Kindergarten Family Playdate	3 PM	Offsite/Location TBD	
MONDA	Y			19
	Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
	Open House for New Students Grades 1-8	2 - 3 PM	Main School Building	
	OLGC Adult Softball	6 - 8:30 PM	Lower Field	
TUESDA	Y		,	20
WEDNES	5DAY			21
	Open House for Preschool Students	1:30 - 2:30 PM	Preschool	
	OCIA Pre-Catechumenate Class	7 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
	St. Vincent DePaul Society	7:30 - 9 PM	DeSales Hall	
THURSD	AY			22
	ECAP for Grades K-8 Begins			
	First Day of School for Students			
	Funeral and Luncheon: Jeanette Cleary	11 AM - 1 PM	Chapel, DeSales Hall	
	Preschool Early Dismissal	11:15 AM		
FRIDAY				23
	Preschool Early Dismissal	11:15 AM		
	Back from Summer Bingo Night	6 - 9 PM	DeSales Hall	
SATURD	AY			24
	Baptisms	10 - 11 AM	Church	
SUNDAY	<b>(</b>			25
	OLGC Adult Softball	1-5 PM	Lower Field	

# **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



Monday, September 16th at 7pm in the Church. What a wonderful way to both attend Mass and at the same time give back in service to the Lord by distributing Communion to members of the OLGC community.

If you are interested in attending the training session, please complete and submit a Ministry Information Form found on the OLGC website: olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form by Sunday, September 15th. For additional information and/or questions, please contact Cheryl Jones at cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com.

#### The Gift of Time

Ever wonder when someone tells you, "You shine today"? We all have gifts that God has given to us. Whether you sing, play an instrument, cook, read, or do volunteering, etc., there is much to be said about those special gifts. To do what you love and what God has

# OLGC Ministry of Care



given you a unique heart to do is true ministry.

If you feel that you have a gift to offer—to be with the elderly, go to the homebound and/or a nursing home, OLGC invites you to share that gift by participating in homebound ministry. God will reward you with grace and blessings. When you go and visit them and see the joy you bring to them, that is an everlasting joy that will remain with you.

Please reach out to Maria Romero at <a href="mailto:welcome@olgcva.org">welcome@olgcva.org</a> or by calling 703.896.7419, if you are interested in visiting the homebound, a nursing home, or just want to follow along and see how rewarding this can be.

# **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 our players! Contact: Ashley Binkowski ashleybinkowski@gmail.com

### **NVJCYO Fall Track & Field**



Calling all Runners! Join OLGC's award-winning Track & Field Team! OLGC School and CCF students 3rd - 8th grade are invited to join. Participants compete in the NVJCYO Track & Field Meet.

OLGC has a highly knowledgeable coaching team with years of experience in the sport.

Visit <u>olgcva.org/fellowship/</u> <u>athletics/track-field</u> to learn more.

#### St. Paul VI Catholic High School Applications are Now Live!



Paul VI looks forward to welcoming your family to their caring Catholic community, where they inspire the extraordinary in one another.

Please explore the admission webpages (<a href="https://www.paulvi.net/admissions">www.paulvi.net/admissions</a>) to learn more about the application process and how applicants can spend a day at PVI to learn more about the school.

Please reach out to the Enrollment
Management team at
admissions@paulvi.net with any questions
you may have. Paul VI looks forward to
welcoming you to their community!





# 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@olgcva.org



# MINISTERIO DE VISITA AL CONFINADO EN CASA

Todos tenemos dones que Dios nos ha dado. Ya sea que cante, toque un instrumento, cocine, lea, o haga voluntariado, etc. Utilizar los dones que Dios le ha dado a cada persona, es seguir la voluntad divina.

# Ministerio de Cuidado



¿Ha sentido usted el llamado de servir a los demás?

Si siente que tiene un don que ofrecer (estar con personas mayores, ir a un asilo de ancianos o visitar personas confinadas en cama), entonces se encuentra en el buen camino. Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo lo invita a participar en el ministerio de Visita al Confinado en Casa. Este ministerio es un apoyo a personas incapacitadas que no pueden venir a misa. Cuando vaya a visitarlos verá la alegría que les produce.

Comuníquese con María Romero al correo electrónico, <u>welcome@olgcva.org</u> o llamar al 703.896.7419 para inscribirse.

No necesita experiencia. La parroquia ofrece entrenamiento. Por favor considere este ministerio de compañerismo que bendice a los vulnerables de nuestra comunidad.

#### **REFLEXION SALESIANA**

Vigésimo Domingo del tiempo Ordinario 18 de Agosto

La enseñanza que nos deja las lecturas de hoy es que debemos mantener nuestra salud espiritual a lo largo de nuestro viaje por la vida: Vivan sabiamente, utilicen el canto espiritual para dirigirse los unos a los otros, hagan un esfuerzo por comprender la voluntad del Señor, permitan que el Espíritu Santo los colme, alaben a Dios, sean agradecidos y aliméntense con el Pan de Cristo que nos vivificará eternamente. San Francisco de Sales observa que este consejo nos ayudará a cumplir con la Voluntad de Dios para con nosotros:

Incluso el corazón, que ha de ser nuestro punto de partida, necesita recibir instrucción sobre cómo modelar su conducta externa para que las demás personas puedan apreciar en él, no solo la presencia del amor sagrado, sino también una gran sabiduría y prudencia. Dado que Dios ha estampado en nosotros un deseo infinito por la verdad y la bondad, nuestra alma en su sabiduría está consciente de que nada en este mundo podrá satisfacerla plenamente, hasta que no consiga hallar sosiego en las cosas de Dios.

Mientras que el desbordante amor de Dios se dedica a dar, nuestra fragilidad nos hace dependientes de la divina abundancia de Dios. Él se complace infinitamente en poder otorgarnos la gracia que nos conduce a la vida eterna. Nuestros corazones, sin importar cuán frágiles y débiles, no sucumbirán a la corrupción del pecado una vez que hayan sido nutridos por el cuerpo y la sangre incorruptible del Hijo de Dios. Es por esto por lo que quienes participen del sacramento de la Eucaristía estarán contrib-

uyendo a la salud de sus almas.

Nuestro Señor ama inmensamente a aquellos que, llenos de felicidad, se entregan completamente a Su santo cuidado, ya que ellos están permitiendo que Su divina Providencia sea la que los gobierne. Ellos están convencidos de que Dios permite que en sus vidas solo sucedan eventos y cosas que contribuyan a su bienestar espiritual. La voluntad de Dios es que nosotros llevemos una vida de verdad y bondad, y que seamos salvados. Es por esto por lo que cuando sientan que su angustia ha llegado al punto máximo, deben dejar sus corazones en manos de nuestro Salvador para que Él les ayude a sanar. Entreguemos toda nuestra voluntad a Dios quien sabiamente nos aconseja y aviva nuestros corazones, para que tanto nosotros como nuestros semejantes logremos comprender y a vivir Su voluntad.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)



MI CARNE ES VERDADERA COMIDA Y MI SANGRE ES VERDADERA BEBIDA. JUAN 6, 55

#### **DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **OLGC Alum Wins Bronze Medal in Paris**



Christian Tabash (back row, far right), an OLGC alumnus, rowed with the US Men's Eight team in the Paris Olympics, bringing home a bronze medal.

Congratulations Christian and Team USA!

#### **Upcoming Diocesan Events**

Visit <u>arlingtondiocese.org/all-events</u> for details

Finding Jesus as a Band of Brothers Men's Silent Retreat Friday, August 23 | 5:00pm

LIVESTREAM EVENT: Golden Jubilee Celebration

Thursday, September 5 | 12:30pm

St Ignatius of Loyola Retreat Friday, September 6 | 5:00pm

Respect Life Conference 2024 Saturday, September 7 | 9:00am

# Order of Malta Cycling Event to Benefit the Sick and the Poor

The Order of Malta Northern Virginia Region is holding its firstever Mercy Ride cycling event for the benefit of Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic.

Mercy Ride organizers are seeking riders, donations, sponsorships, and non-riding volunteers to help operate the event.

The Mercy Ride will take place on Sept. 14 at 7:00am. Riders will choose one of three possible cycling routes, depending on their abilities—7-mile, 20-mile, or 35-mile. All three routes will start and

finish at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Riders each commit to raising at least \$250 in private donations sponsoring their ride.

All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics—a free health service provider operated by Catholic Charities and based out of Manassas, Virginia.

For more information or to sign up to participate in the event, please go to mercyride.org.

Contact: mercyrideinfo@gmail.com

# Volunteers Needed for Fall 2024!

#### St. Mark Catholic Church English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry

St. Mark ESL Program is seeking volunteers to participate in our in-person Fall Term. We are seeking not only experienced teachers but also classroom aides to work along side our experienced teachers. Our goal is to 'Welcome the Stranger' and provide a program where adults from all ethnic and religious backgrounds can come and learn English and acclimate better to life in the U.S.!

No experience is necessary to volunteer! All classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for one and a half hours from Tuesday, September 24, until Tuesday, December 10. In addition to English language classes, we will also offer informal English conversation, writing, and citizenship preparation.

For additional information on Classes, email <a href="mailto:stmarksesl@gmail.com">stmarksesl@gmail.com</a> or see the website at <a href="https://www.stmarkesl.org">www.stmarkesl.org</a>.

For more information about volunteering for this important St. Mark Ministry, call Monica at 703.980.9380.

### Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

#### Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?

If you were you married in 1974 or 1999, please join Bishop Michael



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