

# APRIL *He Is Risen!*

## 4 | 20 | 2025

## EASTER SUNDAY



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*Administered by the Oblates of*

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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](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

*“May all our actions,  
words, thoughts, and  
spirit be centered in God,  
on God, and for God!”*

- St. Jane de Chantal

*“Que todas nuestras  
acciones, palabras,  
pensamientos y espíritu  
se centren en Dios, Sobre  
Dios y para Dios.”*

- Sta. Jane de Chantal

## **Happy Easter!**

**T**he Lord is risen, indeed! Today, we, as Christians celebrate the ultimate victory. In Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection the ultimate power and hold of sin and death are forever broken. It is the message that love and life ultimately win, and we are invited into that victory. Today, we celebrate the empty tomb, the risen Lord, and the love and witness of Mary Magdalene—and from her message, the apostles themselves.

This year, I ask us to have great faith in that victory for us as we continue our earthly journey. In addition to those Easter moments, I ask us to remember that the risen Lord returns with his wounds, but they are glorified wounds. It’s a reminder that Easter is a great mystery, but it is not magical. The Lord still has his wounds, but he will suffer no more. Peter’s denial, the disciples’ abandonment, they are not forgotten. When Jesus appears to his disciples, his first message is peace. They will have to live with their abandonment of Christ before his crucifixion, but the gift of peace asks them to learn from it and not to make it the mark of their life, but one that gives them energy to be his faithful disciples to all the world. Peter’s denial is not forgotten, but Jesus asked Peter the same: not to live in his guilt, but to turn that guilt into loving service on behalf of his loving God.

I wish all of you great peace, love, and joy on this Easter day and throughout the Easter season. Let us celebrate that indeed the Lord is risen. Alleluia!

Live Jesus!

Fr. Matt



## **¡Feliz Pascua de Resurrección!**

**¡E**l Señor ha resucitado! ¡Verdaderamente ha resucitado! Hoy, como cristianos, celebramos la victoria definitiva. El sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo, vencen el poder del pecado y la muerte para siempre. Es el mensaje de que el amor y la vida finalmente triunfan, y estamos llamados a esa victoria. Hoy celebramos la tumba vacía, El Señor resucitado, el amor, el testimonio de María Magdalena y el de los apóstoles.

Les pido que tengan una gran fe en esa victoria, mientras continuamos nuestro camino terrenal. Además de estos momentos de Pascua, les pido que recordemos que el Señor resucitado regresó a la tierra con sus heridas, pero eran heridas glorificadas. Es un recordatorio de que la Pascua es un gran misterio, pero no es mágica. El Señor aún tiene sus heridas, pero ya no sufrirá más. La negación de Pedro, el abandono de los discípulos, no son

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## Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

**Sat. Apr. 19 (Holy Saturday Vigil)**  
8:00pm For the Newly Baptized and the  
fully initiated into The Church

### Sunday, April 20, 2025

+ Ann Gatto Verde  
+ Pete Komarinski  
+ Angel Serafin Cabrera  
+ Blanca Alicia de Rozo  
+ Salvatore Porte

### NO 5PM Mass

### Monday, April 21

8:30am + Tomas Ledesma

### Tuesday, April 22

8:30am The OLGCV Parish Community

### Wednesday, April 23

8:30am + Charles H. Pointer

### Thursday, April 24

8:30am Laudie & Mary Buresh (60th  
Anniversary)

### Friday, April 25

8:30am + Pedro Jaime Pacis

### Saturday, April 26

8:30am + Julio Trigo Echeandia

### Sat. Apr. 26/Sun. Apr. 27, 2025

+ Jose Luis Vivanco  
+ Joseph & Dolores Lawler  
+ Ellen Leary  
+ Ray Sirois  
+ Diane McAndrew

**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  
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](http://olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/candle) to light a candle.

## 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 ..... fhillyard@olgcv.org  
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**Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654** ..... 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)



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Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is truly risen. The Christian rejoices and is glad at Easter for the marvelous sign of God's love and mercy: the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of our Savior and all that our Lord promises.

Pope Francis, in opening this Jubilee Year for the Universal Church, encouraged all to see this holy year, with its focus on the virtue of hope, as an "opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama." Our Lord's victory over sin and its consequences makes possible our hope. By God's grace, when we see by the light of faith our vision extends beyond the limited horizon of this world and into the glory and splendor of eternal life.

At Eastertime, Sacred Scripture tells us that Peter "ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened" (Luke 24:1-12). We follow in the footsteps of Peter in the Easter season, marveling at our Savior's triumph with the same amazement. May we resolve to carry the joy of this season in our hearts throughout the rest of the year so that we may enjoy the true freedom that God offers.

May Our Lord Jesus bless you with his peace and increased faith, hope, and love throughout the Easter season, the Jubilee Year, and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



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Pascua 2025

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Aleluya! Jesucristo verdaderamente ha resucitado.

El cristiano se regocija y se alegra en Pascua por el maravilloso signo del amor y la misericordia de Dios: la crucifixión, muerte y resurrección de nuestro Salvador y todas las promesas de nuestro Señor.

El Papa Francisco, al inaugurar este Año Jubilar para la Iglesia Universal, animó a todos a ver este año santo, con su enfoque en la virtud de la esperanza, como una “oportunidad para apreciar de nuevo, y con inmensa gratitud, el don de la nueva vida que hemos recibido en el Bautismo, una vida capaz de transfigurar el drama de la muerte.” La victoria de nuestro Señor sobre el pecado y sus consecuencias hace posible nuestra esperanza. Por la gracia de Dios, cuando vemos a través de la luz de la fe, nuestra visión se extiende más allá del horizonte limitado de este mundo hacia la gloria y el esplendor de la vida eterna.

En el tiempo de Pascua, la Sagrada Escritura nos dice que Pedro “corrió al sepulcro, se inclinó y vio solo los lienzos; luego regresó a casa admirado por lo sucedido” (Lucas 24:1-12). En esta temporada de Pascua, seguimos los pasos de Pedro, maravillándonos con el mismo asombro ante el triunfo de nuestro Salvador. Que nos comprometamos a llevar la alegría de esta temporada en nuestros corazones durante todo el año, para que podamos disfrutar de la verdadera libertad que Dios ofrece.

Que Nuestro Señor Jesucristo los bendiga con su paz y aumente en ustedes la fe, la esperanza y el amor durante la temporada de Pascua, el Año Jubilar y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Mons. Michael F. Burbidge  
Obispo de Arlington

## Información Parroquial en español

Toda preguntas o sugerencias en español comuníquese con Maria Romero, Coordinadora de Bienvenida y/o Enlace con la comunidad de habla hispana, [welcme@olgcva.org](mailto:welcme@olgcva.org), 703.896.7419. Registrarse en la parroquia [www.olgcva.org/register](http://www.olgcva.org/register).



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olvidados. Cuando Jesús se aparece a sus discípulos, su primer mensaje es La Paz. No deben dejar que esos pecados se conviertan en un marco definitivo que gobierna sus vidas. Sino que Dios les dé la gracia para ser fieles discípulos de Cristo en todo el mundo. La negación de Pedro no se olvida, pero Jesús le pidió: que no viviera en su culpa con remordimiento, sino que la transformara en un servicio amoroso en nombre de Dios.

Les deseo a todos paz abundante, amor y alegría en este día de La Pascua de la Resurrección y en esta temporada Pascual. Celebremos que el Señor ha resucitado. ¡Aleluya!

¡Vive Jesús!  
Padre Mateo



### DOMINGO DE PASCUA DE LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR (20 de Abril del 2025)

#### Perspectiva Salesiana

“La muerte y pasión de Nuestro Señor es el motivo más dulce y más convincente que puede animar nuestros corazones en esta vida mortal... Los hijos de la cruz se glorifican en esto, la paradoja más asombrosa que muchos no entienden es que: De la muerte, que devora todas las cosas, ha emergido el alimento de nuestra consolación. De la Muerte, que es Fuerte por sobre todas las cosas, ha salido toda la dulce miel de nuestro amor.” (*Tratado del Amor de Dios*, Libro 12, Capitulo 13)

Verdaderamente este, es el misterio central de nuestra fe. Jesús, al permitirse a sí mismo ser consumido con pasión y devorado por la muerte ha, al mismo tiempo, conquistado la muerte de una vez por todas con la pasión que es el poder de la vida eterna.

El sendero de la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo fue personal: fue único. Fue designada por el Padre de toda la eternidad. Jesús fue fiel a la visión de Dios para con él; Jesús acogió su vocación como el Mesías humilde y gentil; Jesús sufrió el dolor de la Muerte; Jesús experimento el poder de la resurrección.

Dios ha diseñado un camino personal para cada uno de nosotros desde la eternidad. Cada uno de nosotros tiene un rol único que jugar en la revelación interminable de la vida divina, del amor divino, de la justicia divina, de la paz divina y de la reconciliación divina del Padre. Aun así, el camino a la resurrección es el camino de la cruz – el camino de la rendición, el camino de la liberación, el camino donde se entregan todas las cosas, los pensamientos, las actitudes y las acciones que no nos permiten personificar la pasión de Cristo: la pasión por todo lo que es recto y verdadero.

San Francisco de Sales ofrece esta imagen en el Libro número 9 de su *Tratado del Amor de Dios*: “Dios le ordenó al profeta Isaías que se desnudara completamente. El profeta lo hizo, y salió y se fue a predicar de esta forma por tres días enteros (o, como algunas personas dicen, por tres años enteros).

Leer más en [bit.ly/perspectiva-salesiana-20abril](http://bit.ly/perspectiva-salesiana-20abril)

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada desde el Viernes Santo, 18 de abril hasta el miércoles 23 de abril.

## Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of April 20-27, 2025

### SUNDAY The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

### MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15

### TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

### WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Ps 118:24;  
Lk 24:13-35

### THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

### FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

### SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

### SUNDAY Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

### Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2024—June 2025

	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2025
Offertory	175,008	188,695
Total Budgeted	200,665	180,930
Variance	<b>(25,658)</b>	7,765
YTD Received	1,350,409	1,539,105
Budget YTD	1,403,982	1,584,912
Variance	<b>(53,573)</b>	<b>(45,807)</b>

### 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.

April

- 4/13 Palm Sunday
- 4/17 Holy Thursday/Gift to Poor
- 4/18 Holy Land Good Friday
- 4/20 Easter
- 4/27 Catholic Home Missions

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

### April 20 — 27

No School This Week--Easter Break  
No Afterschool Clubs or Sports this Week

<b>SUNDAY</b>			<b>20</b>
Easter Masses	7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM	Church	
Easter Mass en espanol	12 PM	Church	
NO 5PM MASS			
<b>MONDAY</b>			<b>21</b>
Offices Closed-Easter Break			
Little Rock Scripture Study	10 - 11:30 AM	Zoom	
<b>TUESDAY</b>			<b>22</b>
Offices Closed-Easter Break			
Tuesday Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>23</b>
Offices Closed-Easter Break			
OCIA	7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
<b>THURSDAY</b>			<b>24</b>
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
<b>FRIDAY</b>			<b>25</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>			<b>26</b>
Elementary CCF	8:30 - 10 AM	School	
Baptisms	10 AM	Church	
Baby Bottle Boomerang	3:30 - 5:30 PM		
<b>SUNDAY</b>			<b>27</b>
Baby Bottle Boomerang	7:30 AM - 6:30 PM		
Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	Chapel	
Divine Mercy Chaplet	1 - 4 PM	Chapel	
Girl Scout Troop 50198	3 - 5 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
Jr. High CCF	6:15 - 7:45 PM	School	

### HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!!

We have completed our Lenten Journey to the Cross and the Crucifixion of the Lord, and we now bask in the glory of His Resurrection! We renew and strengthen our faith in Christ as we marvel at the empty tomb and joyfully sing, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." We welcome our Neophytes, Allison, Cody, Daniel and Iker as they begin their new Life in the Church, having been baptized, confirmed and received First Eucharist at the Great Easter Vigil last night. We now have entered a fifty-day season of joy and Alleluias! We will continue to celebrate and affirm our faith and look for the signs of the resurrection all around us. He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



# The Feast of the Divine Mercy + April 27

April 27th is Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast established by Pope St. John Paul II. The feast is a time when the entire Catholic Church is invited to celebrate God's mercy, as shown through the ministry and sacrifices of His Son, Jesus Christ. It is celebrated the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the octave of Easter.

As we approach the Divine Mercy Sunday, ever wonder what is the Divine Mercy? What do the two rays reflect and witness to his Mercy?

Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska with rays radiating from His Heart. The two rays denote Blood and Water. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, please join with prayers as we work together to radiate the message of God's mercy to a world so desperately in need of it.

Learn more about the Divine Mercy Devotion and place your innermost trust in Jesus, and permit him to fill you with the graces He so wants for all of us.

A popular devotion related to the Divine Mercy is to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3 o'clock to experience true trust, true peace, and true love. You can find the Chaplet online [thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php](http://thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php)

Although the Chaplet can be said anytime, Our Lord asked specifically that it be prayed at 3pm (the hour that He died). Sign up for the daily reflection at [TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup](http://TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup).



## APRIL OUTREACH

### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Take an empty baby bottle after all the Masses next weekend.
2. Fill the bottle with loose coins, bills, or checks made out to "A Woman's Choice" with "Baby Bottle Boomerang" in the memo OR "Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc." with "Northern VA Baby Box" in the memo.
3. Return the bottle to the Bell Tower at church Mother's Day weekend-May 10-11!

Please pray for the work of OLG's Respect Life ministry and all the moms, dads and babies we are helping. The money raised will go to the following pro-life ministries:

#### A Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center

A Woman's Choice provides free services for those who are or think they may be pregnant. [awomanschoicecenter.com](http://awomanschoicecenter.com)

#### Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Northern Va. Baby Box Initiative

A Baby Box is an alarmed, climate-controlled safety device that ensures that a mom can anonymously and safely surrender her child.

[arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/respect-life/northern-virginia-baby-box-initiative](http://arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/respect-life/northern-virginia-baby-box-initiative).

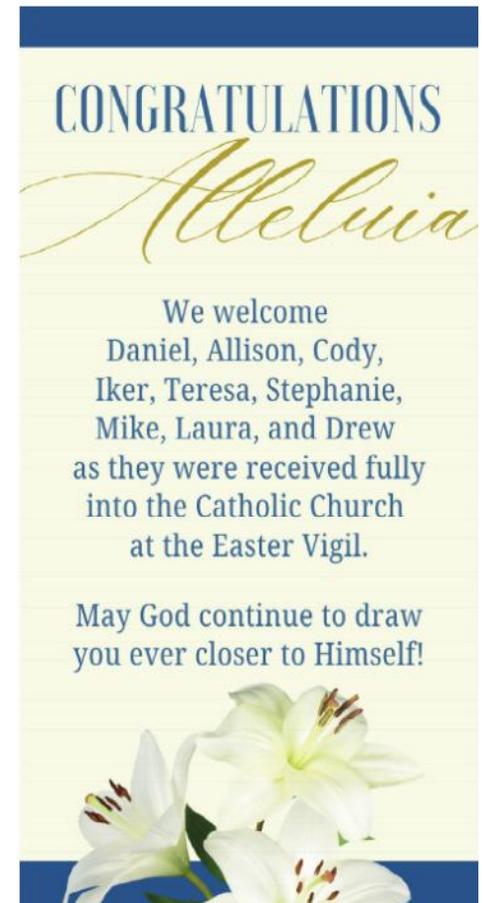
Contact Betsy Argauer with any questions: [betstim@gmail.com](mailto:betstim@gmail.com) or 202.277.7489.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

### Have you lost a loved one?

A Catholic Grief Support Group is being offered jointly by OLG and St. Mark to those struggling with the loss of loved one. The 8-week program runs from May 4 to June 29. The sessions will be held on Sundays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm at St Mark Church in Vienna. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Ms. Sarah Kirk at [skirkbtr@gmail.com](mailto:skirkbtr@gmail.com), or 703.403.3072.



## Annual Car Raffle

Remember to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win four 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 raffle once again benefits OLGCA parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past.

Please make your checks payable to All Saints. Payments and unsold tickets may be returned to the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

# ✝ Nail Sale

Please take a nail from the cross in the narthex and make the suggested donation.

Your generosity helps offset the cost for our youth and adult volunteers participating in Workcamp

Donate online now



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

# Lock-In Retreat

DeSales Hall  
April 26@2pm-April 27@7:50am  
Cost: \$30 (Dinner and light breakfast provided)  
Register by April 11

EMAIL [CCEM@OLGCA.ORG](mailto:CCEM@OLGCA.ORG) FOR ANY QUESTIONS

## Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde  
[Gittkagirl@gmail.com](mailto:Gittkagirl@gmail.com)  
571.831.3951



### HAPPY EASTER!

May the radiance of Easter morning illuminate your soul with faith renewed and hope reborn. As we celebrate Christ's victory over death, may your heart be filled with profound joy and abiding peace. May His resurrection remind you that with God, all things are made new. May you walk in the warmth of His love, share in the wonder of His grace, and feel the gentle guidance of His hand in all your days. May this Easter season bring abundant blessings to you and those you hold dear. (Thanks to *Fraternally Yours*)

### AGING WELL

There are some tried and true tips that have withstood the test of time because they really do help keep us healthy as we age and add to the quality of our lives.

Read food labels, get consistent, high-quality sleep (that's a biggie!), connect with others, reduce stress, get a physical checkup, exercise, cut way back on alcohol, wear sunscreen, and get a hearing test. There are more, mostly common-sense types of suggestions most of us already know. It's interesting to see how the benefits from most of these tips involve staving off dementia.

There's an excellent article in the April issue of the *Kiplinger Retirement Report* which explains the benefits of each of these tips. If you don't have a subscription, you might find this retirement newsletter in a Fairfax County Library.

### GREEN EXPO

Hosted by the Town of Vienna's Conservation and Sustainability Commission, this annual event

features more than 30 local exhibitors offering information on sustainable practices, including environmentally-friendly landscaping, composting, recycling, energy efficiency, solar power, water and wildlife conservation, and more. It's scheduled on April 24 from 7-9 pm at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, email [CSC@viennava.gov](mailto:CSC@viennava.gov) or call 703.319.8610.



### WALK ON THE HILL

Held each spring since 1974, Walk on the Hill is perhaps Vienna's loveliest event, offering self-guided tours through approximately 50 participating yards and gardens in the Town's historic Windover Heights neighborhood. Welcome Spring with live entertainment, exhibits, and refreshments. Call 703.255.6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov/walkonthehill](http://www.viennava.gov/walkonthehill) for updates and more details. This event will take place on Sunday, April 27, 2-5 pm in the Windover Heights neighborhood.

### Elder Wisdom

It's good not to be an economist, they never retire. As they age, their hairlines go into recession, their stomachs show signs of hyperinflation, and if anyone mentions either of these things to them, it puts them into a great depression.



# DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm

In conjunction with the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day drug take back initiative. On April 26, between 10 am and 2 pm, the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications.

Prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point in front of the Vienna Police Department located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna. Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

## HALLELUJAH!

This Easter season, on **May 4 at 3:30 pm**, experience the transcendence of Handel's Messiah as the Saint Thomas More Cathedral Choir and a chamber orchestra perform the latter half of this Baroque masterpiece. Beginning with the majestic "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" (and including the Hallelujah chorus, of course!), this less frequently performed section of the oratorio will immerse you in sublime sounds celebrating Christ's triumph over death and heralding the Resurrection of the Dead. Following the concert, the audience is invited to continue the celebration at a sumptuous Easter reception in Burke Hall. Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia.



## Upcoming Diocesan Events

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

**Inauguration of the Sacred Heart Choir**  
April 20 @ 3:00 pm

**After Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing**  
April 26 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Ordinations to the Transitional Diaconate 2025**  
April 26 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

## PARISH INFORMATION

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