



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

Mass Online: www.olgcva.org/live

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

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, strive to be witnesses 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.

August 17, 2025 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Answering the Call to Be a Catechist

Dear OLGC Family,

As we look ahead to Catechetical Sunday on September 21, I invite you to take a moment — in the quiet of your heart — to consider a powerful question:

Is God calling me to be a catechist?

Each year, Catechetical Sunday gives us a moment to reflect on the vital role that Catechists play in the life of the Church. It is a day when we recognize those who have said “yes” to passing on the faith — to children, youth, adults, families, and seekers. It is also a time when others may begin to hear the whisper of God calling them to serve in this beautiful and necessary ministry.

Being a Catechist is not about having all the answers. It is about loving Christ and being willing to walk with others as they come to know Him more deeply. It is about planting seeds of faith, sharing joyfully what we have received, and becoming instruments of God’s grace in the lives of others.

As we prepare for Catechetical Sunday, I ask you to prayerfully consider whether the Holy Spirit may be inviting you to serve. We need catechists of all kinds: teachers, aides, small group leaders, prayer warriors, and behind-the-scenes supporters. If you love your faith and have a heart for others, there is a place for you.

In the weeks ahead, our parish will provide more information on how you can become involved. But for now, simply bring this question to prayer: “*Lord, are You calling me to be a Catechist?*”

Let us continue to build a parish where faith is nurtured, shared, and passed on — one soul at a time.

With every blessing,

FR. Mathias Kumar, OSFS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHECHIST? We’re seeking adults and high school students who feel called to share their faith as catechists in our Faith Formation program. No experience is necessary—we provide all the training, materials, and ongoing support you’ll need. If you or someone you know might be interested in this meaningful ministry, please reach out! **Registration and sacramental fees are waived for children of Catechists.** olgcva.org/faith-formation/children-youth

**MASS INTENTIONS/
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA**

Presider schedule available at:
www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar

**Saturday, August 16, 2025 /
Sunday, August 17, 2025**

+ Jeanne & Jim Frisino
+ Ed & Martha Zdancewicz
+ Joyce Eleanor Robson
+ Alfredo A. Ortiz
+ Brian and Barbara Beatty

Monday, August 18

8:30am Carlos Mario Tarquiño

Tuesday, August 19

8:30am + Chandler de la Cruz

Wednesday, August 20

8:30am + George Desmarais

Thursday, August 21

8:30am The OLGC Parish
Community

Friday, August 22

8:30am + Lorraine Nicole Fagan

Saturday, August 23

8:30am + Mariano Castro

**Saturday, August 23, 2025 /
Sunday, August 24, 2025**

+ Joseph Zator
+ Heinz Family
+ Mercedes Carrera Bowen
+ Bellini and Rota Family
+ Mabelle Mottet

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

+ Francis John Biros

**Please pray for those for whom
candles are lit.**

Church—For all students and their
families

Chapel—For Souls in Purgatory

Our Lady—For educators as they start a
new school year

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

The parish and school offices will be closed on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, for an All Faculty & Staff Retreat. We kindly ask for your prayers as we prepare to welcome our students for the new school year and our parishioners returning from summer travels.

BSA Troop 976 Eagle Scout Court of Honor	8/16/2025 Sat	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	DeSales Hall
Tamil Mass & Fellowship	8/16/2025 Sat	4:30 PM	10:00 PM	Chapel
OCIA Inquiry	8/17/2025 Sun	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Aviat Rm
OLGC Adult Softball League Games	8/17/2025 Sun	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	Field-Lower
Our Lady's Quilters	8/18/2025 Mon	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm
CCF Catechist Meeting	8/19/2025 Tue	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	School-Multimedia Center
All Faculty & Staff Retreat	8/20/2025 Wed	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Chapel
OLGC Adult Softball League	8/20/2025 Wed	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Field-Lower
St Vincent DePaul	8/20/2025 Wed	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	DeSales Hall
1st Day of School at OLGC	8/21/2025 Thu	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	School-Classrooms
Prayer Shawl Ministry	8/21/2025 Thu	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm
K-8 ECAP Begins	8/21/2025 Thu	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Music Ministry 4 pm & 10 am Choir	8/21/2025 Thu	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Church
Preschool Early Dismissal	8/22/2025 Fri	8:00 AM	11:15 AM	School-Preschool
OLGC Adult Softball League	8/22/2025 Fri	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Field-Lower
Diocesan Mental Health Conference	8/23/2025 Sat	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	DeSales Hall
Baptisms	8/23/2025 Sat	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Church
Bishop Burbidge Mass for Mental Health	8/23/2025 Sat	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Church
Diocesan Mental Health Conference	8/23/2025 Sat	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Aviat Rm
Diocesan Mental Health Conference	8/23/2025 Sat	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm
OCIA Inquiry	8/24/2025 Sun	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Aviat Rm
GS Troop 50296	8/24/2025 Sun	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm

Volunteer Background Checks & Training

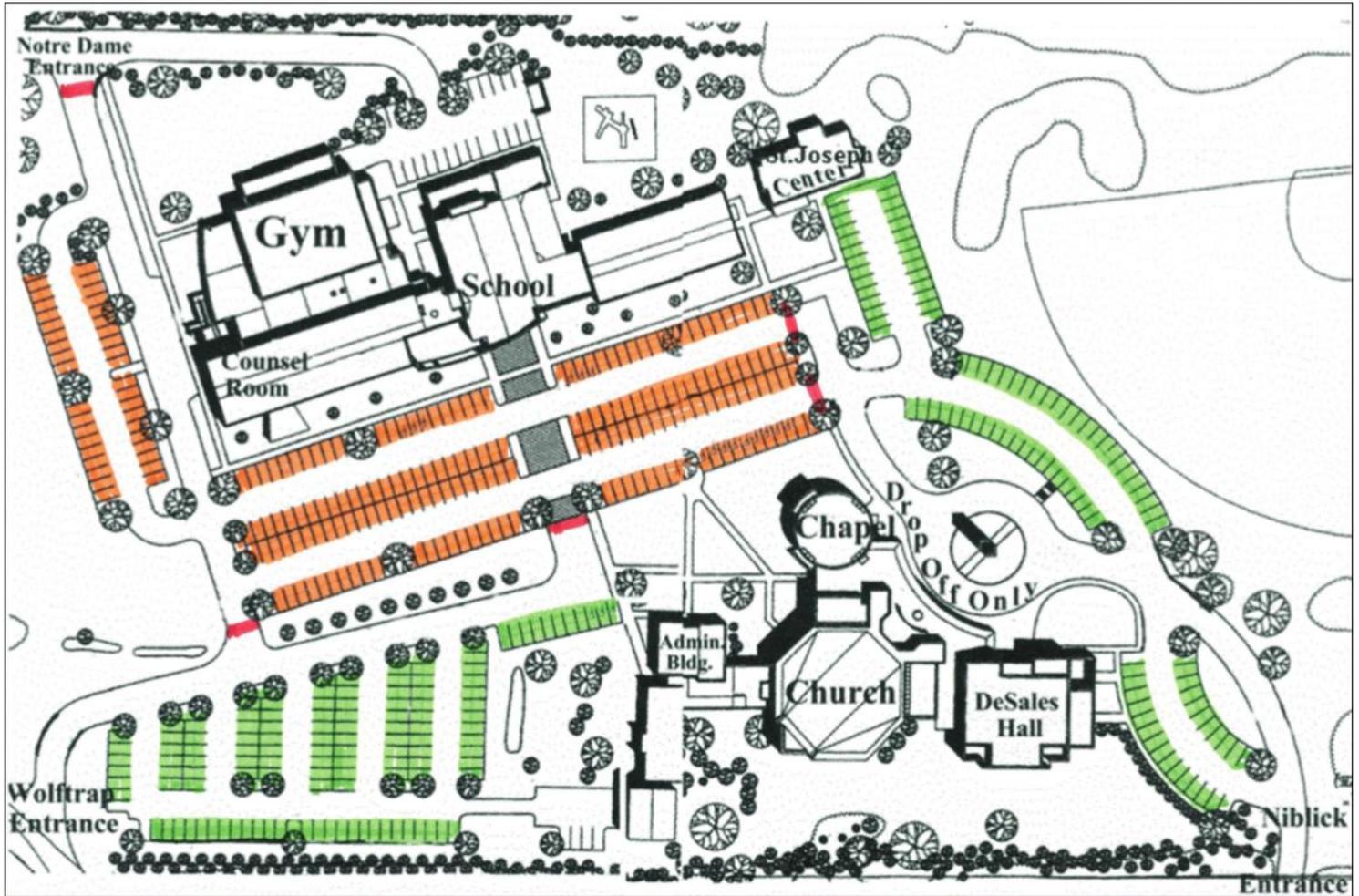
If you are interested in volunteering with children, you are required to have training. If you are volunteering for the first time, you need to fill out a request form: www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children to start the process.

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 olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/candle to light a candle.

Beginning Monday, August 18th 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.



NOVEMBER 3, 2025
WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Each year, OLGC makes a significant investment in tuition assistance for school families who desire a Catholic education for their children but face financial challenges that might otherwise make it out of reach. As we celebrate 24 years of the Golf Classic and the many lives it has touched, we aim to meet this year's ambitious goal of raising \$70,000 to help ensure every child has the opportunity to receive a faith-filled Catholic education.

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AUGUST 19

PARISH UPDATES

WELCOME JOE FLAHERTY

We are pleased to welcome Joe Flaherty as our new Director of Faith Formation. Joe joined us last week.

Joe grew up mostly in Arlington, attending St. Charles Borromeo. He previously served as Director of Religious Education at our neighboring parish, St. Mark, where he led the parish's formation efforts for both children and adults. Prior to St. Mark, Joe directed the Extended Day program at St. Luke School and supported religious education efforts at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Joe holds a B.A. in Theology from Christendom College and spent four years of formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.



OLGC Funerals:

olqcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals

Join the Parish:

olqcva.org/register

Schedule an Event:

olqcva.org/about-us/facilities

Add Item to Bulletin/Media:

olqcva.org/about-us/communications

Mass Intention Request:

olqcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

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Finance eclomera@olqcva.org

Records records@olqcva.org

Información en español! welcome@olqcva.org

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

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This weekend, our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is "Hands Together." This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter, and healthcare. You can support these organizations through this week's 2nd Collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put "MCP" in the memo line.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

For the Week of August 17, 2025

- Sunday** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
- Monday** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday** Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday** Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope
Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday** Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday** Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

SUMMER CALL FOR PARISH PARTICIPATION

As summer shines brightly, ●LGC is 94% of the way to our 2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal goal of \$445,000! With just \$27,000 left to raise, your online gift can help us cross the finish line. Every pledge supports over 40 ministries, including seminarian formation and vocations, spreading hope across our diocese. Make your secure gift today at arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below. Let's close the gap together and make hope abound!



SCAN ME



WEDDING BANNERS



BAPTISMS

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.

Second Collection

8/17 Mission Co-Op Appeal

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

Fiscal Year July 2024—June 2025

	May	June
Offertory	175,198	198,604
Total Budgeted	171,598	114,500
Variance	3,560	84,104
YTD Received	2,140,522	2,339,086
Budget YTD	2,254,294	2,368,794
Variance	(113,812)	(29,709)

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open for OLG's Catholic Christian Formation (CCF) religious education program! The CCF program proclaims Christ's message and helps students apply it to their lives to foster community, prayer, worship, and the desire to serve the Lord.

Online registration and payments can be made on the website and through Faith Direct: olgcva.org/faith-formation/children-youth/ccf-2025-26-registration

Tuition Fees for Grades K-8:

\$200 = 1 child \$375 = 2 children
\$400 = 3 children or more

Sacramental supplies for in-person and homeschool students:

\$105 for every child in Grade 2 or Emmaus preparing for First Eucharist;
\$105 for every child in Grade 8 preparing for Confirmation.



The poster features a colorful border with stars and triangles. The text reads: "OLGC YOUTH MINISTRY", "You belong here!", "MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY REGISTER HERE!", "HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY REGISTER HERE!", and "EMAIL CCLEM@OLGCVA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION". There are two QR codes and two photos of youth groups.

COME & SEE - LEARN ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Are you an adult who wishes to be baptized? Or one who was baptized in another faith and is now considering joining the Catholic Church? If so, you are invited to join our inquiry class which will meet throughout July and August on Sunday mornings. Please join us on August 17, or 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph's Center at OLG, and we will be happy to answer your questions.

This is the perfect time to learn more about the OCIA program, which will start again in the Fall. If you cannot join us on a Sunday morning in July, please contact the front office and they will put you in touch with an OCIA team member.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with *Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This engaging, 20-session series was filmed across 40 locations, spanning 4 continents and 10 countries, showing you the universal beauty of the Church. Participants will meet weekly to view the dynamic video presentations followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Learn from some of the most renowned Catholic educators of our time, including Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Fr. Mike Schmitz. *Foundations of Faith* offers a comprehensive exploration of the *Catechism*, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life. Strengthen your connection to the truth, beauty, goodness, and fullness of the Catholic Faith!

Join us for *Foundations of Faith* – Tuesday morning study *by Zoom* beginning September 16 from 9:45am to 11:45am.

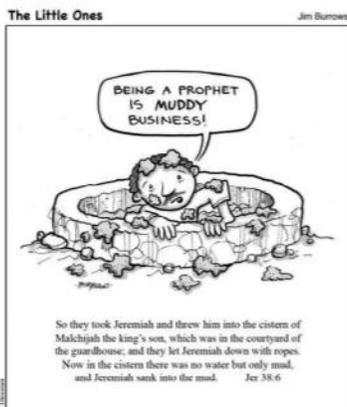
**We will have a Meet & Greet in the Brisson Room of St. Joseph Center on Tuesday, September 9 at 9:45am. Zoom classes begin September 16. For more information or to register for the Zoom study, contact Fran Davenport at bwldavenport@cox.net or 703-867-2378. To order the study materials: Study set \$39.95 On-line access \$6.95 ascensionpress.com/foundations-of-faith-a-journey-through-the-catechism-of-the-catholic-church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLGC offers Children's Liturgy of the Word for our youngest parishioners... children, ages 3-7... every Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass from September through June. It is a fun and unique way to explain the Word of God on their level.

If you'd like to volunteer with the CLW team for the 2025-2026, we'd love to have you. You can participate as little or as much as you like -- read the Gospel, help with crowd control, or teach a lesson. No prior experience is necessary, however you will need to be compliant with the Diocese of Arlington to work with children.

We also welcome pre-teens as helpers and *Confirmandi* looking for service hours. Please contact Regina Allegra at sisfroggy@verizon.net or text to 703.798.6008 with questions.



OUTREACH

BACKPACK DRIVE THANK YOU FROM YOUTH MINISTRY

We packed over 60 backpacks and collected extra supplies for the local public schools. Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who donated time or an item to the annual Backpack Drive. We could not have done it without you.

OLGC SCHOOL REQUIRED STUDENT FORMS DUE PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL! If you have not yet completed the **Family Updates** and the **F-1A Annual Student Health History Update**, please refer to the email titled “*Diocese of Arlington Notification of OLGC Student Enrollment*” from PowerSchool Enrollment.

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2025-2026 school calendar has been uploaded onto the OLGC School website. You can view the calendar directly at olgcschool.org/about-us/calendar. Viewing the calendar from a desktop or laptop computer will allow you to view the events for a whole month at one time. The most current events can also be found on our main homepage. Additional calendar items will be added as they are scheduled, so check back often. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP—www.olgcva.org/fellowship/

JOIN SCOUTING NIGHT

Have fun and see if Cub Scouts Pack 976 is for you!

Friday, Sept. 5th, 5:30-7:30pm at Glyndon Park in Vienna. Enjoy pizza, launch air rockets, and try more fun activities! We invite all interested families to join us to learn more about the Cub Scouts and how this great program can benefit your children in grades K-5. In addition to outdoor activities like camping and hiking, Cub Scouts builds self-confidence, fosters civic and national pride, and strives to develop acceptance, generosity, and kindness through our motto, “do your best!”

FALL FEST 2025 — SEPT. 21ST

Mark your calendar now to attend this outdoor festival of carnival entertainment, games, food, treats and more. Invite your neighbors and friends to experience the fun and fellowship of OLGC. Fall Fest is September 21 from 11:30am—4 pm. <https://www.olgcva.org/fellowship/fall-fest>



CYO TENNIS

OLGC Parish is excited to kick off another season of CYO Tennis for OLGC School and CCF students in grades 4–8. All skill levels are welcome! *Assessments will take place on August 21 & 22 from 4:45–6:45pm at Marshall High School.* These are drop-in style, players may arrive at any time during the window. Assessments typically take about 15–20 minutes.

We plan to field four co-ed teams: Wimbledon 1: 4th–5th grade / Wimbledon 2: 4th–6th grade / US Open 1 & 2 – more experienced players

Coaches needed! Each team must have at least two VIRTUS-certified volunteers. Practices will be held on weekday evenings at Marshall or Madison High School, based on coach and court availability.

Matches begin in early September and run through mid-November. They are held on Sundays at 1pm or 3pm at local FCPS courts (locations TBD). To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Ashley Binkowski at ashleybinkowski@gmail.com. Registration details coming soon!

CYO TRACK & FIELD

Sign up now for OLGC Track and Field!

Practices will be held Mondays (and some Tuesdays) this Fall, and the season will include one huge super fun track meet in October or November (TBD).

Sign up today! Registration closes September 15 and no late registrations will be taken. Contact RACHEL MCCARTHY rachelmccarthy2003@gmail.com for more info. REGISTER: <https://www.olgcva.org/fellowship/athletics/track-field>.



Diócesis Católica de Arlington
Día de Oración por la Salud Mental 2025
Yo Estoy Con Ustedes Siempre
 Sanando del Trauma y la Soledad

Confesiones | Almuerzo | Compartimiento en Grupos

Sábado, 23 de agosto
 Iglesia Católica Our Lady of Good Counsel
 9:15am - 2:15pm

Santa Misa con
Mons. Michael F. Burbidge
 Obispo de Arlington | Celebrante & Homilista

Orador Principal
P. Lino Otero, LC
 Director de Aprendizaje Permanente,
 Divine Mercy University

Este evento es **GRATIS!**
 Por favor registre:
arlingtondiocese.org/mentalhealthdph



Patrocinado Por:
 La Diócesis Católica de Arlington, Divine Mercy University & Comunidad de San Labre

DÍA DE ORACIÓN POR LA SALUD MENTAL

Estimados delegados, Espero que estén disfrutando del verano al lado de sus familiares y amigos. Les comparto los detalles sobre el Día de Oración por la Salud Mental, que se llevará a cabo el sábado 23 de agosto en la parroquia Our Lady of Good Counsel. Las puertas se abrirán a las 9:00 a.m. La conferencia en español con el Padre Lino Otero, LC, será de 9:30 a 11:00 a.m., seguida por la Santa Misa presidida por Mons. Michael Burbidge. El almuerzo se ofrecerá inmediatamente después de la Eucaristía. Posteriormente habrá otras sesiones en inglés. Pueden quedarse si lo desean, o retirarse después del almuerzo. Por favor, inscribanse utilizando el siguiente enlace:
https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/Events/Events/RiSEMMultiUse/Sign_on.aspx?EventKey=OFLMH25G

Al llegar a la segunda página del formulario, después de ingresar su nombre, dirección, correo electrónico, etc., asegúrense de escribir "Spanish" donde dice "Please indicate the reason for your attendance", y "Apostolado Hispano" donde pregunta "How did you hear about us?". Aquí les comparto una imagen como ejemplo para su referencia. Además, les agradecería que enviaran un correo confirmando su inscripción a apostolado@arlingtondiocese.org, para

poder coordinar adecuadamente el espacio y el almuerzo. Les recuerdo que el evento es para delegados y líderes y es completamente gratuito.

¡SE NECESITAN CATEQUISTAS!
 Este otoño en nuestra parroquia, más de 300 niños y jóvenes se inscribirán para aprender más sobre Jesús y la fe católica. Puedes ayudarlos a aprender y crecer en la fe convirtiéndote en catequista para el programa de Formación en la Fe.

Buscamos adultos y estudiantes de preparatoria (High School) con ganas de enseñar, y te brindamos capacitación, materiales y apoyo durante todo el año. Nuestra reunión y recorrido de catequistas será el martes 19 de agosto; las clases comienzan el 6 de septiembre.

Gracias de antemano por tu consideración, tiempo y compromiso con el crecimiento de la iglesia de Cristo; esta misión depende de nuestros catequistas.

Visita olgva.org/faith-formation/children-youth para obtener más información o inscribirte

Formación en la Fe / Catequesis: Ya estamos inscribiendo estudiantes para el año escolar 2025-26. Por favor, inscribanse en olgva.org/faith-formation/children-youth/ccf-2025-26-registration lo antes posible, para que podamos prepararnos con materiales y libros. Por favor recuerde que el cupo es limitado. Las clases comienzan el 6 de septiembre.

VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan algunas de las pruebas que debemos soportar para poder formar parte del Reino del Señor. San Francisco de Sales nos dice que estas pruebas no deben asustarnos. Nuestra fe en la verdad de la palabra de Dios nos dará la victoria sobre nuestros enemigos.

Todo lo bueno del ser humano es resultado de perseverar en la verdad en vez de abandonarla. Todo lo bueno que tenemos consiste en que aceptemos la verdad de la palabra de Dios, y de

nuestra perseverancia en ella. Es posible que esto implique que tendremos que sufrir para poder compartir en el Reino del Señor. Sin embargo, si nos armamos con el escudo de la verdad y de la fe venceremos valientemente a nuestros enemigos, porque nuestra fuerza proviene de Dios y no de nosotros mismos.

El miedo es el primer enemigo que debemos enfrentar cuando nos decidimos a servir a Dios. Pensamos que la santidad nos exige demasiado y decimos, "¡Por Dios, hay que ser perfecto para vivir una vida santa! Es una meta demasiado alta para mí. No puedo lograrlo. Jamás podré hacerlo". ¡No hay que abrigar la vana esperanza de querer ser santos en tres meses! Piensen en la cobardía que mostró Pedro al momento de la crucifixión. Tengan siempre presente en sus mentes que todos podemos ser tentados. No le teman ni a la tentación ni a quienes buscan tentarlos. Ellos no tendrán poder alguno sobre ustedes, siempre y cuando ustedes porten el escudo de la fe y la armadura de la Verdad. Es nuestra fe en la Verdad de la palabra de Dios lo que nos mantiene firmes en Nuestro propósito de servirle de la manera más Generosa y perfecta que nos sea posible en esta vida.

No sientan miedo de no poder llevar a cabo la obra que Dios les ha llamado a realizar. Ustedes están armados con la verdad de Dios. Su Palabra los fortalecerá para que insistan en hacer lo que sea necesario para lograr su bienestar y felicidad, siempre y cuando ustedes se mantengan en la senda con humildad y cumpliendo con las obras religiosas. ¡Felices aquellos que cuentan con la Verdad de Dios, porque ésta será su escudo contra las flechas de sus enemigos y les dará la Victoria!



SENIOR MOMENTS

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August 17, 2025

PICKLEBALL & GOLF FESTIVAL

2025 – Registration is open for the biggest fund raiser of the year for the Shepherd’s Center of Northern Virginia. The 4th annual festival will be held September 16 from 3:30pm to 7:00pm at Worldgate Athletic Club & Spa, 13037 Worldgate Dr., Herndon, Va. There’ll be a pickleball tournament for advanced players (all levels of play welcome,) a golf simulation lounge, specialty raffle baskets, yummy refreshments, and a silent auction with fabulous items and experiences. The featured golf simulation lounge is fully equipped with more than 25 world famous courses to play on!

All proceeds will go to the SCNOVA mission of enriching the lives of older adults in the communities that it serves. Register by visiting <https://scnova.org/event/pickleball-golf-festival-2025> and

follow directions, or call 703.281.0538 for more information.

SENIOR MOVIE DAY —The next free movie will be Wednesday, August 27 at Look Cinema in Reston Town Center. The feature is “Last Breath” (2025), a survival thriller starring Woody Harrelson. The storyline is about a group of deep-sea divers who race to rescue a stranded teammate after an accident. Doors open at 9:00 am. Free coffee, juice, and donuts are provided, and door prizes are distributed prior to the movie at 10:00am. Park in the Green or Blue garages for validated parking.

HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS— Older homeowners in Fairfax County who live on a fixed income may find it difficult to afford even minor home repairs. The good news is that there are programs to help these homeowners, ensuring that they’re living in homes that are safe and healthy. One of them is The Department of Housing and Community Developments’ Home Repair for the Elderly Program which provides minor home repairs to eligible low-to-moderate income elderly

homeowners who live in the home. The program also provides accessibility modifications for disabled homeowners. It provides a crew for one week and up to \$1,000 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance. The crew does minor repairs, not major work. Some of the services they provide include minor electrical repair, window and door repair, minor plumbing repair, installation of grab bars, hand railings, other accessibility devices, and more.

To qualify for the Home Repair for the Elderly Program, homeowners must meet these qualifications: applicants must be residents of Fairfax County, applicants must own and live in the home needing repair; applicants must be 62 years of age or older, have a disability, or have a family member with a disability living in the home; applicants must meet the program’s financial eligibility requirements. Visit FairfaxCounty.gov/housing/home-repair-elderly-program for details. Questions?? Call 703.246.5179. Next week: Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church.

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No experience is necessary to Volunteer! Orientation for volunteers will be on Thursday, September 11, 2025. All classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00-9:30pm from Tuesday, September 23, 2025 until Thursday, May 7, 2026 with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods. In addition to English language classes, we will also offer informal English Conversation, Writing and Citizenship Preparation from 7:00-7:45pm also on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For additional information on Classes and Volunteering for this important ST. MARK Ministry, email stmarkesl@gmail.com, or see the Web site at www.stmarkesl.org. For more information on volunteering, call Monica at: 703-980-9380.

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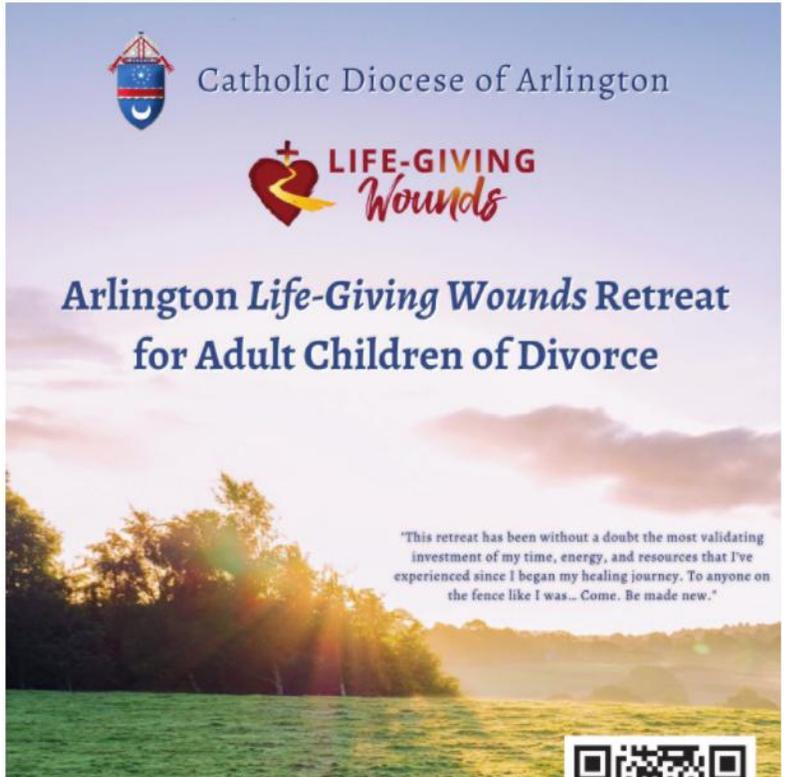
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