



# OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL

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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](http://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 - 12pm

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 24, 2025 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *The measure of our love is to love without measure*

-Francis de Sales

As we begin a new season of school, parish meetings, and activities, we also reflect on a Salesian quote to guide us throughout the year. This year, that theme is listed as the title of this reflection.

In the last dialogue of John's gospel, called the farewell discourse, Jesus uses the word love more than 32 times to remind the disciples, as part of his final gift to them, of the prominence of love in the spiritual life. Pope Pius IX, who declared Francis DeSales to be a Doctor of the Church, also called him the Doctor of love. Francis calls love the general of all the virtues. Love gives direction and guidance to all the virtues, including generosity, compassion, gratitude, and mercy, just to name a few.

This year, we have the opportunity to reflect on and to ensure that love is the guiding force of who we are, what we say, and all we do. The former preface for a nuptial Mass said it beautifully and succinctly:

Love is our origin.

Love is our destiny.

Love is our constant calling.

Measured loving is understandable. Love is not always returned, accepted, or at times seems to end or be extinguished. But measured love is its own reward.



*The measure of our love is*  
**love without measure.**

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Love is risky, hard, and at times messy. Let us make sure that those who are important to us, closest to us, know clearly the depth of our love for them. And as Jesus has commanded: let us love one another as Jesus has loved us. His love went to those who returned his love as well as those who persecuted and even nailed him to a cross. This year, please pledge to love without measure.

Live Jesus!

**Fr. Matt**

**MASS INTENTIONS/  
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA**

Presider schedule available at:  
[www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar](http://www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar)

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

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

**Monday, August 25**  
8:30am + Guido J. Acurio

**Tuesday, August 26**  
8:30am + Eddie Tantoco

**Wednesday, August 27**  
8:30am + James Lewis

**Thursday, August 28**  
8:30am + Michael J. Beaton

**Friday, August 29**  
8:30am The OLG Parish  
Community

**Saturday, August 30**  
8:30am + Dominick, John Paul, &  
Anya Winkler

**Saturday, August 30, 2025 /  
Sunday, August 31, 2025**

+ Anthony J. Bruno Sr.  
+ Saul Martinez  
+ Paul & LaVerne Brumbaugh  
+ Diane McAndrew  
Diego Alvarez

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

+ Robert Sheridan  
+ Wally Anne Sliter  
+ Janis Jean Hoy

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

**Church:** In loving memory of + Beatriz  
Murgueitio

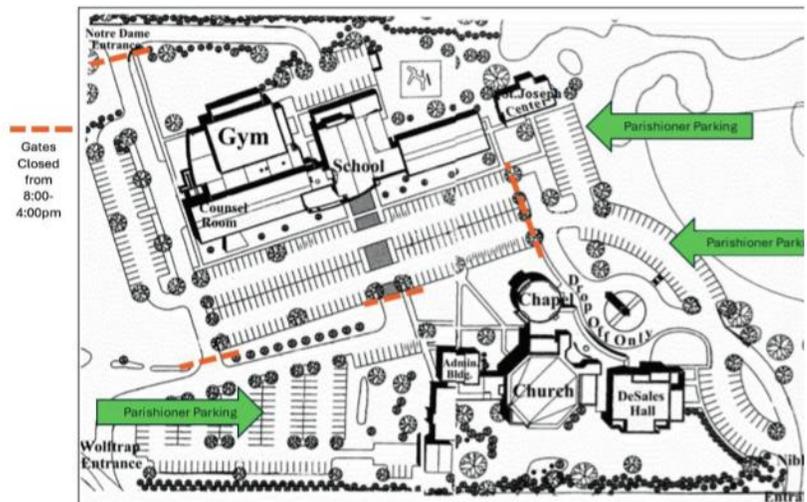
**Chapel:** In loving memory of + Janis Jean  
Hoy

**OL Votive:** For the OLG Parish Staff,  
Faculty and Parishioners

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

Sunday, August 24	OCIA Inquiry (LAST) 11 am -12 pm OLGC Softball League Games 12-4 pm	St Joseph Center Lower Field
Monday, August 25	CYO Track Practice 3-4 pm	School parking lot closed
Tuesday, August 26	Funeral: Robert Sheridan 11 am	
Wednesday, August 27		
Thursday, August 28	Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30-11 am Funeral: Janis Jean Hoy 11 am	St. Joseph Center
Friday, August 29	BINGO NIGHT 6-9 pm Funeral: Wally Anne Sliter 11 am OLGC Softball League 6-8 pm	DeSales Hall Lower Field
Saturday, August 30	Confessions 9-9:30 am	
Sunday, August 31		

The parking lot gates will be closed during the school day for the remainder of the school year. The map below shows the parking spaces available during school hours—marked in green.



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

## PARISH UPDATES

On August 15th, Fr. Mathias Kumar, celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales at Our Lady of the Sea in Cape May, NJ. The Oblates also celebrated the Wedding of the Sea, a centuries-old tradition, a prayerful reminder of the important life giving union between a coastal city and the waters that surround it.



Read more about the tradition: <https://www.oblates.org/reflections/wedding-of-the-sea>

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, our second collection supports Christians in Gaza. Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) have well-established relationships with the Catholic Church in the region to provide medical, psychological, material, and pastoral care. These resources will be utilized to support the relief efforts for those affected by the ongoing crisis in Gaza.

Checks should be made payable to **Catholic Diocese of Arlington**, identifying it as "Special Collection for Gaza" in the memo field. You may also mail checks to:

**Catholic Diocese of Arlington**  
P.O. Box 1960  
Merrifield, VA 22116

Questions? Please reach out to Diocesan Finance Office at 703-841-2577.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK/LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

For the Week of August 24, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
<b>Monday</b>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Monica</b> 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist</b> 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14



**WEDDING BANNES**



**BAPTISMS**

OLGC Funerals:

[olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals](http://olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals)

Join the Parish:

[olgcva.org/register](http://olgcva.org/register)

Schedule an Event:

[olgcva.org/about-us/facilities](http://olgcva.org/about-us/facilities)

Add Item to Bulletin/Media:

[olgcva.org/about-us/communications](http://olgcva.org/about-us/communications)

Mass Intention Request:

[olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass](http://olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass)

Faith Formation [jflaherty@olgcva.org](mailto:jflaherty@olgcva.org)

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Society of St. Vincent DePaul

(Linea de Ayuda) [svdp@olgcva.org](mailto:svdp@olgcva.org)



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### 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.

Second Collection

8/24 Christians in Gaza

9/7 Catholic University

9/14 Religious Education—CCF

### 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)



## 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 9:45 am to 11:45 am.

\*\*We will have a Meet & Greet in the Brisson Room of St. Joseph Center on Tuesday, September 9 at 9:45 am. Zoom classes begin September 16. For more information or to register for the Zoom study, contact Fran Davenport at [bwdavenport@cox.net](mailto:bwdavenport@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](http://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](mailto:sisfroggy@verizon.net) or text to 703.798.6008 with questions.*



## Questions?

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Youth Ministry: Carmen Clem  
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## OUTREACH

### SEPTEMBER OUTREACH PROJECT: GIFT & GROCERY CARDS FOR CHO

On September 13 and 14 CHO (The Committee for Helping Others) will collect:  
—> Gift cards for local grocery stores: Giant, Target, Walmart, Aldi, and Lidl  
—> Monetary donations: Make checks payable to CHO.

Donations will be accepted at the Bell Tower and outside the church before and after Mass on Saturday Sept. 13, 3:30-5 pm and Sun. Sept. 14, 7:30 am-1 pm and 4:30-6. We look forward to thanking you in person.

Gift cards are distributed at CHO's Christmas Store to help families stretch their grocery budget and provide presents for their 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*, [amorancm@gmail.com](mailto:amorancm@gmail.com), if you want to help collect or if you have questions.



### 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2025-2026 school calendar has been uploaded onto the OLGC School website. You can view the calendar directly at [olgschool.org/about-us/calendar](http://olgschool.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/](http://www.olgcva.org/fellowship/)

#### 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 11:30 am—4 pm. <https://www.olgcva.org/fellowship/fall-fest>



#### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE SOCIAL

Please mark your calendars as we resume our First Friday Coffee Socials on Friday, September 5, 2025. We look forward to seeing you in DeSales Hall after the 8:30 Mass.

#### JOIN SCOUTING NIGHT

Have fun and see if Cub Scouts Pack 976 is for you!  
**Friday, Sept. 5th, 5:30-7:30 pm 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!"

# 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@olgcv.org



## **La medida de amor es amar sin medida** -San Francisco de Sales

Mientras comenzamos una nueva temporada en la escuela, en nuestras reuniones parroquiales y demás actividades, también reflexionamos sobre una cita salesiana para guiarnos a lo largo del año. Este año, esa cita es la que se muestra en el título de esta reflexión.

En el último diálogo del Evangelio según San Juan, llamado el discurso de despedida, Jesús usa la palabra amor más de treinta y dos veces para recordar a los discípulos, como parte de su regalo final para ellos, la relevancia del amor en la vida espiritual. El Papa Pío IX, quien declaró a Francisco DeSales como Doctor de la Iglesia, también lo llamó el Doctor del amor. Francisco llama al amor el común denominador de todas las virtudes. El amor da dirección y guía a todas las virtudes, incluyendo la generosidad, la compasión, la gratitud y la misericordia, por nombrar solo algunas.

Este año, tenemos la oportunidad de reflexionar y asegurarnos de que el amor sea la fuerza que guíe quienes somos, lo que decimos y todo lo que hacemos. El antiguo prefacio de una misa nupcial lo expresaba de manera hermosa y concisa:

- El amor es nuestro origen.
- El amor es nuestro destino.
- El amor es nuestra vocación constante.

Amar con medida es comprensible. El amor no siempre es devuelto, aceptado o a veces parece terminar o extinguirse. Pero el amor medido es su propia recompensa.

El amor es arriesgado, duro y a veces desordenado. Asegurémonos de que aquellos que son importantes para nosotros, los más cercanos a nosotros, conozcan claramente la profundidad de nuestro amor por ellos. Y como Jesús ha mandado: amémonos unos a los otros como Jesús nos ha amado. Su amor se dirigió a aquellos que le devolvieron su amor, así como a los que lo persiguieron e incluso lo clavaron en una cruz. Este año, por favor comprométanse a amar sin medida

Viva Jesús!

**Fr. Matt**

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## **Agosto 24, 2025 VIGESIMOPRIMER DOMINGO DEL 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!

## **¡APRENDE INGLÉS!**

**PROGRAMA DE INGLÉS COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA (ESL) DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN MARCOS:**

Nuestras clases para el trimestre de otoño de 2025 se impartirán del 23 de septiembre al 11 de diciembre. Nuestro objetivo es dar la bienvenida a todos y ofrecer un programa donde adultos de todos los orígenes étnicos y religiosos puedan aprender inglés y adaptarse mejor a la vida en Estados Unidos.

Todas las clases se imparten los martes y jueves por la noche en el Centro St. Mark Christian Formation Center, ubicado en 9972 Vale Road, Viena, VA 22181. Las clases de inglés son de 8:00pm a 9:30pm los martes y jueves. El costo es de \$20 por 11 semanas de clases, más el costo del libro. Las clases de ciudadanía, escritura y conversación se imparten de 9:00pm a 7:45pm los mismos días. El costo es de \$10 por 11 semanas de clases. La inscripción se realiza en persona en San Marcos el martes 16 de septiembre y el jueves 18 de septiembre de 7:00pm a 8:00pm. Aceptamos efectivo y tarjetas de crédito.

Para más información sobre las clases: llame a Mónica al 703-980-9380. Para español: llame a Margarita al 703-281-0146. Envíe un correo electrónico a [stmarksesl@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksesl@gmail.com) o visite el sitio web [www.stmarkesl.org](http://www.stmarkesl.org).

# SENIOR MOMENTS

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August 24, 2025

## REBUILDING TOGETHER ARLINGTON/FAIRFAX/FALLS CHURCH

As noted in last week's column, here's more information about free assistance with home repairs. Rebuilding Together-AFT is a nonprofit organization that makes some repairs at no charge for low-income homeowners. They prioritize serving older adults, people living with disabilities, families with children, and veterans. Nearly all the work is done by dedicated and skilled volunteers. Last year this organization made repairs to 120 homes in the area it serves. Two-thirds of the work they perform is through Rebuilding Together Express (RTExpress) – a program designed to deliver essential health and safety repairs and accessibility modifications for people with disabilities and older people who want to age in place in their homes. Most RTExpress jobs require four to five skilled volunteers, take half a day, and \$400-\$500 is spent on

materials for each home. Fall prevention is a top priority of this program. Most frequent repairs include the installation of grab bars along with comfort-height commodes, double stair rails, brighter lighting, and eliminating tripping hazards. The installation of stairlifts and building wheelchair ramps is also something they do in addition to addressing fire safety issues, and certain outdoor repairs to the house. To qualify for these services, homeowners must: own and live in a home located in Arlington or Fairfax counties, the cities of Fairfax or Falls Church, or the towns of Herndon and Vienna. They must plan to stay in their home for at least two more years, meet the income guidelines on the application, and complete an application. Proof of ownership and total household gross income is required. To learn more, visit [rebuildingtogether-aff.org](http://rebuildingtogether-aff.org). If you have questions or need help with the application, call the RT staff, 703.528.1999.

**PERSONAL HISTORY WRITING** – By participating in this free class, you can record the story of your life for your children, grandchildren, and generations to come. It's run by

participants and doesn't have formal instruction. It's for fun, friendship, and supportive feedback. This is an ongoing class at the Vienna Community Center and has been a popular feature over the years. The new session begins on September 4 and runs on Thursdays through December 18, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. As we get older, it seems there's an interest or desire to pass on our family history, but the thought is a bit overwhelming. Here's a perfect opportunity to begin, one page at a time, for creating that perfect gift!

**DANCE FOR BRAIN HEALTH** – Research shows that exercise is good for the brain and dance has the added dimension of rhythm, balance, and music that enhances the benefits of simple movement. Plus, it's fun! This free class is appropriate for people living with dementia, their caregivers and anyone interested in preventing cognitive decline. It's on Thursdays, 11:15 am-Noon at the Wellness Center for Older Adults, 4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax. Call 703.970.3601 to reserve a spot.

**ELDER WISDOM** – *“Be happy in the moment, that’s enough. Each moment is all we need.”* - St. Teresa of Kolkata

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH WILL NOT BE ORDERING EXTRA COPIES THIS YEAR.  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IN THE COMING WEEKS.**

### 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. 2025 - Sept. 2026. 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 line indicate “WAU/ Liturgy.” Please complete the form below, bring it or mail it with your payment to the Parish 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](http://wau.org/renew), or call them at 1.800.775.WORD (9673). If you have any questions contact Maria Romero, 703.896.7419 or [welcome@olgcva.org](mailto:welcome@olgcva.org).

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La tarifa de suscripción es de \$25. por año des de **Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026**. Haga su cheque a OLGC y en la nota indique “WAU / Liturgy.”

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Learn English with us!

### **ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAM:**

Our in-person classes for the Fall 2025 Term will be Sept. 23– Dec. 11. Our goal is to welcome everyone 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.!

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**WHEN:** Saturday, September 20, 2025. **WHERE:** Hyatt Regency Reston, VA

**REGISTRATION:** [https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/Events/Events/Young\\_Adult\\_Conference/Spanish/Register.aspx](https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/Events/Events/Young_Adult_Conference/Spanish/Register.aspx)

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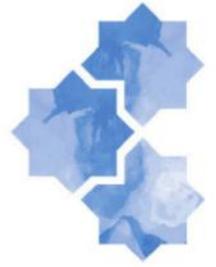
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