



# 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  
Live Stream: [www.olgcva.org/live](http://www.olgcva.org/live)

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

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

## **Parish Office Hours**

Mon - Thu 9am - 4:30pm,  
Closed 12-12:30pm  
[welcome@olgcva.org](mailto:welcome@olgcva.org)

October 26, 2025 | 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.



**Mass Intentions  
Intentions de la Misa**

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

**Saturday, October 25, 2025 /  
Sunday, October 26, 2025**

- + Patrick E. Pagsibigan
- + Nelson Buenaflor
- + Viola Kulish
- + Francisco Funes
- + Bud Candee

**Monday, October 27**  
8:30am +Michel Gaspard

**Tuesday, October 28**  
8:30am Samperio Family

**Wednesday, October 29**  
8:30am The OLGC Parish Community

**Thursday, October 30**  
8:30am Albertina Samperio & Vivian Samperio

**Friday, October 31**  
8:30am Eleanor Constantino

**Saturday, November 1**  
8:30am +Lee Berning

**Saturday, November 1, 2025 /  
Sunday, November 2, 2025**

- + Rev. Fr. Donell Lowe
- + Ann Snellings Todd
- + Michael A. Tuszka
- + Laura Harbour Scott
- + Thomas Vy and Maria Thuc Nguyen
- + Nicholas Hoy

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

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

Church -  
Chapel -  
Our Lady - Chapel In loving memory of + Alexander Villafior

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

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-](http://olgcva.org/liturgy-)

**CALENDAR**

(Subject to change, updates and presider schedule at [www.olgcva.org/about-us/](http://www.olgcva.org/about-us/))

Sunday	Oct. 26	Rosary 9:25 - 9:45 am Spanish CCF 10:30 am  Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge 2-4pm CCF Sundays 6:15 - 7:45 pm Nightlife 6 pm (cancelled)	Chapel  Lower Field
Monday	Oct. 27	Our Lady's Quilters 11:30 - 3 pm CYO Track Practice	St. Joseph Center School Gates Closed
Tuesday	Oct. 28		
Wednesday	Oct. 29	Liturgical Ministry Retreat 7 - 9 pm	Chapel
Thursday	Oct. 30	Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 - 11 am	St. Joseph Center
Friday	Oct. 31		
Saturday	Nov. 1	Elementary CCF 8:30 am	
Sunday	Nov. 2	Spanish CCF 10:30 am CCF Sundays 6:15 - 7:45 pm Nightlife 6 pm	

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

For the Week of October 26, 2025

- Sunday**      **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14
- Monday**      Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13: 10-17
- Tuesday**      **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Wednesday**      Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday**      Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
- Friday**      Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday**      **Solemnity of All Saints**  
Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Sunday**      **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**  
Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

**VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS & TRAINING**

If you are interested in volunteering with children, you are required to have training. All first time volunteers, must to fill out a request form to start the process. [www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children](http://www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children).

**WEEKLY & SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Give with checks, cash envelopes, or online. [faithdirect.net/VA875](http://faithdirect.net/VA875), or text amount to 703.810.7674. Faith Direct is ParishSOFT Giving!

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**

- 11/01 All Saints
- 11/09 Archdiocese for Military Services
- 11/16 Retired Religious Fund

**MONTHLY COLLECTIONS**

Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026		
	August	September
Offertory	207,991	184,648
Total Budgeted	175,000	175,000
Variance (un)favorable	32,991	9,648
YTD Received	427,489	612,138
Budgeted YTD	360,000	535,000
Variance (un)favorable	67,489	77,138

## PARISH

### Shall we gather at the river?

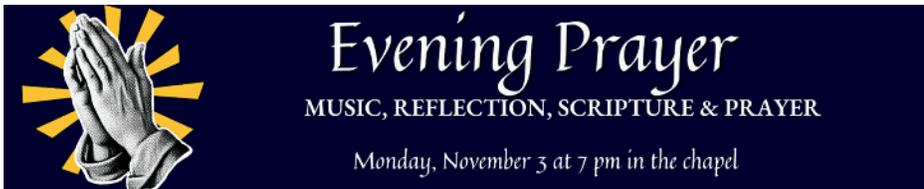
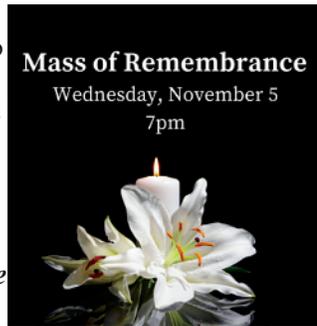
This year The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Soul's Day, is celebrated on a Sunday, November 2. November, and especially All Soul's is a traditional time for visiting the graves of loved ones. While we commemorate the faithful departed, today is also a source of comfort to those who are still grieving. Our Masses this weekend begin with all gathered singing "Shall We Gather at the River." This hymn was composed by Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister, as he reflected on the biblical imagery of the river of life described in Revelation 22:1-2, which speaks of a pure river flowing from the throne of God. We sing of hope, eternal life and the gathering of the saints. We will be sent forth from Mass singing "We Shall Rise Again," with its final verse telling us "At the door there to greet us, martyrs, angels, and saints, and our family and loved ones, ...and the joy of new life...reunited in God's love." The power of music to comfort, to challenge, to catechize and touch our minds, hearts, and souls is one of God's gifts for which we are ever faithful.

We Shall Rise Again: Text Matthew 11:29-30; Psalm 23; John 11:2; 2 Timothy 2; Jeremy Young. Music: RESURRECTION. Text and Music ©1987, GIA Publications. Onelicense.net A-711059

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

In November, the Church calls us to pray for those who have died and for those who mourn their passing. You are invited to join the community of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales as we support one another in prayer and ask God to welcome our deceased loved ones into the Kingdom of Heaven.

*On Wednesday, November 5, at 7 pm, we will gather at Mass in the church in a special way to celebrate the lives of those members of our families, friends, and faith community who died this past year, and to seek God's presence in our time of grief.* A light reception will follow in De Sales Hall. Please RSVP at <https://sugeni.us/eV7o>



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 TH AFTER THE 8:30AM MASS.

Adoration takes place in the Church on the first Friday of each month from September to May, following the 8:30 am Mass, and continues until 12:00 pm. Please sign up for a Holy Hour using the link below. We prefer to have at least two people signed up for a Holy Hour. You will receive a reminder of your time slot 2 days before. <https://sugeni.us/e3n1>



### WEDDING BANNS

<https://www.olgcva.org/sacraments/matrimony>



### BAPTISMS

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am.

<https://www.olgcva.org/sacraments/baptism/>



<https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/clergy-staff>

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Council #4654 [www.knightsvienna.org](http://www.knightsvienna.org)

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Consejería Caridades Catolica  
703.425.0109

Join the Parish

[olgcva.org/about-us/register](https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/register)

Schedule an Event:

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

OLGC Funerals:

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

Add Item to Bulletin/Media:

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



### MASS WITH THE RITE OF ANOINTING

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick. This grace helps the whole person, not only to bear the suffering but also to quiet anxiety, dissipate fear, and inspire confidence in God and acceptance of his will.

When the Sacrament is celebrated communally, those who are sick, experiencing the frailty of old age, recovering from addictions, or preparing for a serious medical procedure, gather in faith to be anointed with the Oil of the Infirm and all present pray over them. The community, in a solemn prayer of faith, intercedes for those who are being anointed and prays for healing and body, mind and soul.

**On Sunday, November 9, at 2:30pm in the Chapel, we will gather to celebrate Mass and the Rite of Anointing. Please make plans to be a part of this parish liturgy of prayer and healing if you are in need of this Rite.**

**TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE** - In preparation for the Mass of Remembrance, you are invited to bring photos of the departed loved ones for the Table of Remembrance beginning October 28

**BOOK OF THE DEAD** - You are encouraged to inscribe the name of your loved ones who have died. We will remember all the names in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church  
**Usher**  
 How May I Help You?

### JOIN THE USHER MINISTRY

Do you enjoy welcoming others and lending a hand? As an usher, you will play an important role in making parishioners and visitors feel at home, assist with seating, provide guidance, and ensure our

services run smoothly. Two separate Usher trainings will be held in the church: **Saturday, November 1 - 9:30 am – 10:30 am, and Tuesday, November 4th – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.** All interested parishioners, please sign up by following the link or scanning the QR code:

<https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form>



### MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS

On October 19<sup>th</sup> three OLGc couples joined many others in the Diocese for the Mass for Marriage Jubilarians at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Congratulations to the couples who celebrated 25 or 50 years of marriage.



## FAITH FORMATION – [www.olgcva.org/faith-formation](http://www.olgcva.org/faith-formation)



### One-Act Play Auditions

#### WHO CAN AUDITION?

Open to all 8-12 graders

#### AUDITION DETAILS

Tuesday, October 28 @7-8pm, DeSales Hall  
OR

Thursday, October 30 @4:30-5:30pm, DeSales Hall

You only need to attend one audition slot, and you do not need to have anything prepared!

#### PERFORMANCES

Thursday and Friday, February 5/6 at 7pm in DeSales Hall  
Saturday, February 7 at Nativity Catholic Church  
We will be performing an original play, title TBA.

CONTACT [CCLEM@OLGVA.ORG](mailto:CCLEM@OLGVA.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFO

Sign up here  
to schedule an  
audition slot



### Are you curious about Catholicism?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults — formerly RCIA) is your path to learn, explore, and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. OCIA is the process of becoming Catholic. Through OCIA, candidates learn about the Catholic faith and gain support and guidance. Inquire: <https://www.olgcva.org/faith-formation/becoming-catholic>

### Calling playwrights of all ages!

We are looking for an original one act play to perform at this year's *Diocesan One-Act Festival* on February 7, 2026. All submissions are due October 31. We will also have two performances at OLGc on February 5th and 6th, at 7pm in De Sales Hall. Scan the QR code to view submission guidelines for your original one-act play.



### FORMED AT OLGc

Access videos, Bible studies, e-Books, audio recordings and more from some of the best Catholic minds in the country. Start using FORMED today. To register & start using formed.org, OLGc Parish Code is **VGXJ7X**

**BISHOP BURBIDGE VISITS OLGC SCHOOL**

A heartfelt thank you to Bishop Burbidge for visiting the school and celebrating Mass with the students last week! We are especially grateful for the time he spent with the students and teachers, listening to their questions, sharing in their excitement, and encouraging them to live out their faith with confidence and joy. Your commitment to Catholic education and your genuine passion for helping students grow in faith, hope, and love are a true inspiration.

Thank you Bishop Burbidge for your leadership, prayers, and continued support of OLGC.



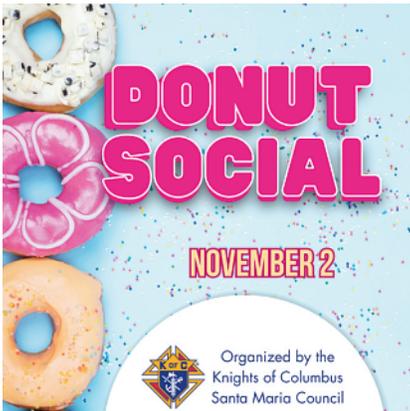
**AVIAT AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

Each November, as we reflect on gratitude and thanksgiving, OLGC recognizes teachers who embody the spirit of St. Leonie Aviat in their commitment as faith-filled, dedicated Catholic School teachers. This award is made in honor of Elizabeth White, OLGC Graduate and former OLGC 2nd grade teacher, who is remembered for her vivacious laugh and infectious smile.

To nominate a teacher, please fill out nomination form: <https://www.olgcschool.org/support/aviat-award>



**FELLOWSHIP – [www.olgcva.org/fellowship](http://www.olgcva.org/fellowship)**



**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE SOCIAL**

Please mark your calendars as we resume our First Friday Coffee Socials on Friday, November 7, 2025. We look forward to seeing you in DeSales Hall after the 8:30 Mass.

**ARE YOU A QUILTER?**

Our Lady’s Quilters meets every Monday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Their main project for the year is a beautiful quilt which is raffled off. New hands are always welcome.



**SAVE THE DATE**



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL'S ANNUAL SPRING GALA

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026**  
**THE RITZ CARLTON, TYSONS CORNER**

**BE THE NEXT GALA CHAIR!**

Do you love bringing people together? Have a passion for planning unforgettable events? Want to make a meaningful impact on the community? We’re looking for an enthusiastic, organized, and creative leader to serve as our 2026 Gala Chair!

Whether you’re a seasoned event planner or just someone with big ideas and a heart for service, we want to hear from you! The 2026 Gala of Eden is on Friday, April 24th at the Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner. For those interested in taking a leadership role in Gala planning, or in getting involved, please email [olgcvalgala@gmail.com](mailto:olgcvalgala@gmail.com)

DID YOU CAPTURE A MEMORABLE MOMENT WITH YOUR FAMILY AT FALL FEST OR OKTOBERFESTT? WE’D LOVE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEXT BULLETIN ISSUE. EMAIL YOUR PICTURES TO [COMMUNIATIONS@OLGCVA.ORG](mailto:COMMUNIATIONS@OLGCVA.ORG) OR TAG US ON SOCIAL MEDIA! THANK YOU FOR MAKING EACH EVENT A SUCCESS.



**JOY OF CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Add a family on need to your gift giving this year. Families are referred to the program by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Vienna public schools, and OLG families. If you would like to sponsor a family on your own or team up with friends, co-workers, or parish groups, contact Fran Davenport at 703-867-3278, Maria Madocks at 703-319-0010, Tina Wickham at 703-785-6995 or at [olgchristmasgiving@gmail.com](mailto:olgchristmasgiving@gmail.com) to be matched with a family.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You don't have to walk this journey alone. OLG is offering a Grief Support Group to walk with you on your journey through grief toward healing, especially during the difficult holiday season. Our 8-week program runs from November 9 to January 18, on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at St. Joseph's Center. To sign up or learn more, call/text Brad Frison at 703-801-9019 or email [frison@verizon.net](mailto:frison@verizon.net).

**AED's at OLG**

An AED (automated external defibrillator) is a lightweight and battery-powered piece of medical equipment that can be potentially lifesaving. An AED is used to treat ventricular fibrillation, the most common cause of sudden cardiac arrest. Anyone is a potential victim of sudden cardiac arrest, man or woman, young or old. Survival of a sudden cardiac arrest is related to how quickly a victim is defibrillated. AED units are seen in most public places such as libraries, airports, shopping malls, and OLG.

- AED** OLGC has seven AED units located in the following areas:
- Narthex of the Church (close to De Sales Hall)
  - De Sales Hall lower level in the preschool, Room E
  - Administration Building by the water fountain
  - St. Joseph Center (in the stairwell going up to the second floor)
  - School outside the Health Clinic (close to the main entrance)
  - School outside the gym
  - School, 2nd floor, by the elevator, close to the resource and math rooms

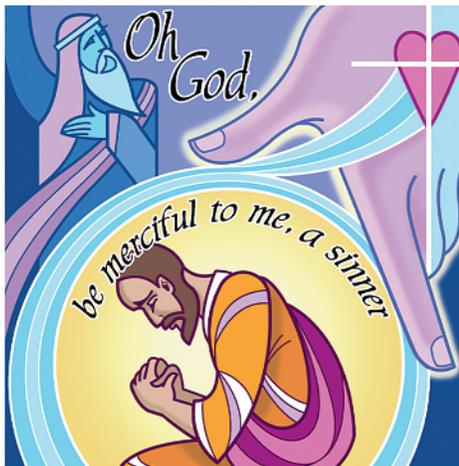
These AED units are only lifesaving if people are trained in CPR and AED use. Trained responders are the key to potentially saving another person's life. Consider enrolling in a CPR/AED class soon with the American Heart Association or the Red Cross.



The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) is once again collecting bikes to help people in need this holiday season. We are focusing this year on bikes for teenagers and adults who need transportation to school and work.

**Drop off your bike**  
October 1 to Thanksgiving Day

- in the driveway of
- 317 Church St. NE
  - 218 Elmar Dr. SE
  - Redeemer Fellowship  
1860 Beulah Rd.



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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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- Temple
- Pray
- Pharisee
- Tax
- Fast
- Tithe
- Sinner
- Merciful
- Exalt
- Humble



**SUNDAYKIDZ**

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## SENIOR MOMENTS – Marge Van Leirde (gitkagirl@gmail.com 571.831.3951)

### MEDICARE 101 WORKSHOPS -

Medicare 101 workshops, led by the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) are for individuals and their care partners who will soon be eligible for Medicare or have Medicare and would like to learn more about it. There are two in-person workshops left in this series of free informational sessions which you might wish to attend. One is at the Reston Community Center, 2510 Colts Neck Road in Reston on Wednesday, November 12 from 12-1:30 pm. For more information, contact Cassie Lebron, 703.476.4500. The other will be on Monday, November 17, 1:30-3 pm at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike in Falls Church. Call Alicia Korke, 703.790.8088 for more information.

### THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE -

Also known as “OLLI Mason,” this is a 501(C) (3) nonprofit affiliated with George Mason University and part of the national Osher Lifelong Learning Network. OLLI Mason offers over 500 college-level courses each year, taught by volunteer instructors, for a community of more than 1,000 active learners age 50 and older. For one basic fee, classes, lectures, clubs, trips, and other activities are offered in person at the Fairfax Campus, at satellite locations

throughout Fairfax County, and online. To learn more, visit <https://olli.gmu.edu> or call 703.503.3384.

### DOWNSIZING -

This is a free comprehensive seminar for seniors, offered by Vienna Parks and Recreation on November 13, 10-11 am at the Vienna Community Center. It helps you plan for the future by discussing various aspects of the downsizing process. Some topics to be discussed will include decluttering your current home, organizing, getting it ready for sale, and selling it. You'll also learn about researching future home options involving different types of living and levels of care. This is a very popular seminar and is repeated periodically. Jeff Wu will be the presenter. Call 703.255.6360 to let them know you'll be attending, for planning purposes.

### FREE CONCERT -

The New Dominion Chorale is celebrating their 35th season; this free concert (no tickets required) is a gift to the community, something very special. The program will feature “Yzidor Requiem” (Thomas Beveridge) and “Psalms” (Felix Mendelsohn.) The performance will be Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 pm in the National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave., Washington, DC.

### CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND ASSOCIATION -

It's not too early to snag a ticket to “Christmas in Fairfax” at 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 20 at Fairfax High School, located at 3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA. While holiday concerts are free to the public, a ticket is still required, and they go fast! This beloved annual concert brings together the City of Fairfax Band and the Fairfax Choral Society for a heartwarming evening of holiday music, featuring selections from “Home Alone,” John Rutter's jubilant Gloria, Hanson's breathtaking Chorale and Alleluia and many more festive favorites. With a special visit from Santa himself, this free concert is the perfect way to kick off the holidays for audiences of all ages. Just be sure to reserve your tickets early! (Limit of 4 per order.) All tickets ordered online are to be picked up at WILL CALL, so please present your email receipt to the box office at the school before the performance. Google “City of Fairfax Band Association” to arrange for your free tickets and to access more information.

**Elder Wisdom - Don't cling to a mistake just because you spent a lot of time making it!**

Los Más Pequeños Jim Burrows



The Little Ones Jim Burrows



## DOMINGO 30 DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

### Énfasis Sugerido:

*“El Señor oye el llanto de los pobres.”*

### Perspectiva Salesiana:

Puede que los pobres no disfruten de muchas cosas en la vida. Aun así, las cosas que poseen – un lugar especial en el corazón y la mente de Dios- tienen una clara ventaja por encima de cualquier riqueza terrestre.

La Escritura es clara e in-ambigua: Dios tiene una preocupación especial por la lucha del pobre y el necesitado, por las carencias de los desesperados y los que tienen el Corazón roto, por la angustia de los perdidos y los abandonados, por el espíritu de aquellos que han sido aplastados, por la vida de los solitarios, por el alma de los pecadores.

Jesús personifica el amor por los pobres. Aun cuando él se acercaba a personas de todas las clases sociales, económicas, étnicas y culturales, Jesús invirtió una cantidad significativa de su tiempo, su energía, su ministerio – su amor- con los pobres, con los que fueron difamados y maltratados en sus días. Jesús parece haber disfrutado de mayor éxito con los pobres; de la misma forma él parece haberse sentido más a gusto con ellos.

Esto es observado en su totalidad por San Francisco de Sales. En su Introducción a la Vida Devota, él escribió: “Nosotros debemos practicar la verdadera pobreza en medio de todos los bienes y las riquezas que Dios nos ha dado. Frecuentemente deben deshacerse de ciertas propiedades y entregarlas con un corazón generoso a los pobres. Deshacernos de lo que tenemos es empobrecernos en proporción con lo que damos, y entre más demos más pobres seremos... Amen a los pobres y amen la pobreza, porque es por medio de ese amor que nos convertimos en verdaderos pobres... alégrese de verlos en sus propias casas y de visitarlos en las suyas. Siéntanse contentos de hablar con ellos y complacidos de tenerlos cerca en sus iglesias, en las calles y en todos los demás lugares. Sean pobres cuando conversen con ellos... pero sean ricos cuando se trate de asistirlos compartiendo algo de sus bienes abundantes con ellos.” (Intro III, 15)

Vale la pena explorar tres aspectos de las observaciones hechas por Francisco de

Sales. Primero, en la medida en que nosotros nos acerquemos a los pobres nosotros llegaremos a conocer nuestra propia pobreza, nuestra propia necesidad, nuestra propia desesperación y nuestro propio infortunio. Francisco notó: “Nosotros nos convertimos en las cosas que amamos.” Nuestra voluntad para servir a los pobres no pone en contacto con los pobres en nosotros.

Segundo, la lucha del pobre es un reto para nosotros, para que seamos generosos: para que donemos algo de nuestra abundancia y, aún más difícil, para que donemos algo de nuestra propia necesidad y carencias.

Tercero, nosotros debemos reconocer las formas más sutiles de pobreza en nuestras casas, nuestros vecindarios, nuestros salones, nuestro lugar de empleo, y no solamente reconocer la pobreza en las esquinas, o en las estaciones de los buses. Nosotros debemos reconocer las riquezas celestes de las cuales todos carecemos: el cuidado, la bondad, el perdón, la amistad, la verdad, la compañía, la sanación, el entendimiento, la reconciliación, la honestidad, la fe, la esperanza... y el amor.

Claramente, fielmente, amorosamente, convincentemente el Señor escucha el llanto de los pobres.

### *Lo escuchamos nosotros?*

### **Misa de Conmemoración miércoles, 5 de noviembre 7:00pm**

#### Misa de Conmemoración EN INGLÉS:

El miércoles, 5 de noviembre a las 7:pm, Nos reuniremos en la misa de una manera especial para celebrar la vida de los miembros de nuestras familias, amigos, y miembros de la comunidad de fe que fallecieron el año pasado, y buscar la presencia de Dios en nuestro tiempo de duelo. Están invitados a unirse a la Comunidad de Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo y los Oblatos de San Francisco de Sales mientras nos apoyamos los unos a otros en oración y le pedimos a Dios que reciba a nuestros seres queridos fallecidos en el Reino de los Cielos. Seguido por una ligera recepción en el salón DeSales.

Libro de los difuntos Se le anima a inscribir el nombre de sus seres queridos que hayan fallecido. Recordaremos todos los nombres en la Oración de los Fieles.

Mesa de recordatorio Coloque una fotografía de un ser querido fallecido, en la Mesa del Recuerdo ubicada en el atrio de la iglesia. La mesa permanecerá hasta el domingo 29 de noviembre.

### **Unción de los enfermos: en todas las misas del 8 de noviembre sábados a las 4 p.m., 9 de noviembre domingo 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m.**

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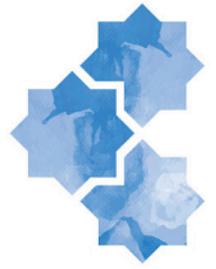
- La unión del enfermo hacia la pasión de Cristo.
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