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Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays
Saturday Vigil 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am (online),
12pm (en español), 5pm
Live Stream: 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
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November 16, 2025 | 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time



The Lord Comes *El Señor Juzgara*
to rule the earth *al mundo*
with justice *con justicia*
PSALM 98:9 SALMO 97:9

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.

NOVEMBER OUTREACH: THANKSGIVING DINNER DRIVE

It is time for the 12th annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive. Use the link below to commit to donating a basket of food to be delivered to OLGC on Tuesday, November 25. Your generosity will directly support our neighbors who are facing difficult times. Together, we can make this Thanksgiving brighter for everyone.

👉 Sign up today: <https://sugeni.us/e5ZK>



MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE LA MISA

olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions

Saturday, November 15, 2025 / Sunday, November 16, 2025

+ Maria Antonia Melgar
+ Rawn James, Jr.
Rosa Flores
Brenda DeForest
Barbara Beatty and Greg Beatty

Monday, November 17
8:30am +Mary Nazareth

Tuesday, November 18
8:30am +Maria Antonia Melgar

Wednesday, November 19
8:30am + Buresh and Krivanec Families

Thursday, November 20
8:30am The OLGC Parish Community

Friday, November 21
8:30am Dorothy Shaina Friedlander

Saturday, November 22
8:30am In thanksgiving for Evelyn O’Laughlin

Saturday, November 22, 2025 / Sunday, November 23, 2025

+ Mary Catherine Frecic
+ Carlos Ernesto Funes
+ Ariel Vargas
+Lisa Penalosa
Juan Francisco Romero

Please keep those listed in the prayer intention book and the recently deceased in your prayers.
Teresa Pyszka
Barbara Cox

Please pray for those for whom candle are lit.
Church - For the OLGC Parish Community
Chapel - For our seminarians
Our Lady - In Loving Memory of +Bridget (Betty) Somerville

SANCTUARY CANDLES

To “light a candle for someone” indicates one’s intention to say a prayer for another, 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.

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER 16-29

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 CCF Sundays ⊙ Nightlife ⊙ DeSales Hall Spanish CCF ⊙ 10:30 AM OLGC School Open House ⊙ 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM OLGC Grief Support Group ⊙ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM St. Joseph Center - Brisson	17 Our Lady's Quilters ⊙ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM SJC-Brisson Rm	18 Family Confession & Adoration ⊙ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chapel	19	20 Prayer Shawl Ministry ⊙ 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM SJC-Brisson Rm Seasoned Citizens Luncheon ⊙ 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM DeSales Hall	21 High School Swing Dance ⊙	22 Elementary CCF ⊙ 8:30 AM

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK/LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

For the Week of November 16, 2025

Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
Monday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

WEEKLY & SECOND COLLECTIONS

Give with checks, cash envelopes, or online. giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-875, or text amount to 703.810.7674. Faith Direct is ParishSOFT Giving!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

- 11 / 16 Retired Religious Fund
- 11 / 23 Camp for Human Development
- 11 / 27 Thanksgiving
- 11 / 30 Autumn Facilities

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

As we celebrate tomorrow, Veterans Day, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for the men and women who have served our nation with courage, sacrifice, and quiet faithfulness.

Over the years, I've met many veterans, some from our own parish, whose humility has touched me deeply. They rarely speak about what they endured, yet you can see in their eyes a strength shaped by service and a love for something greater than themselves. They remind me that true heroism often lives in silence, in endurance, and in the willingness to put others before oneself.



I also think of the families behind them—the spouses, children, and parents who carried their own form of service through worry, prayer, and hope. Their sacrifices are quieter, but no less sacred.

Veterans Day invites us not only to honor those who have served, but to reflect on the values their service represents: courage, faithfulness, and love of neighbor. These are the same virtues Christ calls each of us to live daily—in our homes, in our workplaces, and in our hearts.

Let us pray for all veterans, both the living and the fallen, that God may bless them with peace and healing. May we, too, honor their sacrifice by living lives worthy of the freedom and peace they helped preserve.

To all veterans: thank you. Your service matters, your example inspires, and your courage reminds us to keep building a world of justice, compassion, and hope.

In Christ,

Fr. Kumar mkumar@olgcv.org

ADVENT CANDLES & WREATH/RING

The Advent wreath is a centuries-old Christian tradition. Potentially overlooked by the candles it holds to light the way for the birth of Jesus, the Advent wreath itself symbolizes many themes and beliefs central to the Christian faith. In parishes, Advent wreaths are placed anywhere on the altar, on a side table, or even hung from the ceiling. In the home, you might place your Advent wreath on an entry or dining table or another location where you, your family, and your guests can enjoy the wreath during the Advent season.



Read more [Advent Candles and Advent Wreaths: The History and Meaning, Colors, Symbolism, Themes, and More on Hallow](#)

Candles \$10, candles & ring \$20, available for purchase in the parish office



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 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/ef3V>



WEDDING BANNS

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



BAPTISMS

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

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



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

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703.425.0109

Join the Parish

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

Schedule an Event:

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

OLGC Funerals:

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

Add Item to Bulletin/Media:

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

WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR SALE!

The official 2025 White House Christmas Ornament is available for purchase in the parish office for \$27. A limited number of 2023 & 2022 ornaments are also available for \$15. Payment options: cash and check payable to OLG (memo W.H.O.). Stop by the parish office Monday - Friday between 9 am and 4 pm to pick yours up while supplies last! Proceeds from the sale of the ornaments support the liturgical life of the OLG community.



SEEKING FAITHFUL HEARTS WITH A SPIRIT OF SERVICE

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

Please consider joining OLG's usher ministry where you will play an important role in welcoming parishioners and visitors to feel at home. We are in special need of help during the Saturday 4pm and Sunday 5pm Masses.



All interested parishioners, please sign up using the link below or scan the QR Code: <https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form>

We have two upcoming Usher trainings which will be held in the church:

Saturday, December 6th - 9:30 am – 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 9th – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Learn to what our parishioners have to say about their experiences:

Teresa Paquette: *"I enjoy being an usher at OLG mass because I feel like I am part of a team working to facilitate worship. It is an honor to help the priests bring Christ to the congregation."*

Tammy Ilaria: *"OLG is such a welcoming place and being an usher gives me a chance to contribute to that."*

FAITH FORMATION – www.olgcva.org/faith-formation

NO CCF CLASSES:

November 29 & 30 – No CCF Classes due to Thanksgiving Day Weekend

CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN STUDY



Every year we sing carols to express the inexpressible—the mystery of God made flesh, the birth of divinity in a child. All are welcome to join on Thursday **December 4th and 11th from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Chapel**. We will explore the fascinating history of four beloved Christmas carols: *Oh Holy Night*, *Joy to the World*, *Away in a Manger*, and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. Led by parishioner and adult catechist **Ann Marie Mack**, our time together will blend learning, reflection, and song. Come ready to listen, sing, and rediscover the sacred story these carols continue to tell. *An extra special shoutout to all OLG musicians and choristers!* Please email: cjones@olgcva.org if you are planning to attend.

CONFESSION AND ADORATION

On Tuesday, November 18, from 7:00–8:00 pm in the OLG Chapel, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available. There will be praise and worship music, as well as opportunities for silent prayer, facilitated by Oblate seminarian Matt Trovato.

Handouts will be available for an Examination of Conscience and for guidance on how to go to confession, especially if it has been some time since your last reconciliation. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

We have started a High School Confirmation Class. Classes are generally held monthly from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on a Saturday and will be a two-year program. There are additional requirements beyond classes. The next class is on November 15. If you have a high schooler who was not Confirmed and wishes to be, please contact Joe Flaherty jflaherty@olgcva.org

HOW TO ADVENT on FORMED



Join priests, religious, and Augustine Institute professors as they reveal the spiritual meaning behind beloved Advent traditions: the wreath, Jesse tree, nativity scene, and more. Each short episode offers simple, meaningful ways to prepare for this sacred season with joy and purpose. Scan the QR code to start the series. To start using FORMED



register on formed.org, OLG Parish Code is **VGXJ7X**

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-



ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

November 17 - Online Applications Open for new families
January 31 - Reregistration Deadline for current families
February 20 - Acceptance Notifications Begin for new students



HISTORY GAMEFIED

Our 8th graders recently put their creativity and knowledge to work by designing gameboards as part of their Westward Expansion unit. Each team researched historic trails, designed their own game board featuring real locations, and crafted rules inspired by the experiences and challenges of the pioneers. The project concluded with an exciting “Game Day,” where students enjoyed playing the games they had created. A fun and memorable way to bring history to life!

MANY SAINTS VISIT OLGC



FELLOWSHIP – www.olgcva.org/fellowship



Consider Donating a basket to the 2026 Gala of Eden



☀️ MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ☀️

Join us for an unforgettable *Enchanted Evening in Eden* on Friday, April 24th, 2026.

🎫 Tickets go on sale December 1st

Celebrate, connect, and make a difference! You can get involved today:

💎 **Sponsor the Gala** 🛒 **Donate a Basket**

👉 **Donate a “Party with a Purpose”**

Learn more and get involved by following the link below or scanning the QR code: <https://onecau.se/olgcgala26>



DID YOU CAPTURE A MEMORABLE MOMENT WITH YOUR FAMILY AT AN OLGC EVENT? WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEXT BULLETIN ISSUE. EMAIL YOUR PICTURES TO COMMUNIATIONS@OLGCVA.ORG OR TAG US ON SOCIAL MEDIA! THANK YOU FOR MAKING EACH EVENT A SUCCESS.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus will begin selling Christmas cards in December at the Church. However, if you would like to purchase cards early—in November—please contact us at grandknight4654@knightsvienna.org All proceeds support our local seminarians.



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 OLGc 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 olgcchristmasgiving@gmail.com to be matched with a family.

GIVING TREE

As part of the Joy of Christmas Giving Program, a “Giving Tree” will be located in the Narthex. The tree will be decorated with tags and on display as of Sunday, November 23rd. On the back of each tag there will be explicit instructions regarding gift wrapping. Gifts can be dropped off before and after the Masses on December 13th and December 14th. **Please consider signing up to volunteer for this very worthy cause.** 🖱️ <https://sugeni.us/efUe> or scan the QR code. Questions? *Chris Desmarais, chrisdesmarais526@gmail.com or Theresa Caputy, ctlc26@aol.com.*



Service of Remembrance
2025

Let the light of your loved one continue to shine this season.

Sunday, December 14
6:00pm
Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home

Send a photo of the light of your life to:
Events@fairfaxmemorial.com
to be included in the candlelight service

Join us for a reception afterwards

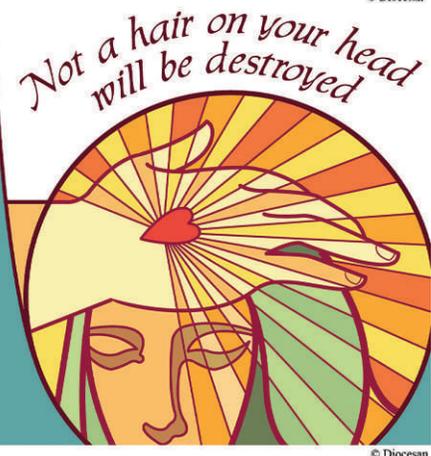
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OLGC TROOP 976 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Pre-order your wreaths now!



OLGC’s Boy Scout Troop 976 is conducting their annual sale of festive Christmas wreaths. The wreaths are \$35 each and usually sell out quickly—the Troop recommends pre-ordering early this year to ensure you get one! The beautiful greenery we select is fresh from a Maryland farm, and the proceeds help keep dues accessible for many members of our Troop. For more information, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/>



American Red Cross Heroes Saving Lives

Join Us. Save Lives.
Be Proud.

VFW POST 8241 BLOOD DRIVE NOV. 25

Consider donating blood to the Red Cross Before the Holidays. McLean VFW Post 8241 is hosting drive at 1051 Spring Hill Road in McLean on November 25, from 10 am to 3 pm. If you have any questions, please email Charlie at chaswint9@gmail.com.



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

SEASONED CITIZENS! –

This is the last notice of November’s luncheon for OLGc senior parishioners on Thursday, November 20 at Noon in DeSales Hall. “Love Without Measure” will feature a traditional Thanksgiving buffet with turkey and all the trimmings. There is no charge, but reservations are required by the end of Sunday, November 16. To save a place at the table, RSVP to <https://sugeni.us/eVeb>, email seasonedcitizens@olgcva.org, or call Dagny, 703.281-5525. Note: take home meals are only available for homebound OLGc parishioners. You must email Heidi, heidilinksnyder@gmail.com to make arrangements.

As always, the *Book Swap Table* will be open for business. Drop off any recently read books you wish to donate and choose something to take home. Unused greeting cards and blank notes for *Greeting Card Outreach* will be gratefully accepted at the sign-in table. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

HOLIDAY TEA & SWEETS –

The Shepherd’s Center of Northern Virginia invites you to a special afternoon to celebrate a merry and bright holiday season on Tuesday, December 9, 12-2 pm. They’ll be back at St. Mark Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd., Vienna. Come, ring in the winter holidays with an assortment

of holiday teas, yummy sweets, and merry entertainment. The fee is \$20. Register online: www.scnova.org or call, 703.281.0538.

NEW TRIPS –

Vienna Parks & Recreation has a new schedule of trips for mature adults, most designed to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. They are:

Holiday Tea at Crest Hill Tea Room – This is an English-style tea room in The Plains, Virginia, highlighting assorted tea sandwiches and breads, cookies, fruits, scones, and tea. December 17. Town residents pay \$98; everyone else \$122.50. #351511-A1.

Gunston Hall – In Mason Neck, Virginia, dating from 1759, this is the plantation home of George Mason. During the guided tour you’ll explore his life and the lives of all who lived there. Lunch on your own at Glory Day Grill. January 22, 2026. Town residents pay \$52; everyone else \$65. #351512-A1.

“Little Women: The Musical” - Enjoy this production at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg, Virginia on March 25, 2026. The ticket price includes transportation, a chef-prepared 3-course meal, and the show. Town residents pay \$143; everyone else \$178.75. #351564-A1,

Gadsby’s Tavern Museum – Located in Alexandria, Virginia, the museum is composed of two buildings circa 1785-1792. During this trip on February 26, 2026, an expert guide will help you explore life in the New Republic. A rich and flavorful plated lunch in one of the elegant colonial dining rooms is included in the trip fee. Town residents pay \$90; everyone else \$112.50. Note there’ll be lots of walking up and down stairs as there’s no elevator.

“Liberty or Death” – Join Patrick Henry inside St. John Church in Richmond, Virginia on January 12, 2026 as he tells the story of his most famous speech “Give me liberty, or give me death!” inside the place where it happened. Next is a guided tour of the Capitol of Virginia building dating back to 1785. Lunch at Tarrant’s Downtown is included in the trip fee. Town residents pay \$114; everyone else \$142.50. #351563-A1. This trip requires a significant amount of walking and standing.

Use your WebTrac account to reserve a space for any of these trips, or visit the Vienna Community Center to do it in person. They fill up quickly, so don’t wait too long to make your reservations.

Elder Wisdom - *In school you were taught a lesson, then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.*

Los Más Pequeños Jim Burrows

Jesus dijo: “Por tanto, proponed en vuestros corazones no preparar de antemano vuestra defensa; porque yo os dare palabras y sabiduría que ninguno de vuestros adversarios podrá resistir ni refutar”. Lc 20:37-38

The Little Ones Jim Burrow

So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; for I will provide you eloquence and wisdom which none of your adversaries will be able to oppose or refute. Lk 21:14-15

SUNDAY KIDZ
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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DOMINGO 33 EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO (Noviembre 16, 2025)

Énfasis Sugerido:

“Para aquellos de ustedes que sienten temor de mi nombre, el sol de la justicia saldrá con sus rayos sanadores.”

Perspectiva Salesiana:

Sentir temor del Señor es el comienzo de la sabiduría (Salmo 111: 10). Aun así, el Salmista nos recuerda, que este temor del Señor (que está directamente relacionado con la adquisición de la sabiduría) es simplemente el comienzo: debe llevarnos a ‘seguir los preceptos de Dios’, debe llevar a la acción.

En otras palabras, sentir temor del nombre del Señor debe llevarnos a hacer las obras del Señor!

Como hemos escuchado en la segunda lectura del día de hoy, San Pablo ciertamente sabía esto: “Ustedes saben cómo deben imitarnos. Nosotros no vivimos vidas desordenadas... en vez, nosotros trabajamos día y noche, laborando hasta el punto del agotamiento... verdaderamente, quienquiera que no trabaje no debería comer.”

Este temor del Señor- este temor del nombre de Dios- no tiene como objetivo paralizarnos. No, su propósito es claramente motivarnos, hacer que nos movamos, hacer que trabajemos –individual y colectivamente- en la búsqueda de los preceptos del Señor, de construir el Reino de Dios. Puesto de otra forma, el temor del Señor no debería hacernos pasivos, más bien, debe hacernos activos.

Esto debería ser obvio. Aun así, el mensaje contrario puede ser transmitido (sin intención) cuando consideramos las vidas y los legados de los santos quienes, en medio de otras cosas, claramente sentían temor del nombre del Señor: “Cuando nosotros pensamos en hombres y mujeres santas a través de las épocas, muchas veces nos acordamos de esculturas, dibujos y pinturas en las

que los santos parecen de todo menos activos. Nuestros santos más activos muchas veces no están haciendo nada más enérgico que sujetando una azucena o mirando piadosamente en dirección al cielo. Y aun cuando estas imágenes pueden llegar a movernos e inspirarnos, y aun cuando a veces son útiles en tiempos de contemplación, si uno está buscando modelos de acción y de energía, estas imágenes no son tan atractivas” (James Martin, SJ en Patrones y Protectores: Mas Ocupaciones por Michael O’Neill McGrath)

Es con esta visión que James Martin escribe que “quizás el hecho que más hemos pasado por alto en la historia Cristiana, es el hecho de que Jesús trabajó. Nosotros podemos imaginarnos fácilmente a Jesús siendo instruido por San José, el carpintero mayor. En el taller de José en Nazaret Jesús aprendió sobre los materiales de su arte... José le enseñó a su aprendiz la forma correcta de clavar una aguja con un martillo, de hacer tallar un hoyo en la madera, o de cómo nivelar una repisa.” (Ibid)

Y quién hubiera temido el nombre del Señor- y seguido los preceptos de Dios – más claramente y más convincentemente que Jesús? Gregory Pierce sugiere que nosotros necesitamos ver y experimentar el trabajo como “todo el esfuerzo (pago o no pago) que hacemos para que el mundo sea un lugar mejor, un lugar que se asemeje más a la forma en la que Dios quiere que las cosas sean.” (Spiritualidad@Trabajo, página 18)

El trabajo- el trabajo de Dios- es verdaderamente nuestra carga en la vida, nuestra razón de ser, el propósito por el cual vivimos. Veamos la vida en Jesús mismo, este trabajo puede ser arduo, laborioso y frustrante. Aun así, qué puede ser más recompensante que el utilizar todas nuestras energías para hacer de todos nuestros rinconcitos del mundo lugares sobre los cuales el “sol de la justicia” puede levantarse en los corazones y las mentes de nuestros hermanos y hermanas? El temor del Señor es, ultimadamente, una invitación – no, una exigencia –

para que hagamos la labor del Señor.

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.

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La corona de Adviento es una tradición cristiana de siglos de antigüedad. Aunque a menudo se pasa por alto, las velas adornan para iluminar el camino hacia el nacimiento de Jesús, la corona de Adviento en sí misma simboliza muchos temas y creencias fundamentales de la fe cristiana. En las parroquias, las coronas de Adviento se colocan en el altar, en su casa, puede colocar su corona de Adviento en la entrada, en la mesa del comedor o en cualquier otro lugar donde usted, su familia y sus invitados puedan disfrutar de ella durante el Adviento. Todos podemos crear nuestras propias tradiciones. Las Velas están disponibles para su compra en la oficina parroquial \$10 las cuatro velas, velas y corona:\$20.

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Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia and savor the silence with your sisters. We will "treasure and ponder" the mysteries of Advent while we read, think, pray... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. John Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday December 5th and concludes Sunday December 7th at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org. Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead.

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Events in Manassas and Woodbridge

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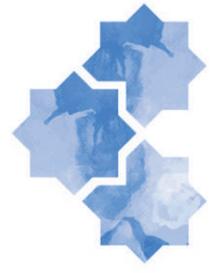
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