



OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday Vigil 4pm

Sunday 8am, 10am (online),

12pm (en español), 5pm

Live Stream: www.olgcva.org/live

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

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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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 23, 2025 | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.”

— Psalm 136:1

My dear OLG Family,

As we enter this week and prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for each of you and for the beautiful faith community we share. Thanksgiving is not simply a day for joyful meals or gatherings — it is a sacred invitation to pause, reflect, and recognize how God continues to move, heal, guide, and bless us in ways we sometimes see clearly, and in ways that only become evident over time.

This week, I am reminded that gratitude is not only about counting blessings but about noticing God’s presence in our relationships, responsibilities, challenges, and even in moments of uncertainty. Gratitude is born not only from our successes but from the ways God strengthens us through life’s stretching moments.

Here in our parish, I see Christ reflected in all of you — through quiet acts of service, generous hearts, joyful worship, caring conversations, and the sacrifices you make without recognition. You remind me that the Church is not built by brick and mortar but by faithful disciples like you.

To all our volunteers, ministry teams, families, students, elders, and those who serve quietly, please know how deeply grateful I am. Because of you, our parish is not just active — it is alive. Together, we continue to be a light shining in our city: welcoming, praying, serving, and witnessing to God’s love.

As we celebrate this week, let us approach our time together with hearts that whisper: *“Lord, you are with us, and that is enough.”*

And in the words of St. Francis de Sales, *“We must strive to be grateful and to acknowledge the benefits we have received.”*

With affection, gratitude, and blessings,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Kumar

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THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE LA MISA

olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions

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

- + Mary Catherine Freck
- + Carlos Ernesto Funes
- + Ariel Vargas
- + Lisa Penalosa
- Rosa Esther Flores
- Juan Francisco Romero

Monday, November 24

8:30am Mary Catherine Freck

Tuesday, November 25

8:30am + Teresita Bernabe

Wednesday, November 26

8:30am + Maria Proaña

Thursday, November 27

8:30am In thanksgiving for the OLGC Community

Friday, November 28

8:30am + Joseph McKeon

Saturday, November 29

8:30am + Michael Donohue

Saturday, November 29, 2025 / Sunday, November 30, 2025

- + Dolores Lawler
- + Luisa Magdalena Molina
- + Christine N. O'Malley
- + Endelia Botello de Martinez
- + Kathleen Sykes Sherwood

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

Please pray for those for whom candle are lit.

- Church - In loving memory of + Janis Hoy
- Chapel - In loving memory of + Nicholas Hoy
- Our Lady - For the healing of David Alejandro Flores Fuentes

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

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 6

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 Nightlife ⊙ ☞ DeSales Hall Spanish CCF ⊙ 10:30 AM OLGC Grief Support Group ⊙ 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ☞ St. Joseph Center - Brisson	24 Funeral: Barbara Cox ⊙ 11:00 AM Our Lady's Quilters ⊙ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ☞ SJC-Brisson Rm	25 Outreach Drive Thanksgiving Basket Drop Off ⊙ 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM ☞ Narthex	26 Thanksgiving Break-No School & Offices Closed ⊙ All Day	27 Thanksgiving- No School & Offices Closed ⊙ All Day	28 Thanksgiving Break-No School & Offices Closed ⊙ All Day	29 NO CCF CLASSES ⊙
30 1st Sunday of Advent ⊙ All Day NO CCF CLASSES ⊙	1 Advent Morning Prayer ⊙ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Our Lady's Rosary Makers ⊙ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ☞ St. Joseph Center, Aviat Our Lady's Quilters ⊙ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ☞ SJC-Brisson Rm Advent Evening Prayer ⊙ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	2	3	4 Prayer Shawl Ministry ⊙ 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ☞ SJC-Brisson Rm	5 Adoration ⊙ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Friday Coffee Social ⊙ 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ☞ DeSales Hall	6

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS
CLOSED: NOVEMBER 26 - 28
REOPENS: DECEMBER 1**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

For the Week of November 23, 2025

- 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
- Monday** Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday** Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
- Friday** Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday** First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 AFTER THE 8:30AM MASS UNTIL 12 PM .

Adoration takes place in the Church on the first Friday of each month from September to May.

Please sign up for a Holy Hour: <https://sugeni.us/ef3V>

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 /23 Camp for Human Development
- 11 /27 Thanksgiving
- 11 /30 Autumn Facilities
- 12 /7 Christmas Flowers/Environment
- 12 /8 Immaculate Conception

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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

For months now we have been traveling with Jesus through the proclamation of Luke's gospel. The Solemnity of Christ the King is the last Sunday and culmination of the whole liturgical year. Next Sunday we begin Advent and thus begin again yet another paschal mystery journey through a liturgical year in which we follow the Gospel of Matthew. This annual celebration reminds us that the difficulties of discipleship are always rewarded by the joy of victory. The cross leads to risen life. As we embrace the cross in our own journey of discipleship each day, we are spurred on to faithfulness by remembering that it all culminates in this victory.

Endings and beginnings always give us an opportunity to assess growth and recommit ourselves to faithful discipleship. True, the cross is not something we would naturally choose for ourselves. But the end of this liturgical year and the beginning of the new one when we encounter our victorious Christ is exactly what we need in order to be faithful to the disciple's life of self-giving for the good of others.

DECK THE HALLS

We have a beautiful church throughout the year! And during the Christmas season, we "deck the halls" to enhance its beauty and our worship experience. The poinsettias and greenery that adorn the Sanctuary and Church environment are a special part of the celebration of Christmas bringing joy of the season to the OLG Community. It takes funds to decorate! Please consider donating toward the poinsettias and greenery that will be used to decorate the Church, Chapel, Narthex and DeSales Hall. Make your check payable to OLG and add "For Christmas Flowers" on the note line to ensure your donation is properly allocated, then place it in the Sunday collection basket, bring it to the Parish Office, or mail it to OLG, 8601 Wolfrap Road, Vienna, VA 22182. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



BAPTISMS: October 2025

Mary Louise Gorham
Linnea Judith anarsdall
Quincy Emma Clubb
Theodore Dominic D'Agati

White House ornaments

The official 2025 White House Christmas Ornament is available for purchase in the parish office for \$27.



CARD OF CHECK
PAYABLE TO OLG
(MEMO W.H.O)

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE ORNAMENTS SUPPORT THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE OLG COMMUNITY.

ADVENT CANDLES & RING



Pack of 4 candles \$10
Pack of 4 candles & ring \$20
Available in the parish office

 The measure of our love is
love without measure.
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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

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Join the Parish
olgcva.org/about-us/register
Schedule an Event:
olgcva.org/about-us/facilities
OLGC Funerals:
olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals
Add Item to Bulletin/Media:
olgcva.org/about-us/communications

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.

FENCES AND TRESPASSING

We understand that the parish grounds offer solace, inspiration, and space for reflection, prayer, and exercise. To maintain a welcoming environment for all, please follow the posted guidance. *We are thankful for the updates to the parish campus, thanks to the generous contributions to last year's Gala of Eden.*

We make every effort to keep parishioners and students safe while at OLGC. **Please adhere to the No Trespassing and Through Traffic signs posted around the property. This includes jogging and biking through the property, especially during school hours. Slow down while on parish grounds and remain mindful of those walking to Mass, events, and other services. Pets, including dogs, are not permitted on OLGC grounds at any time, notably during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. This policy is required by the Fairfax County Department of Health for health and safety reasons.**

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us provide a safe environment for our community. Should you need to use the facilities (church, school, fields, and parking lots), please consider reserving the space through the Facilities form.

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

SEEKING FAITHFUL HEARTS WITH A SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Please consider joining OLGC's usher ministry, where you will place an important role in helping parishioners and visitors feel welcomed and 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 – 10:30 am Tuesday, December 9th – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

"I never expected that serving as an usher at OLGC would bring so much joy and meaning into my life. What feels like a simple act - greeting parishioners, helping young families find a seat, assisting the elderly or handicapped, or quietly offering comfort to someone sitting alone – has opened my heart in ways I never imagined. Through this ministry, my faith has deepened, my sense of community has grown, and I have discovered the incredible blessing that comes from serving others and contributing in a small way to the solemn and beautiful experience of the mass." - Bob Hallahan

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

NO CCF CLASSES:

November 29 & 30 – No CCF classes due to Thanksgiving Day weekend

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

If you have a high schooler who was not confirmed and wishes to be, please contact Joe Flaherty jflaherty@olgcva.org

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 Manager, 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 OLGC musicians and choristers!* **Please email: cjones@olgcva.org if you plan to attend.**



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. Inquire: <https://www.olgcva.org/faith-formation/becoming-catholic>
OCIA is the process of becoming Catholic. Through OCIA, candidates learn about the Catholic faith and gain support and guidance. OCIA provides an initiation into the Catholic community of faith for people who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation. OCIA is also called the Catechumenate. OLGC offers catechesis in preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, First Penance and First Eucharist (Communion), and Confirmation.



WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30
AFTER ALL MASSES



PUMPKIN STEM PROJECT

After a week of pumpkin STEM activities, the preschoolers are now enjoying their own “pumpkin patch” on the playground.

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*



FELLOWSHIP – www.olgcva.org/fellowship

VOLUNTEER!
DONUTS
with Santa!
December 7, 2025
11 - 2 pm
De Sales Hall



SAVE THE DATE
SPAGHETTI DINNER
JANUARY 11, 2026



CALLING ALL COOKIE ELVES!

The Seasoned Citizen Luncheon on December 11th will feature a Christmas Cookie Dessert Table. Consider sharing a dozen or two of your family's favorite Christmas cookies with our parish senior citizens. Homemade or store curated are equally welcome. Cookies can be dropped off at DeSales Hall the morning of December 11 or please email heidilinksnyder@gmail.com or text 703.919.7382 to arrange a pick up/drop off time. *Thank you so much for helping make our parish senior citizens luncheon special.*

Gala of Eden
CORNER



MEET YOUR GALA CHAIRS
David, Julie, & Julie



HIGHLIGHT YOUR FAMILY OR BUSINESS AT THE GALA BY BECOMING A SPONSOR!

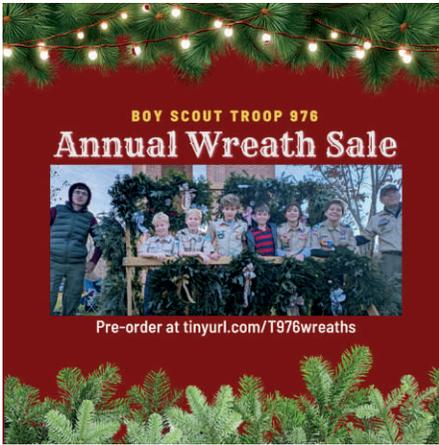
Find out how you can help by following the link below or scanning the QR code: <https://onecau.se/olgcgala26>

HELP MAKE THE GALA A SUCCESS AND VOLUNTEER



Funds raised at past Galas have enabled many parish improvements.





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>

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

🚗 DRIVERS NEEDED 🚗

We would welcome your help on Tuesday, Nov. 25 to ensure all the dinners reach those who need them.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AAAB2BA31-60553313-olgc>

JOY of Christmas Giving

Add a *family in 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 703-785-6995 or at olgcchristmasgiving@gmail.com to be



The “Giving Tree” will be located in the Narthex. The tree will be decorated with tags and on display this Sunday. On the back of each tag there will be instructions regarding gift wrapping. Gifts can be dropped off before and after all Masses on December 13th and December 14th. Questions? *Chris Desmarais, chrisdesmarais526@gmail.com or Theresa Caputy, ctlc26@aol.com.*

Please consider signing up to volunteer to help a *Family in Need* and/or the *Giving Tree*. 🙌 <https://sugeni.us/efUe> or scan the QR code.

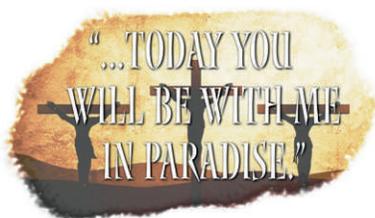
Be thankful for home
 Be thankful for food
 Be thankful for birds that fly
 Be thankful for sleep
 Be thankful for flowers
 Be thankful for clouds in the sky
 Be thankful for friends
 Be thankful for rain
 And the rainbows that follow close by

By *Alvina Foster*

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OLGC ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

“And they’ll know we are Christians by our love...”
 Looking for a way to help those struggling in our own local community, while also putting your faith into action? The OLGC Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) desperately needs new volunteers to help answer the increasing number of calls to our Helpline requesting assistance with food, clothing, rent, utilities, medical bills, etc. Through the generosity of our Parish and donors in our OLGC Parish Community, SVDP provided more than \$245,000 in direct financial assistance to local families in the past year alone. However, we need additional volunteers to meet the growing pleas for help from neighbors right here in our midst. *For more information, please contact Gene Lambert at gene.j.lambert56@gmail.com or 703-599-1381.*



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

GRATITUDE – Thanksgiving is more than a national holiday marked by turkey dinners and football games; it’s a profound expression of gratitude deeply rooted in spiritual and cultural traditions. It transcends cultural and religious boundaries, resonating with all people as a time to celebrate abundance, share meals with loved ones, and reflect on the blessings of the past year. As Christmas, we understand the importance of gratitude as a central tenet of our faith. Thanksgiving offers us a sacred opportunity to pause, reflect, and give thanks. May our lives be a testament to the transformative power of thankfulness, shining brightly as a beacon of God’s love and generosity in a world hungering for hope and healing. Happy Thanksgiving!

SEASONED CITIZENS! – Can you hear the bells? “Holly Jolly Christmas” is the theme for the December luncheon for senior parishioners of OLG. Everything will happen at noon on December 11 in DeSales Hall. The meal will be festive, and entertainment is in the works! It’s going to be wonderful! There’s no charge, but reservations are required and can be easily made: RSVP to <https://sugeni.us/efBK>, email seasonedcitizens@olgcva.org, or call Dagny at 703.281.5525. Note: take-home meals are only available for homebound OLG parishioners. You must email Heidi at heidilinksnyder@gmail.com to make arrangements. There will be no luncheon in January.

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER SOCIAL – The Shepherd’s Center of Northern Virginia invites potential volunteers to this free Social on December 3 from 4:00-5:30 pm at Bear Branch Tavern, 133 Maple Ave. E. in Vienna. You’ll learn more about the joys of volunteering while enjoying yummy refreshments, meeting other volunteers, and hearing their stories. The Center is always in need of generous hearts to meet the growing needs of the senior population in the broad Vienna area. There are numerous ways you can help! Joining the team is something you might consider in the new year – you pick the number of days and hours you’re available – whatever that might be, it’ll help make a difference! Please RSVP at the SCNOVA office, 703.281.0538.

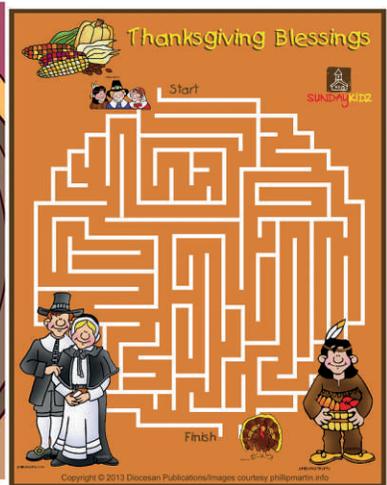
NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS’ MONTH – November is recognized as National Family Caregivers Month, a time to honor individuals who support and care for their loved ones. It also serves as a call to raise awareness about caregiving issues and increased support for family caregivers. If you’d like to learn about resources and more, call the Disability and Caregiving Resource Line, 703.324.7948, or visit FairfaxCounty.gov/OlderAdults.

FIRST FRIDAY FLICKS – Come and enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment on December 5 at the Vienna Community Center for a 2:00 pm showing of the popular film “From Here to Eternity” (1953). This movie has a star-studded cast including Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Frank Sinatra, Debra Kerr, and others. Free popcorn too!

IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY – The Vienna Theatre Company presents this theatrical adaptation of the classic film, presented as a 1940s live radio broadcast. You all know the story of George Bailey and the world of Bedford Falls at Christmas: Saturday, December 6, at 4:00 pm at the Vienna Community Center. Ticket prices are \$5 for children (ages 6 and up), \$8.00 for seniors, and \$10 for all others. Tickets available at the door only: cash, check, and credit card.

GET READY FOR SANTA AND DONUTS! – Bring your grandkids to the Vienna Community Center on December 6 to enjoy a festive donut bar served by Mrs. Claus while seasonal music fills the air. They can also enjoy a craft with the Vienna Arts Society, and giggle along with a jolly holiday-themed puppet show. Of course, Santa himself will also be in the crowd! Two time slots are available, one from 9-10:20 am (350681-A1), the other from 10-11:20 am (350681-B1). An adult must accompany children. Tickets are \$5 each, and every attendee must be registered. No charge for infants under 12 months of age. More details and tickets at www.viennava.gov/register.

Elder Wisdom - Gratitude turns what we have into enough. (Anon.)



MENSAJE DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS DE PADRE KUMAR

Al comenzar esta semana y prepararnos para celebrar el Día de Acción de Gracias, mi corazón rebosa de profunda gratitud por cada uno de ustedes y por la hermosa comunidad de fe que compartimos. El Día de Acción de Gracias no es solo un día de comidas o reuniones alegres; es una invitación sagrada a detenernos, reflexionar y reconocer cómo Dios continúa obrando, sanando, guiándonos y bendiciéndonos de maneras que a veces vemos con claridad, y de otras que solo se hacen evidentes con el tiempo.

Esta semana, recuerdo que la gratitud no se trata solo de contar bendiciones, sino de percibir la presencia de Dios en nuestras relaciones, responsabilidades, desafíos e incluso en momentos de incertidumbre. La gratitud nace no solo de nuestros éxitos, sino también de cómo Dios nos fortalece en los momentos difíciles de la vida.

Aquí, en nuestra parroquia, veo a Cristo reflejado en cada uno de ustedes; a través de actos silenciosos de servicio, corazones generosos, una liturgia gozosa, conversaciones afectuosas y los sacrificios que hacen sin esperar nada a cambio. Me recuerdan que la Iglesia no se construye con ladrillos y cemento, sino con discípulos fieles como ustedes.

A todos nuestros voluntarios, equipos pastorales, familias, jóvenes, ancianos y a quienes sirven en silencio, sepan que estoy profundamente agradecido. Gracias a ustedes, nuestra parroquia no solo está activa, sino que está viva. Juntos, seguimos siendo una luz que brilla en nuestra ciudad: acogiendo, orando, sirviendo y dando testimonio del amor de Dios.

Al celebrar esta semana, acerquémonos a este tiempo juntos con corazones que susurran: «Señor, estás con nosotros, y eso basta».

Y en palabras de San Francisco de Sales: «Debemos esforzarnos por ser agradecidos y reconocer los beneficios que hemos recibido».

Vive Jesús,

Padre Kumar
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VELAS Y CORONAS DE ADVIENTO

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¿Preguntas? Chris Desmarais, chrisdesmarais526@gmail.com o Theresa Caputy, ctlc26@aol.com.

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Los finales y los comienzos siempre nos brindan la oportunidad de evaluar nuestro crecimiento y renovar nuestro compromiso con el discipulado fiel. Es cierto que la cruz no es algo que elegiríamos naturalmente. Pero el fin de este año litúrgico y el comienzo del nuevo, cuando nos encontramos con nuestro Cristo victorioso, es precisamente lo que necesitamos para ser fieles a la vida de entrega del discípulo por el bien de los demás.



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ST. LEO THE GREAT WINTER CRAFT FAIR

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FINDING PEACE & JOY WITH JESUS & MARY—WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

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.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE- NOVEMBER 23

Begin Thanksgiving week with an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, supported by the Shepherd's Center and hosted by Emmaus United Church of Christ and Vienna Baptist Church. It takes place on Sunday, November 23, at 7 pm at Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 Maple Ave East, Vienna. It will be followed by a pie social.

FINDING PEACE AND JOY WITH JESUS AND MARY IN ADVENT

Women's Silent Retreat December 5 - 7

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.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/san-damiano-retreat-center/retreats/advent-women-2025>

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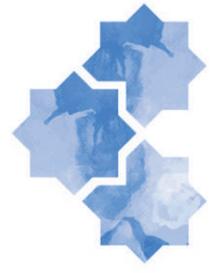
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