

O Lord, you are God with us. Let this light be our watchful hope. Let it shine for all the world to see. May it find us ready to receive you, free of distractions, and prepared to welcome you into our hearts and lives. Through Christ, our Lord.

He Advent

December 20 , 2020



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Mon-Sat - 8:30am except holidays are at 9am Saturday Vigil 4pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm (en español), 5:00pm **Confessions** Saturdays 9-9:30am or by appt Office Hours Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm Church open for prayer Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm Schedule an Event www.olgcva.org/about-us/facilities Add Item to Bulletin/Media www.olgcva.org/about-us/communications Mass Intention Request www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

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Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, strive to witness 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/Intenciones de la Misa

Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

Weekend of December 20, 2020	Readings are	online www.usccb.org/bible/readings
+ Robert & Nahida Awad	Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020	
+ Robert Koetz	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent
+ Cruz Gomes		2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
+ Frank Flood		29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
+ Familia Candamo-Ortiz	Monday	Saint Peter Canisius
+ Anthony Pagano		Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
Monday, December 21, 2020		20-21; Lk 1:39-45
8:30am + Marie McCully	Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Tuesday, December 22, 2020		Lk 1:46-56
8:30am + Eduardo Isaza	Wednesday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday, December 23, 2020		Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
8:30am For the OLGC Community		Lk 1:57-66
Thursday, December 24, 2020	Thursday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
Celebrants intentions	F 2.1.	and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday, December 25, 2020	Friday	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Celebrants intentions		Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
	Saturday	Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Saturday, December 26, 2020	Saturday	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10, Acts 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8:30am + Richard LeFrancois		8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Weekend of December 27, 2020	Cundou	
+ Rita & Otto Hausmann	Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family
+ Daniel Joseph "Joe" McKeon		Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-
+ Robert J. Barker		2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-
+ Frank & Antoinette Piraneo		21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,17-19; Lk
+ Rev. John Melka, OCD		2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40
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Please keep the deceased in your prayers Wilfredo Banez, Huong Vu, and Cecilia DeMaria, mother of Peggy Thompson.

OLGC Funerals: www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals. Weekly Prayer of Faithful: www.olgcva.org/liturgyworship. Book of Prayer Intentions: Please pray for all of those listed in our book. Book has been placed in the Church.

Devotional Candles <u>www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/</u>. The Sanctuary Candle in the Church will burn in loving memory of William Green and the Our Lady Candle will burn in support for all OLGC Volunteers.

Weekly & Second Collections drop off in boxes in Narthex, parish office, mail, or give online via Faith Direct membership.faithdirect.net/VA875 or Text \$ amount to

703.810.7674. Thank you for your support.

Dec 2020	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
Dec 06, 2020	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/ENVIRONMENT
Dec 08, 2020	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Dec 13, 2020	CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ARLINGTON
Dec 25, 2020	CHRISTMAS

November Monthly Collections			
Offertory	\$191,409.06		
Total Budgeted	<u>\$190,000.00</u>		
Variance	\$1,409.06		
YTD Received	\$849,646.92		
Budget YTD	<u>\$824,600.00</u>		
Variance	\$25,046.92		

Quote of the week: "Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily." ~ St. Francis de Sales

Parish Events & Updates



Advent Evening Prayer: Monday, December 21st at 7pm in the Church "When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day." We gather together as Advent Evening Prayer a parish community to pray a final Evening Prayer for Advent. Contact Gerard Hall

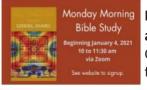
Prayer with and for the Parish at liturgy@olgcva.org.



Parish Offices will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday, December 23rd through Monday, December 28th. Reopening on Tuesday, December 29th at 9am. Then closed Thursday, December 31 through Sunday, January 3rd. Reopening on Monday, January 4th.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- Holy Day Masses Thursday, December 31st 5pm, January 1st 9am and 11am (Bilingual). On the first day of every new year, January 1st, the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary with a Marian feast day and a Holy Day of Obligation (Obligation suspended due to COVID. We celebrate the Motherhood of Mary as the vessel through whom Jesus Christ, took on a human nature. Solemnity also appropriately falls on the 8th day after Christmas, the final day of the Octave of Christmas. Sign-up is required for all Masses.





Monday Morning Monday Morning Bible Study: Ezekiel and Daniel to start Jan. 4th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am via Zoom. Materials needed: New Collegeville Bible Commentary: Ezekiel, Daniel Vol. 16 by Corrine L. Carvalho and Paul V. Niskanen (\$12.95 plus shipping and tax). Please purchase a copy from Amazon or Liturgical Press. Contact Mike Plett <u>mike.plett1@gmail.com</u> to sign up.

Drafts with DeSales: Monday, January 4th 7:30pm via Zoom. All Young Professionals (all those in their 20s or 30s) are welcome to join us on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm for prayer, reflection, and discussion on the Sunday readings or Salesian Spirituality readings. To start receiving Young Professional emails with more information about upcoming events and Zoom links, please email Amy W. de Bernardo at dre@olgcva.org.





Tuesday Morning Scripture Study: The Psalms begins Tuesday, January 5th 9:15 am via Zoom Psalms: The School of Prayer: A ten-part study of the poetic beauty of Psalms is Israel's response to their covenant and a model for our own life

and our covenant with God. Cost of materials is \$26.95 +tax/shipping/handling. Fran Davenport will serve as the main facilitator. Register & purchase materials, visit https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/49621/registrations/new. Contact Amy W. de Bernardo at <u>dre@olgcva.org</u> or 703-896-7414 with any questions.

ATTN PARENTS OF 7TH GRADERS: Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meetings via Zoom will be either Sunday, January 10th at 7 pm or Tuesday, January 12th at 7 pm. All families who have a 7th grader currently enrolled in CCF and OLGC School received an email with more details and the link to the SignUpGenius to sign up for one of the meetings. If you have a 7th grader who is not registered for CCF or OLGC School and desire him/her to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please email Amy W. de Bernardo at dre@olgcva.org by Monday, January 4th.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated and volunteered for our Giving Tree program this year.

Especially to Mike Egan - Our Giving Tree Santa who has been coordinating the Giving Tree Outreach project for over 15 years! His Christmas Spirit has left a legacy of generosity and hope for all. This year over 500 gifts and three car loads of toys were collected for eight different organizations and several families.





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Christmas, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Christmas, we never could have imagined that in just a couple months, our lives and our world would be forever changed by a global pandemic. In faith and love, we have striven to persevere through these difficulties. This year we have also been shaken once again by racial tensions in our nation. With trust in God, we continue to seek the transformation of our society, that it might more fully reflect God's Kingdom. Now, the celebration of Our Lord's birth renews us in the hope and peace that comes from him alone.

When we seek models of encouragement, especially in times of trial, we need look no further than the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph traveled a long and dangerous road to keep Jesus safe. They experienced exhaustion, and yet they remained strong in faith and trusted in God's plan for them.

As we celebrate this sacred season of Christmas, may we imitate Mary and Joseph and celebrate with reverence and joy the majesty and wonder of Christmas: "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14). By taking on human flesh, he joined us in our earthly existence. Christ endured the pain, disappointment and struggle of this life but also sanctified those moments. This Christmas, may we become more fully a dwelling place of the Word by entrusting our challenges, crosses, and very lives to his infinite love and divine mercy. In him, we will find the strength and grace we need.

In this Christmas season, God invites us, through the words of St. Paul, to "let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body" (Col 3:15). May we be instruments of his peace and compassion in a world that desperately needs the witness of our faith and unity. Let us encourage and support one another in faith with a renewed commitment to serve our brothers and sisters in most need, striving daily to imitate Christ.

It is my hope and prayer that Our Lord and Savior will bless you and your family with the peace that only he can give. May this precious gift be yours throughout the Christmas season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael 7. Bushidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington

El enlace para la carta de Navidad del obispo Burbidge en español <u>www.arlingtondiocese.org/Communications/Bishop/</u> Public-Messages/Bishop-Burbidge-Christmas-Letter-2020-Spanish.pdf

Senior Moments: Marge Van Lierde, <u>Gitkagirl@gmail.com</u>, 571.831.3951



MAY YOU BE BLESSED! – It certainly has been a strange year, and our Christmas holidays are probably going to be quite different. It's difficult to let go of traditions.... I've had to do that myself this December and have come to understand that flexibility is the key to successful aging. However, some things never change! I'd like to share this blessing prayer with you hoping that these words will help you remember many positive things in life that are always present. We just need to become more aware of them. Thanks to Kate Nowak for the inspiration.

"May you be blessed with all things good. May your joys, like the stars at night, be too numerous to count. May every pathway you choose lead to that which is pure and good and lovely. May every doubt and fear be replaced by a deep abiding trust as you behold evidence of God's presence all around you. And when there is only darkness and the storms of life are closing in, may the light at the core of your being illuminate the world.

May you always be aware you are loved beyond measure, and may you be willing to love unconditionally in return. May you always feel protected and cradled in the arms of God, like the cherished child you are.

And when you are tempted to judge, may you be reminded that we are all ONE and that every thought you think reverberates across the universe, touching everyone and everything. And when you are tempted to hold back, may you remember that love flows best when it flows freely, and it is in giving that we receive the greatest gifts.

May you always have music and laughter, and may a rainbow follow every storm. May gladness wash away every disappointment, may joy dissolve every sorrow, and may love ease every pain. May every wound bring wisdom and every trial bring triumph, and with each passing day, may you live more abundantly than the day before."

Friends, may you be blessed, and may others be blessed by you. This is my heartfelt wish for you this Christmas season.... that you may be blessed. Merry Christmas!

ELDER WISDOM – I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness – it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude. (Brene Brown)

Congratulations to the OLGC Parishioners and OLGC School Alumni from St. Paul VI Catholic High School eleven students who achieved Principal's Honor Roll an average of 4.0 or higher and five students who achieved Honor Roll an average of 3.5 –3.9. We are very proud.



Información Parroquial en español Toda preguntas o sugerencias en español comuniquese con Maria Romero, Coordinadora de Bienvenida y/o Enlace con la comunidad de habla hispana, <u>welcome@olgcva.org</u>, 703.896.7419. Registrarse en la parroquia <u>www.olgcva.org/register</u>.

Físicamente separados, pero unidos espiritualmente. ~ Más Fuertes Juntos - En Cristo

• Nos complace anunciar nuestro horariomisas de Navidad: 24 de dic. 2pm, 3:30 pm (transmisión en vivo), 5pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm (bilingüe) 25 de dic. 8am y 10am. Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios: dic. 31 5:30 pm (transmisión en vivo) enero 1, 9am y 11am

- Por favor regístrese para la misa dominical usando este enlace <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044ea8a72ea7fc1-mass</u>.
- Por caridad le pedimos, no venga a las instalaciones si está enfermo ó ha estado cerca de alguien que está enfermo. Recuerde mantener una distancia segura de 6 pies entre sí. Durante la semana, use las puertas principales cerca del campanario, todas las demás puertas estarán cerradas con seguro.
- Se requiere el uso adecuado de mascarillas cubriendo la nariz, la boca y la barbilla en nuestras instalaciones.
- Acompáñenos los domingos a las 11:15 am en la capilla para rezar el rosario en español por nuestra parroquia, la sociedad y nuestro país. También nos reuniremos todos los lunes a las 8 pm vía el programa Zoom para rezar el rosario en español. Para información comuníquese con Carlos Berrios <u>berrioscg@gmail.com</u> ó Alexia Candamo <u>alexiacandamo@yahoo.com</u>
- Tenemos en la oficina parroquial los adornos navideños de la Casa Blanca por \$25 y los adornos de la parroquia por \$10
- Línea de asistencia 703.938.3210 ó svdp@olgcva.org dejar un mensaje, alguien le regresará su llamada.

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