



OUR LADY *of* LOURDES

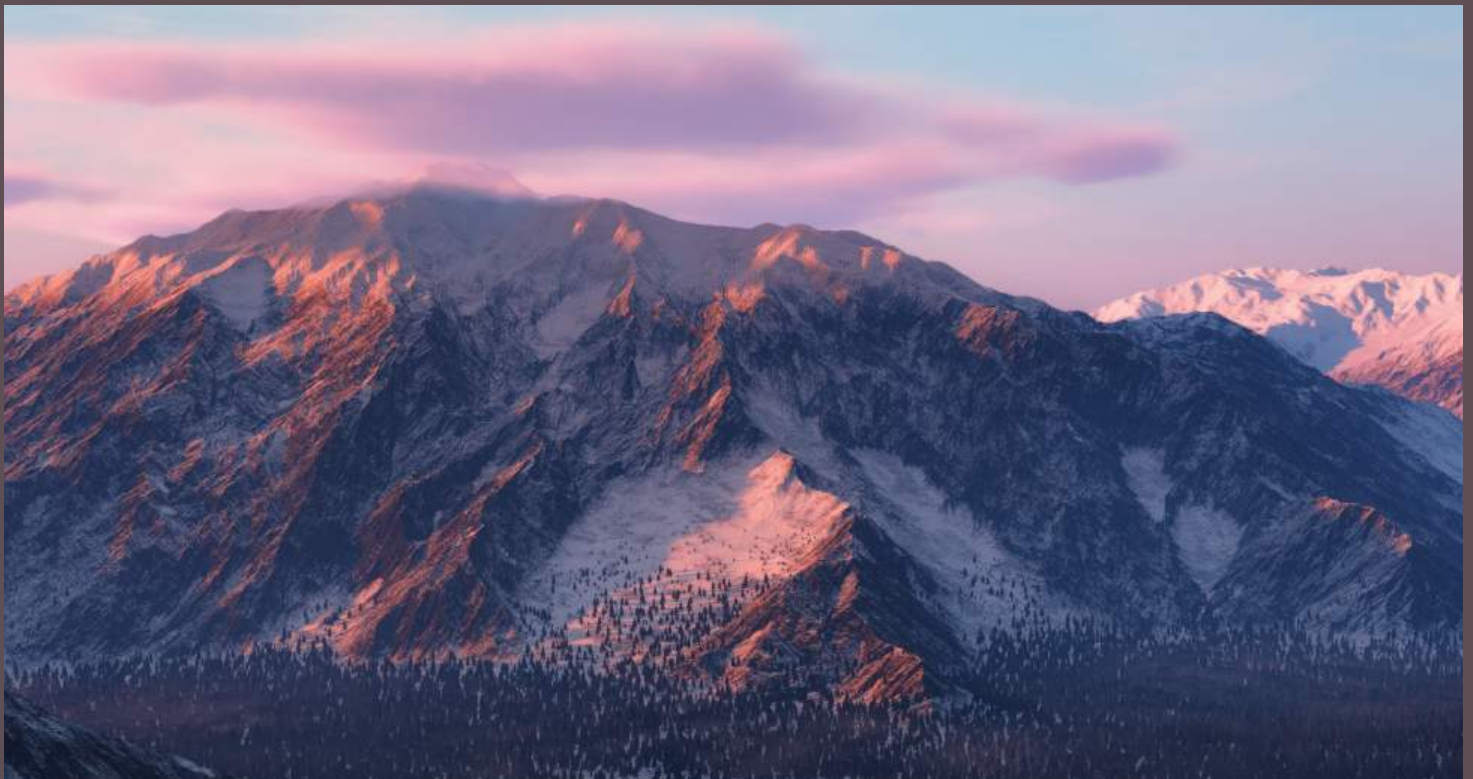
NUESTRA SEÑORA *de* LOURDES

OCTOBER 29, 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 DE OCTUBRE, 2023

TRIGESIMO DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO



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WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.***



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PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “I’m New” to join our parish.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM Vigil (Saturday)
8:00 AM * 10:00 AM * 12:00 PM * 5:00 PM (Español)

Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM * 12:00 PM

Saturday morning: 9:00 AM

July 4th & Thanksgiving: 10:00 AM

All Other Federal Holidays: 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM Vigil * 6:45 AM *
12:00 PM * 7:00 PM

- Note schedule changes for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and other Holidays and special occasions.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sunday: 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM (Español)

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 12:30 PM

- Note special Confessions schedules during Advent, Lent and Holy Week.

ANNOINTING, HOMEBOUND & FUNERALS

Contact the Rectory Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

ROSARY

Monday – Friday: 6:15 AM * 11:30 AM

Saturday: 9:30 AM

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena - Wednesday: 12:30 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday: 3:00 PM

CLERGY

Fr. Frederick H. Edlefsen, *Pastor*

Fr. Joseph R. Kenna, *Parochial Vicar*

Fr. Daniel L. Mode, *In Residence*

Fr. Steven R. Walker, *In Residence*

STAFF

Ms. Debra Corrie, *Office Manager*

Mrs. Mary Ellen Hill, *Office Assistant*

Mrs. Esperanza Miranda, *Office Assistant*

Ms. Leigh Hasson, *Director of Religious Education (DRE)*

Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, *Director of Music*

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Children’s Baptisms arranged by appointment.

Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Mass & More” and “Baptism” to submit a request. Or call the Rectory Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Grades 1-2 prepare for First Holy Communion in our two-year CCD program. Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Get Involved” and “Religious Education” to register.

CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8 prepare for Confirmation in our CCD program. Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Get Involved” and “Religious Education” to register. Or contact Leigh Hasson at dre@ololcc.net.

Youth Ages 14-17: Contact Leigh Hasson at dre@ololcc.net for more information.

Baptized Adults 18+: Follow the prompts on “How Can I Help You” on our website WWW.OLOLCC.NET or contact the Rectory Office.

BECOMING CATHOLIC & ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for adults age 18+ seeking the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Classes begin each fall with a view to receiving these Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. Visit WWW.OLOLCC.NET and click “Get Involved” and “Explore Catholicism” to register. Or call the Rectory Office to speak with a priest.

GODPARENTS AND CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor? Go to our website and click “How Can We Help You?” and follow the prompts for Sacraments of Initiation and Godparents/Sponsors. Or call the Rectory Office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact a priest at least 7-8 months before your wedding date to begin preparation. Submit a request at under WWW.OLOLCC.NET “Mass & More” and “Marriage Prep”.



October 29, 2023
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
 9:00 AM + Jane Bellizzi Fischetti
 by The Fischetti Family
 5:30 PM + Irena and Jozef Dasko
 by the Pronczuk family

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM + Robert A. Rachko Sr.
 by Maria and Trent Hughes
 10:00 AM For all parishioners, living and deceased
 12:00 PM + Mazi Kingsley Ijeoma by Nneka Ijeoma
 5:00 PM (Spanish) Celebrant's Intentions

MONDAY OCTOBER 30

6:45 AM James Tibbs by Maryellen Tibbs
 12:00 PM + All Babies Lost to Abortion
 by James and Maryellen Tibbs

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31

6:45 AM Francis Xavier Eversole by Tatiana Saburova
 12:00 PM The Afghani Men of the World
 7:00 PM Fr. Lee Gross

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1

All Saints
 6:45 AM John Billerbeck
 by James and Maryellen Tibbs
 12:00 PM + Thomas Moser by Richard Moser
 7:00 PM + Alejandro Rubiano Puentes
 by Doris E. Puentes and Astrith Rubiano

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
 6:45 AM All Souls Day Novena
 12:00 PM + Angelita S. Baylon
 by Rito G. and Hubert Baylon

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
 6:45 AM All Souls Day Novena
 12:00 PM + James and Frances Ambury
 by Mary Spellerberg

MASS INTENTIONS

You are invited to honor a friend, relative, or loved one with an Our Lady of Lourdes Mass! Please contact the Rectory Office at **703-684-9261** or **olol@ololcc.net** to arrange. Bishop Burbidge suggests a voluntary donation of \$10.00 per Mass.

The Last Things
November's Mysteries
 By Fr. Frederick Edlefsen



November is about the Last Things: death and judgment. How's that for a happy note? But the news is good.

November 1st is *All Saints Day*. Look to heaven. Make friends with saints. "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). November 2 is *All Souls Day*. We pray for saved souls being purified. Purgatory polishes us up for Heaven. This month, we meditate on time's End and the Last Judgment; and we anticipate Christ's Second Coming on November 26, the feast of *Christ the King*. This is an apt segue into Advent. From Advent's First Sunday until December 17, the readings at Mass foretell Christ's Second Coming.

Back to the subject of death. Death is not just an unhappy limitation. It's something we "do" before the "tribunal of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Our secret intentions stand revealed before God's glance. No press releases. God's glance is a serene Light that "hands all things over to the Father" (1 Corinthians 15:24). At death, we make a serene, honest, and humble acknowledgment of everything in our life. Be not afraid. Mercy reaches deep. God's judgment is gentle and wise, a healing encounter that resolves everything.

But what about hell? The fact that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8) answers the question. In heaven, love is perfect. But love cannot be forced. Love is a free choice. In this life, freedom is tested so that love is perfected. This painful experience proposes two eternal possibilities after death: loneliness or love.

Hell's essence is loneliness. Heaven's essence is love. Preparing for heaven is a training in freedom - because love is free. Love cannot force. Love invites. No one - not even God - can force you to love. By making us free creatures, God has chosen to limit his omnipotence. But whatever we choose, we pay homage to God's greatness. Heaven praises God's mercy. Hell praises God's justice. Both reveal God's love. Everything serves God.

What is heaven like? I don't know, "for we have seen but few of His works" (Sirach 43:34). But time gives hints. All beauty, truth, goodness, and peace hint at something great beyond death. "I saw a new Heaven and new Earth" (Revelation 21:1). "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

OUR PARISH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



This season, you are called to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Fr. Edlefsen asks everyone to commit to attending one or more weekday Masses per week, going to monthly Confession, spending quiet time with the Bible before the Blessed Sacrament, and meditating daily for five minutes on the day's Mass readings. Christ is calling you to renew your faith in His real presence in the Eucharist, and your mission to bring God's life and justice to the world. Feel free to speak with a priest.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Dana Gould, Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diequez, April Garcia, Ron Harris, Jim & Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds, Jose Silva, Peter & Geraldine Filpi, Parfait Williams and Francis Xavier Eversole. Please contact the Rectory at 703-684-9261 or olol@ololcc.net to arrange.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Tuesdays * 7:00 PM * Our Lady of Lourdes

Join our Pro-Life Committee in the church to pray a weekly rosary for the unborn and put an end to abortions.



PRAYER CHAIN

Have an urgent need for prayers? Members of our parish will pray for your intention. Please contact James at 703-887-7117 or ejt@cybtek.com with your request. Please provide a first name and prayer intention for persons needing prayer.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's Altar Flowers were provided in loving memory of Ella and Valdemar Welz by The Pronczuk Family. Parishioners are welcome to sponsor altar and tabernacle flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special event. Sponsorship is \$50. Contact the Rectory Office at 703-684-9261 or olol@ololcc.net. Next available date is November 12th.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY!

Father Edlefsen encourages all to pray the Rosary daily for world peace, as we contemplate Christ's life, and devote ourselves to the Blessed Mother.



INVITE OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOME FOR A VISIT

Our parish's Legion of Mary group is offering parishioners the opportunity to host the "Pilgrim Virgin" statue of Mary in their home for 1-2 weeks. Many blessings can arise from Our Lady's visit! Contact the Legion of Mary at csb1789@hotmail.com

COUNSELING SERVICES ON SITE AT OLOL

Our parish is hosting Laura Salzmann, MA, NCC, a mental health therapist from Catholic Charities Family Services of the Diocese of Arlington. She is offering counseling services every **Wednesdays, 8 AM - 4 PM** in a classroom in the Parish Hall. Laura is a Resident in Counseling in the state of Virginia, with a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She works with children, adolescents, and adults experiencing anxiety, depression, grief, trauma, life changes and interpersonal issues. Please call her at (703) 454-2437 or Family Services at (703) 687-8987 for a consultation

THIS WEEK: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

November 1st is the Solemn Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Everyone should attend Mass on this day.



MASS SCHEDULE
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
Tuesday, Oct 31: 7:00 PM (Vigil/Bilingual)
Wednesday, Nov 1: 6:45 AM * 12:00 PM * 7:00 PM

ALL SOULS' DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). A novena of Masses will be offered from November 2nd to November 10th. All those whose names are written on your novena offertory envelopes will be honored through prayer at these Masses.

VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEER AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Share your unique gift with the parish! Scan this QR code or visit our volunteer page on www.ololcc.net. We have



many ministries, and we need YOU. The greatest needs are for sacristans, money counters, choir singers and CCD Teachers. Hispano-hablantes, you are especially needed to help our Saint Vincent de Paul ministry. Thank you for your support to our Parish Community!

ARE YOU AN ANGEL?

No experience necessary to join our "GARDENING ANGELS" to help maintain the churchyard gardens. Join in and learn as you work. Hours to fit your schedule. Please send an email to Carole DeLong at cdejong828@aol.com



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES SENIOR CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, located in the city of Alexandria is seeking nurses for health and wellness check, nutritionists, exercise instructors and arts and crafts instructors. Service hours are Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 1:30 PM. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/SMDPVOL> ,

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world...Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your heart."

St. John Paul II, Address to young people of Bologna, Sept. 27, 1997.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WELCOME CCD STUDENTS

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN

Sign up at <https://ololcc.net/get-involved/religious-education>

Any questions please contact Leigh Hasson, Director of Religious Education at dre@ololcc.net

Stewardship Reflection

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.



Find the fullness of faith at OCIA.

Ask us about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.
(703) 684-9261

<https://ololcc.net/get-involved/explore-catholicism6>

FORMED

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As a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, you have pre-paid access to FORMED, an online Catholic media streaming service. Enjoy hundreds of Catholic films, e-books, podcasts, study courses, and more on your computer, tablet, and smartphone. Register at formed.org/signup and enter zip code "22202" or "Our Lady of Lourdes VA" to start using this service.

MARY, EXPLAINED



Produced by the Arlington Diocese as part of Year Two of the Diocese Golden Jubilee celebration, this widely acclaimed 7-part video series explain the theology, traditions and devotions to Our Lady and encourages us to grow closer to her with the ultimate goal of growing closer to Christ. Six of the seven episodes are now available.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/maryexplained/>

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

June 2023 – June 2024 Year of Parish Revival

This year, we are all called to renew our faith and life in the grace of the Church's sacraments. Father Edlefsen asks all parishioners to learn more about this year's Eucharistic Revival, taking place in parishes throughout the country.

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE

A JUBILEE JOURNEY WITH MARY

Marian Pilgrimage to Celebrate the Diocese's Jubilee Year.

Mary has been given titles from Scripture, from teachings of the Church, and from many instances that Mary visited places on the earth to encourage people to spend more time in prayer with Jesus. There are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named after Mary or one of her many titles. In preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to visit as many of those churches named after the Blessed Mother and spend time in prayer at each! **Our Lady of Lourdes is one of the 11 churches that made the list!**

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/>

MASS FOR BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Sunday, November 5 * 11 AM * St. Thomas à Becket, Reston

Bishop Michael Burbidge and the Office of Multicultural Ministries' Black Catholic Ministry, invite you to Mass in celebration of National Black Catholic History Month on Sunday, November 5 at St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church in Reston, VA. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. A reception will follow.

MASS IN CELEBRATION FOR RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Sunday, October 29 * 11 AM * St. Joseph, Alexandria

Join the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Alexandria, for the Mass to celebrate Respect Life Month. All are welcome!

Please read Bishop Burbidge's statements for Respect Life Month in this bulletin.

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Please read the Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching at the end of this bulletin to help you prepare for the upcoming elections. Additional resources can be found at The Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) 2023 Election Resource hub at vacatholic.org/Election2023.

MORNINGS OF MERCY

Saturday, November 18 * 9 AM * St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Registration is free.

www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy

**BISHOP'S PODCAST:
WALK HUMBLY**

Look for Bishop Burbidge's Homilies and Podcasts at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/on-the-air where he offers a Catholic perspective on the most recent events in our society, and he answers questions from the faithful.

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THOSE
SEXUALLY ABUSED AS MINORS**

The Diocese of Arlington offers comprehensive assistance to anyone who as a minor was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee or representative of the diocese. Parents, guardians, children survivors of sexual abuse are encouraged to contact the diocesan **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at (703) 841-2350 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/victim-assistance/

VOCATIONS

YOUNG ADULT – FRASSATI RETREAT


Friday - Sunday, November 10-12 * San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

Young adults ages 21-35 are invited to join a weekend of spiritual adventure during which participants will scale the peaks and navigate the troughs of the spiritual life under the guidance of Pier Frassatti and Jesus Christ. For the more adventurous souls, there will be an opportunity for a Sunday afternoon excursion to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak. Cost is \$285. For further information or to register for this retreat, contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or see the bulletin ad.

LADIES: DISCOVER THE GIFTS YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Saturday, November 11 * 9 AM – 4 PM * St. Thomas à Becket

This event, hosted by the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and created by The GIVEN Institute, is designed to inspire you to receive the gift you are, to realize the gifts you have been given, and respond with the gift that only you can give. The events include talks, and opportunities for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Cost is \$55. To learn more or register visit <http://giveninstitute.com/arlington-given-gathering/>.



“Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.”

IS CHRIST CALLING YOU TO LET HIM MANIFEST HIS LOVE IN YOU AS A PRIEST OR CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

Our Lady of Lourdes accepts online donations via Faith Direct! You can donate to all our parish's first and second collections and set up recurring payments on your own schedule. To sign up, scan the QR code below or on the cover of this bulletin, or visit www.faithdirect.net and enter parish code **VA327**.



SHARING OUR GIFTS

As Christians we are asked to nurture our many gifts during our lifetime and return them to our Heavenly Father with an increase. One way we can do that is to help our parish meet its future needs by including a bequest to Our Lady of Lourdes in your will. For more information, call the Diocesan Planned Giving Office at (703) 841-3819 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

November 4 & 5 * Maintenance and Improvement Fund

Help our church stay strong, safe, and clean by donating to our Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund. Your donations keep our buildings comfortable and ensure that our grounds and landscaping look their best throughout the year. These funds also enable us to make necessary structural, mechanical and security improvements across our campus. Thank you!

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NUESTRA PARROQUIA

MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Todos estamos llamados a crecer en nuestra relación con Jesucristo. El Padre Edlefsen pide a todos que se comprometan a asistir a una o más Misas diarias durante la semana, ir a la Confesión una vez al mes, pasar tiempo con la Biblia ante el Santísimo Sacramento y meditar cinco minutos sobre las lecturas de la Misa del día. Cristo te está llamando a renovar tu fe en Su presencia real en la Eucaristía, y la misión de llevar el mensaje de vida y justicia de Dios al mundo.



CONFERENCIA DE LA SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL (SVDP)

La conferencia de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SVDP) de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes ya comenzó a proporcionar asistencia financiera para servicios públicos, alquiler y emergencias. Si desea ser voluntario con SVDP, envíe un mensaje a SVDPOLconference@gmail.com.

BAUTISMOS

Para bautismos, los padres y padrinos deben asistir a la charla pre-bautismal, el último domingo de cada mes, después de la Misa. Los padrinos deben ser *católicos practicantes*, es decir personas que van a Misa cada domingo. Si el padrino/madrina no es feligrés de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, debe traer una carta de su parroquia certificando que es elegible para apadrinar. La carta debe tener sello de la parroquia, firmada por el párroco y ser enviada a Nuestra Señora de Lourdes una semana antes del día del bautismo. Próxima charla será el **Domingo, 29 de octubre** en el Lourdes Center a las 6:15 PM.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Para casarse por la Iglesia, por favor comunicarse con la oficina 7 -8 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio al 703-684-9261.

POR FAVOR OREN POR

Paul Durand, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diéquez, April García, Ron Harris, Jim y Becky McManaman, Bridget Hinds, José Silva, Peter y Geraldine Filpi, y Parfait Williams. Comuníquese con la Rectoría al 703-684-9261 o olol@lolcc.net si necesita incluir a alguien en oración.

EXPOSICION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

Todos los viernes se expone el Santísimo Sacramento de 12:30 PM – 3 PM. Se retira con el rezo de la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. ¡El Señor te espera para tener un encuentro personal contigo!

Las Cosas Finales

Los misterios de noviembre

Por el P. Frederick Edlefsen



El mes de noviembre se trata de eventos finales: la muerte y el juicio final. No son cosas muy felices, ¿verdad? Sin embargo, hay buenas nuevas.

El 1° de noviembre es *el Día de Todos los Santos*. Mira al cielo. Hazte amigo de los santos. "El que vive en Cristo es una nueva criatura" (2 Corintios 5:17). El 2 de noviembre es *el Día de los Fieles Difuntos*. Oramos para que las almas de los fieles sean purificadas. El purgatorio nos prepara para el Cielo. En este mes, meditemos sobre el Fin de los Tiempos y el Juicio Final; y anticipemos la segunda venida de Cristo el 26 de noviembre durante la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Esta celebración es una transición apropiada hacia el Adviento. Desde el primer domingo de Adviento hasta el 17 de diciembre, las lecturas de la Misa anticipan la Segunda Venida de Cristo.

Volviendo al tema de la muerte. La muerte es más que un final triste. Es algo que "hacemos" ante el "tribunal de Cristo" (2 Corintios 5:10). Todas nuestras intenciones secretas se revelan ante la mirada de Dios. No hay necesidad de comunicados de prensa. La mirada de Dios es una Luz serena que "entrega todas las cosas al Padre" (1 Corintios 15:24). Al morir, damos un reconocimiento sereno, honesto y humilde de todo en nuestra vida. No tengáis miedo. La misericordia de Dios llega a lo más profundo. El juicio de Dios es dócil y sabio, un encuentro sanador que lo resuelve todo.

Pero, ¿qué pasa con el infierno? El hecho que "Dios es Amor" (1 Juan 4:8) responde a esta pregunta. En el cielo, el amor es perfecto. Pero el amor no puede ser forzado. El amor es una elección libre. En esta vida, la libertad de amar se pone a prueba para que el amor se perfeccione. Esta experiencia humana presenta dos posibilidades para la eternidad después de la muerte: la soledad o el amor.

La esencia del infierno es la soledad. La esencia del cielo es el amor. Prepararse para el cielo es un entrenamiento en el libre albedrío, porque el amor es libre. El amor no se puede forzar. El amor ofrece. Nadie, ni siquiera Dios, puede obligarte a amar. Al hacernos criaturas con libre albedrío, Dios ha elegido limitar su omnipotencia. Pero no importa lo que elijamos, siempre rendimos homenaje a la grandeza de Dios. El cielo exalta la misericordia de Dios. El infierno exalta la justicia de Dios. Ambos revelan el amor de Dios. Todo existe para servir a Dios.

¿Y cómo es el cielo? No lo sé, "porque hemos visto muy pocas de sus obras" (Eclesiástico 43:34). Pero el tiempo da pistas. Toda la belleza, la verdad, la bondad y la paz sugieren algo grandioso más allá de la muerte. "Vi un cielo nuevo y una tierra nueva" (Apocalipsis 21:1). "He aquí, yo hago nuevas todas las cosas" (Apocalipsis 21:5).

AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO NACIONAL

Junio 2023 – Junio 2024

Año de Avivamiento Parroquial

Durante este Año Nacional de Avivamiento Eucarístico, todos estamos llamados a renovar nuestra fe en la gracia de los sacramentos de la Iglesia. El Padre Edlefsen invita a todos los feligreses a aprender más sobre esta importante iniciativa que se está llevando a cabo en las parroquias de todo el país

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



DONACIONES EN LÍNEA CON FAITH DIRECT

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29 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023

Domingo 30o del Tiempo Ordinario

“Debes amar al Señor, Tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente.”
Mateo 22:37

¿Pone otros “dioses” antes de Dios? ¿Es su amor por el dinero, el poder, el estatus, la comodidad o algunos de sus bienes personales más grande que su amor por Dios? ¿Reconoce que todo lo que es y todo lo que tiene es regalo de Dios? Poner a Dios de primero en todo ayuda a que no nos convirtamos en esclavos de nuestras posesiones y de nuestro orgullo.

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA (CCD)

Las clases de CCD ya empezaron, pero los niños pueden unirse durante el año escolar. Para registrarse, envíe el formulario de registro que se encuentra en nuestro sitio web bajo la sección "Get Involved" y "Religious Education". Comuníquese con Leigh Hasson, nuestro DRE, a dre@ololcc.net con cualquier pregunta.

GRUPOS VOLUNTARIOS

MONAGUILLOS

Niños/jóvenes que desean servir como monaguillos deben asistir a las clases de catequesis todos los domingos para continuar con su preparación espiritual. Comunicarse con la oficina o Sofia Quishpe al 703-395-4730.

GRUPO DE ORACION

Se reúne todos los sábados de 5 - 10 PM. Comunicarse con José Ricardo Díaz al 703-622-6351 o Saul Orellana al 703-869-7095.

LEGION DE MARIA

Se reúne todos los viernes de 6 - 8 PM. Comunicarse con Rosa Benítez al 571-501-3435.

LECTORES

Si deseas unirse al ministerio de la Liturgia como *lector*, comunicarse con Ana Rivera al 703-508-7751.

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Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

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The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the “throwaway culture” identified by Pope Francis.



The Common Good

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God’s creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.



Subsidiarity

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society’s larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.



Solidarity

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism; and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.



*Adapted from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.



Cuatro Principios de la Doctrina Social *

Los temas centrales y perdurables de la doctrina social católica se organizan bajo cuatro principios que proporcionan un marco moral para tomar decisiones en la vida pública.

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La dignidad de la persona

La vida de una persona es sagrada. La dignidad de la persona es lo fundamental para haber una visión moral para la sociedad.



Los ataques directos hacia personas que son inocentes nunca son moralmente aceptables. En nuestra sociedad, el ejemplo más grave es el aborto. Eutanasia, suicidio asistido, clonación,

fertilización in vitro y la destrucción de embriones para la investigación son otros. Protección de la dignidad de la vida también incluye superar la pobreza, acabar con el uso de la pena de muerte y oponerse al racismo, la tortura, la guerra injusta, el tráfico de seres humanos y todas las actividades que contribuyen a la “cultura desechable” identificada por el Papa Francisco.

El bien común

El bien común se alcanza cuando las condiciones sociales permiten que las personas logren su realización personal



plenamente y fácilmente. El bien común defiende el derecho fundamental a la vida, que hace posible todos los otros derechos. Este afirma el derecho a alimentos, vivienda,

educación, empleo, salud, libertad de religión y conciencia, y vida familiar. Este requiere una economía que atiende a personas, no al revés. Pide a los empleadores a respetar la dignidad y los derechos de los trabajadores ofreciendo trabajo productivo, salarios justos, seguridad adecuada en la edad avanzada, la opción de poder organizar y unirse a los sindicatos y la oportunidad para obtener el estatus legal para los trabajadores inmigrantes. Los trabajadores deben contribuir con un día de trabajo para la paga de un día justo, tratando a los empleadores y compañeros de trabajo con respeto y contribuir al bien común. Este principio requiere de proteger y cuidar toda la creación de Dios, especialmente a los más vulnerables entre nosotros y la tierra cual es nuestra casa que compartimos.

Subsidiariedad

La persona humana es sociable. La familia es el pilar fundamental de la sociedad, basada en el matrimonio entre



un hombre y una mujer, es un santuario para la creación y la crianza de los niños. Las políticas y los programas deben defender, fortalecer y respetar esta unidad

fundamental y defender los derechos y responsabilidades de los padres de cuidar y educar a sus hijos. Además, cada persona y asociación, en forma activa, tiene un derecho y un deber de formar la sociedad y promover el bienestar de todos, especialmente a los pobres y vulnerables. Subsidiariedad significa que grandes instituciones de la sociedad no deben abrumar o interferir con las instituciones más pequeñas o locales. Estas grandes instituciones están obligadas, sin embargo, a proteger la dignidad humana y satisfacer las necesidades humanas, cuando las instituciones más pequeñas no pueden hacerlo adecuadamente.

Solidaridad

Somos una familia humana, a pesar de nuestras diferencias



nacionales, raciales, étnicas, económicas e ideológicas, llamados a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Debemos trabajar para erradicar la pobreza, la enfermedad y el

racismo; y dar la bienvenida a los inmigrantes, refugiados y solicitantes de asilo que están buscando empleo, seguridad, educación y una vida mejor para sus familias. Solidaridad requiere preocupación preferencial a los pobres. Una prueba moral básica de cualquier sociedad es de cómo se trata a aquellos que son más vulnerables. Esta opción preferencial a los pobres y vulnerables incluye todos los que están marginados, niños no nacidos, las personas con discapacidad, ancianas, desahuciadas, víctimas de injusticia y opresión; y los inmigrantes.

*Adaptado de *Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles* (núms. 44 a 56), de la Conferencia Católica de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos del año 2015



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