



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Mexicali Blues

Salvadoran/Mexican/Central
American

Inexpensive

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BEST
BARGAIN

Arlington

2933 Wilson Blvd.

Arlington, VA

703-812-9352

Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday until 11, open Sunday for dinner only until 11.

As much as we like this color-splashed, twentysomething hangout for lunch and dinner, our new favorite meal here is Sunday brunch. Huevos rancheros, fried eggs over grilled house-made tortillas, flautas crammed with cheese and eggs, and chorizo or pork-and-cheese omelets banish the breakfast blahs. And don't forget the Salsa Mary to go with it all. Old loves from the regular menu include fluffy corn tamales, spectacular tacos de camaron with delicate fried shrimp, Salvadoran-style marinated steak known as carne asada, and anything--enchiladas, tacos, or burritos--filled with seasoned pork.

Everything is house-made, and it shows--the tortillas, warm spicy salsa, and fresh guacamole, which at times goes a tad overboard in the chili department for our taste. And don't forget the fried yucca, the best around. Don't forget the flan.

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— Cynthia Hacinli

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