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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./
1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.
Monthly Sensory Mass on the
second Sunday of every month
at the 1:00pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
12:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. on Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday
or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a
baptism, please visit our website:
<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

MARRIAGE POLICY: Please contact the Church as soon as
you are engaged, and at least six months prior to your
wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

A Message from our Pastor
Msgr. Bob Cilinski



“Do whatever He tells you”
John - 2:4

My dear parishioners,

In our gospel today we are presented with the beautiful scene of the Wedding Feast of Cana. It is a story from the first days of Jesus’ public ministry that we know very well.

I think it is very interesting that the first public event that Jesus attends after his Baptism is a wedding. Jesus elevated the civil ceremony of marriage to the level of a sacrament by his presence there. It also tells us very clearly that marriage is part of God’s plan for our world and society.

God loves his people like a bridegroom loves his bride. Our relationship with God is a marriage... not a divorce. God has wedded Himself to us, *“You shall be my people and I shall be your God.”*

It is also interesting that the Mother of Jesus is there, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the Mother of Jesus. She is also *“our Mother.”* Mary is always there to help her children... to help each one of us. Mary instructed those at the wedding, *“Do whatever He tells you.”* These are beautiful words. And these are the last words that Mary speaks in Sacred Scripture.

In this New Year let us be assured of the care and concern of Jesus for us, for our families and marriages. He can transform *“water”* into the *“choicest wine.”* He can transform our sorrows into joy. Let us pray to Mary, the Queen of Peace, that she will intercede that there will be peace in our families, in our homes, in our country and in our world.

This week is the March For Life, on January 24. The Church’s position on abortion is a beautiful stand for human life from its earliest stages. We also must help women who are in crisis pregnancies, and we do. Through our charitable giving from our parish tithing, we support pro-life pregnancy centers such as *“Birthright, A Women’s Choice, and Hope”* in Northern VA. Let us continue to be champions of life in the earliest stage of life and in every circumstance.

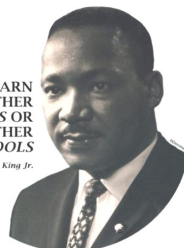
Love and blessings

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

In Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the Inauguration, the Parish Office will be closed all day on Monday, January 20th. Morning Mass will be at 7:30am.

WE MUST LEARN
TO LIVE TOGETHER
AS BROTHERS OR
PERISH TOGETHER
AS FOOLS
Martin Luther King Jr.



MARCH FOR LIFE
JOIN US ON JANUARY 24, 2025
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Secure your free Nativity Deluxe Motor Coach bus seat at: bit.ly/3TLtmEN

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country.

Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It’s the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... **TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.**

We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected!

Nativity will again offer a bus. We will depart after the Nativity’s March for Life 10:00am Mass, attend the rally and march, stop at St. Peter’s Church for hot chocolate/coffee/restroom break and then return ~ 4:00pm.



LIFE FEST!

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 23**

\$10

NIGHT OF PRAISE
7:00 - 9:45 P.M.

FEATURING DYNAMIC
SPEAKERS & MUSICIANS,
ADORATION, RELICS, &
MORE!



REGISTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE
Contact: cymenativityburke.org

GRADES 8 - 12

APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING SPECIAL COLLECTION - JANUARY 25/26

On the weekend of January 25/26, the Knights will be speaking at all the Masses asking for your help to continue their home building effort in one of the poorest counties in our country. For the last 24 years, the Nativity Knights and Nativity Parish have partnered with the Appalachian Construction Crew operating out of Bellevue, Nebraska, to build one home in McCreary County, Kentucky, which is rated as one of the top counties in this country for income below the poverty level. Throughout the year both crews raise money to offset the cost of approximately \$110,000 to build the home. Last year, the three-bedroom home cost \$103,000. With the generosity of Nativity Parish, Nativity has raised over \$100,000 in past collections and is the main funding source for the annual home building effort. Without Nativity's support, the home building effort would have ceased in 2005. Last year, the combined crews built a home for the Perry family. The family had a total income of approximately \$21,000 and the family of two lived with the father's parents.

We are trying to exceed our past collection efforts to reach \$120,000. We have added approximately \$20,000 to our goal to expand our outreach efforts in the county to help more families in addition to the family receiving their new home. Our outreach efforts will include hygiene kits for ~270 children; help with home repairs; and vouchers to help with utility and medical bills.

This year Good Shepherd Chapel in Whitley City selected the Tucker family of three to receive Nativity's 27th home. The grandmother is raising two teenage grandchildren. The new home will be built on a lot next to the trailer they are renting. The family's total income is \$30,500. Over a very compressed two weeks in June, the combined crews will build a 1,100SF, three-bedroom home, complete with porches, heating/AC, and appliances--the family assists if they are able. This will be our first home that connects directly to the city sewer system and will not require a septic system. A handyman prepares the foundation and because of county requirements, we must hire local electricians, HVAC specialists, and plumbers who work side-by-side with our crews to complete the home which has significantly added to our costs. Nativity will provide new complete beds for all the family members.

Please help if you can, but above all pray that we may be able to continue this important mission! The Knights will be collecting at all the church exits after all the Masses—**checks may be made payable to Nativity Catholic Church but annotate Appalachia Home Building on the check and your church envelope number to facilitate posting to your account.** Please consider electronic giving if at all possible; Appalachia Home Building is one of the designated charities. If you would like to mail your contribution, please send it to Nativity Catholic Church, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015. Please call Bob Corsi at 703-239-2890 if you have any questions or email him at bobcorsi@cox.net.

PLEASE HELP US, THANK YOU!!



St. Lucy Winter Food Drive: Saturday, February 8th from 9:00AM-1:00PM

The St. Lucy Winter Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 8 February to support Catholic Charities in its campaign against hunger in the Diocese. The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the previous food drives). During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal).

Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, especially grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome! Please make any checks out to CCDA, with "St. Lucy Project" in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1>.

If you would like to help hand out the blue bags after Mass on 1-2 February, please join us in the narthex after Communion.

If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com.

Thank you and God bless you!



The Holy Year 2025 — Pilgrims of Hope

To learn more about the Jubilee Year and for various resources including a calendar of events, plenary indulgence information, the official Jubilee Hymn and Prayer, and more, visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025/>. There you can also find a link to download the official Jubilee App "Iubilaeum25."

THIS LENT, JOIN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON FOR AN ENLIVENING JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF JESUS! *A HOLY PEOPLE: LIVING THE SCRIPTURAL AND SOCIAL TEACHING OF OUR FAITH*

How can we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, loving the Lord with all our heart, soul & mind and our neighbor as ourselves? This adult faith formation series shows the way through Prayer, Scripture, the Beatitudes, and the rich Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

Topics for this prayerful, guided interactive in-person faith program formation series includes:

- **Holiness: The Heart of Catholic Social Teaching**
- **The Great Commandment and Human Dignity**
- **What is Social Sin and how should we respond?**

When: 5 Tuesdays in Lent starting March 11 - ending April 8 at 7:30pm
Where: Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203. We are excited to see you as we walk this journey together. As the Lord said, "Come and See!"

**St. Joseph Consecration:
Save the Date, February 11th! Come and see!**



Join other parishioners for a 33-day retreat via Zoom. There is so much to know about St Joseph. Fr. Calloway has filled his book with knowledge and insights about St. Joseph so that we can understand the invitation that St. Joseph extends to all of us – to get to know him and to increase our faith.

Join us on a spiritual journey to more deeply experience St Joseph, the Spiritual Father, the gentleman, the Chivalrous warrior, protector and defender, and the model of all fatherhood. so that he can increase your spiritual well-being and lead you to God.

The Consecration to St. Joseph is a program that features daily readings and 6 Zoom weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings 7:45 to 9:00 PM. For more information and to register, visit the Nativity Web site: <https://nativityburke.org/33-day-retreat/> or Contact Mark Pizzo at 33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

The Bustamante Family
In Loving Memory of
Francisco Bustamante



THE CORNERSTONE CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR SINGERS

No audition or prior experience necessary - All are welcome!

We sing at the 5:30pm Mass every Sunday.

Please contact Mina Lee at Mina.wonn@gmail.com for more information.



**OPERATION STARFISH
HONDURAS MISSION TRIP**

JULY 7-11, 2025

If you're college-age or in your 20s or 30s, contact Alison Fram to express your interest in coming with us!

Our mission is to visit Honduras and see our newest partnership with **Operation Starfish**.



afram@nativityburke.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

THE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY WELCOMES ALL PARISHIONERS TO OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR!

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SOCIAL HOUR WITH WINE AND SNACKS FOLLOWS. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

JOIN AS A MEMBER AT ANY MEETING. GUESTS CAN JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES FOR \$5. MEMBERS CAN RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS FOR \$25/FAMILY OR \$20/SINGLE.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry

PUB GAMES: DARTS, PING PONG, BILLIARD & PIZZA

Pottuck Social

January 31, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Edmonds' Home

To Register Email Anna Lisa
marriage@nativityburke.org

**Love working with children? Want flexibility?
Consider becoming a Recess Monitor at Nativity School
Part-Time Recess Help Needed**



Monday - Friday from Approx. 11:30 am - 1:15 pm

We are in need of responsible adults with the following minimum qualifications to monitor children while eating lunch and at recess:

- Ability to follow directions and communicate effectively.
- Proficiency in maintaining control in a group environment.
- Compliant within the Diocese.
- Successful background check.

To apply, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146.



**MASS INTENTIONS &
MASS SCHEDULE**
"We are God's People"
1 Peter 2:10

Monday, January 20th

7:30 am † Carlota Buhain

Tuesday, January 21st

7:30 am † Nicolas Gavilan
12:00 pm † Hershileda Roa

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:30 am Special Intention for Marshall McCormac
10:00 am Parishioners (*Heatherwood*)

Thursday, January 23rd

7:30 am † Richard Blake
12:00 pm † Hao Le

Friday, January 24th

7:30 am † Martin and Hope Ford
8:30 am † Francisco Fredrickson (*note time change*)
10:00 am *March for Life*

Saturday, January 25th

9:00 am † Bob Fram
5:00 pm † Joseph M. Bowers, Jr.
7:00 pm Special Intention for Adela Miranda de Solano

Sunday, January 26th

7:00 am † Cecile Mary Bosworth
9:00 am Special Intention for Kaitlin McCormac
11:00 am Parishioners
1:00 pm † Chinh Le
5:30 pm † Dorothy Barbanes

**In prayer, let us remember
the sick and deceased of the parish
visit nativityburke.org for the Priest Mass Schedule**

Did you receive a Christmas gift that you will never use? I would love to take it off your hands! I am collecting new items to use as prizes for Nativity's senior bingo on January 30th.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

For more information contact
Mrs. McGuire at 703-455-2300 ext. 145.



Date Night

**GET HOLY OR DIE TRYING:
5 RULES FOR A MARRIED
SPIRITUAL LIFE**

with Fr. Stephen Vaccaro

**Nativity School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 15
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

*Dinner & Childcare Provided
<https://nativityburke.org/date-night/>
Contact Anna Lisa Licud at
marriage@nativityburke.org*



Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God's Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times.

Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.

**VIRGINIA
PRO-LIFE DAY**
JANUARY 29TH, 2025



What is Virginia Pro-Life Day?

Join us for a day of advocacy in Richmond as you meet directly with your legislators to advocate on a wide variety of pro-life issues.

How can I get involved?

Register at vaprolifeday.org to make your voice heard in January!



**WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE
HOLIDAYS ARE OVER**

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions.

Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 31 - February 2: Myrtle Beach, SC

March 7 - 9: Rehoboth Beach, DE

March 14 -16: Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ

March 21-23: Emerald Isle, NC



**SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FEBRUARY 2nd - 9:00AM MASS**

Nativity Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 2nd at the 9:00 am Mass. All Scouts (from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and other scouting programs) from the Parish are invited to participate. Please have your Scout report in full uniform to the Fr. Ready Room (between the Church and the School) by 8:40 am to line up for the processional.

Units are invited to bring their flags with stands. Scouts will be seated with their leaders by program level. All of the Scouts will receive commemorative patches for participating.

Following the 9:00 am Mass, Troop 1100 and the Knights of Columbus will host a special Pancake Breakfast in the cafeteria for just \$5/person or \$20/family. Please contact your Scout leaders or Ryan Hovatter at 301-481-5294 for more information.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Want to help make a positive impact to support marriages and families? Please help the Marriage Enrichment Ministry with Child Care and/or clean-up on our next date night on **Saturday, February 15.**

Please email Anna Lisa at marriage@nativityburke.org for more information.

Nativity Stars

GALA & AUCTION
bids, booty, and a pirate mystery



Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 6:30 pm | Fr. Martin Center

TICKETS GO ON SALE FEB. 3rd!
Secure Your Spot and Early Bird Pricing (\$65)

Seated Dinner • Open Bar • Pirate Mystery • Costume Contest
• Photo Booth • Live & Silent Auction • Class Basket Raffle •
50/50 Raffle • Heads or Tails

All hands on deck - Donate Today!

We can't make our Gala great without sponsors and donations. Great treasures to donate include:
Restaurant gift cards, Performing arts or sports tickets, Personal services, Spa gift cards, Vacation home rentals etc.

For more information check out the QR code.

Follow us on Instagram: @nativitystarsgala

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come on out with us to: a comedy play at Jefferson Community Theatre (Feb. 2); square dancing (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 24); walk at Brenman Park (Feb. 6); dining-out in Shirlington (Feb. 9); Thursday lunches (Feb. 13, 27); Valentine's Day dance (Feb. 14); guided tour of George Washington's Alexandria (Feb. 16); movie/dinner in Fairfax (Feb. 19); visit to St. Thomas More Cathedral/lunch (Feb. 21); preparing/serving meal at Christ House (Feb. 22). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



COME ONE!
COME ALL!

FUN FOR
ALL AGES!

A one-act play that clowns around with the Greek myths!

Presented by The Nativity Players Theatre Ministry

Friday, Feb. 7 & Saturday, Feb. 8 7:30pm

FREE ADMISSION!! • FATHER MARTIN CENTER

Meet our new Director of Theatre Ministry!
Find out about our summer show, *Fiddler on the Roof!*

Email theater@nativityburke.org for more information

**A Virginia celebration of the
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

All are welcome!

We welcome you to join with bishops, ecumenical officers and representatives of judicatories across Virginia to pray for unity hosted by the Virginia LARCUM Committee.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 7:30pm

Saint Bernadette Catholic Church
7600 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152

703-451-8576



ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE
Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul



PLEASE
DONATE

---- **SATURDAY, FEB 8th | 9AM-1PM** ----

Nativity Parish Parking Lot

A "Drive-By/Drop-Off" food drive
Please place your donations in your trunk

FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- Canned Meat (tuna and chicken)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Pasta (ravioli)
- Hearty Soups
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit

Please no glass containers

DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS! THE ST. LUCY TEAM WILL ASSIST YOU!

GIFT CARDS AND MONETARY GIFTS ALSO ACCEPTED

Checks can be made out to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Project" in the memo

WORKCAMP 2025 *Registration Open*

Teens currently in grades 9-12 are invited to a week-long overnight camp providing them with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship.

Applications for teens and adult volunteers are open now through **January 20**.

Contact:
wc@nativityburke.org



The Car Ministry accepts vehicles, reconditions them and then provides them as a gift to low-income families referred by pastors and social agencies. Click on the "Donate your Car" link on the Car Ministry's website, www.carministry.org, or contact the charity's Director, Larry Gordon at 703.237.8479 for more info.



A message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

The Magic of Winter Trees: Making a Deeper Connection.

Winter is a lovely time to get to know your trees better. Dreams of warmer days are lovely, but if you have trees in your yard or a nearby park, winter might also be the time to learn how to appreciate and protect their incredible beauty. When our trees are bare of leaves, you can visualize more clearly their beautiful shapes, identify some species characteristics and assess their health status. If you haven't taken a long walk or hike in the winter before, it's time to bundle up and head out on the trail. Even if you aren't an experienced birder, it's often easier at this time of year to observe hawks, owls, or other raptors at work. Smaller birds can be spotted searching tree bark or leaf litter for insects and berries, and mammals often make a long-distance appearance as they look for food. Native evergreens or the lovely persistent leaves on oaks and beeches provide beautiful color among the gray tree trunks. While you may not want to linger for contemplation, if you walk gently, there is a type of forest bathing you can experience surrounded by the still, silent trees in the chilly air. One of the loveliest things you can see in a winter forest is found by looking up to the sky: it is in this season that you can see how the tree canopy develops—trees grow side-by-side leaving a path around each canopy's branches so that sunlight may reach down to the forest floor. This is called canopy shyness.

So, if you want to learn about trees, to more closely observe nature and to find quiet time for spiritual reflection about God's creation, winter is a magical time to spend outside in the stillness and beauty of the forest. For information about the self-guided tour of Nativity's native trees, contact nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.

(adapted from Plant Nova Natives, "Articles to Share")

Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!



When: Usually Fridays after Nativity's 7:30am Mass. Where: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life.



SENIOR BINGO

IN HONOR OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS HOSTING A SENIOR BINGO.

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. 10:00 AM STARTS MINGLE TIME WITH BINGO TIME TO FOLLOW FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 AM.

LITE SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE RSVP TO MRS. CHAPMAN AT 703-455-2300.

Please join us for our January Rosary meeting on *Tuesday, January 21st from 1:00-3:00pm in the Father Ready Room*

We will be teaching how to make mission Rosaries. It is a great ministry to help pass some time on these long winter days. Plus it gets Rosaries into praying hand all over the world. Please contact us with any questions at Rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

Discover CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



The Knights of Columbus - Dames Auxiliary

Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism. We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased. Our fellowship and informational meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. Contact kdelatte65@gmail.com for information or to be added to our email distro.



Nativity Parish Inclement Weather Policy

If Fairfax County Public Schools are closed, the Religious Education Office, Nativity School and Nativity Parish office will **typically** also close. **Frequently** the 7:30 am daily Mass will be canceled. If there is a delay, **typically** the 7:30 am Mass will be held as normal. Nativity **normally** follows the county, but **please refer to our website, social media or call the Parish Office at 703 455 2400** for the most daily up-to-date information

www.nativityburke.org



NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY



No Hands But Yours is an original Nativity Ministry doing God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. We work distributing food, clothing, and personal items to the poor and homeless in DC and northern VA every Sunday morning, rain or shine.

We also have weekly trips into designated areas bringing Panera bread donations along with help from local food banks. Through the blessings of God, we have grown through our Nativity community and continue to do so. For more details visit the Nativity Parish website at <https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/>. Families are also welcomed! If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/Sunday runs, please contact John Rubino at: john.albert.rubino@gmail.com.

2Minutes2Virtue

2Minutes2Virtue is for Catholics who want to get the most out of Sunday readings. Every week, a featured priest from the Catholic Diocese of Arlington will give his take on the Sunday Gospel reading, and use it as inspiration behind the week's challenge. Look out for your own parish priest, and experience the wisdom of so many priests in our own diocese. **You can sign up by texting "2m2v" to 84576, and receive the weekly challenge straight to your mobile phone!**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
25 & 26 JANUARY

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
 DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION
 Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



EDGE: GRADES 6-8
 Twice a month: Sunday 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 & Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 See website for full schedule

LIFE FEST! JANUARY 23
 Join us for a night of praise the evening before the annual March for Life! The night will feature dynamic speakers & musicians, Adoration, relics, & more! The cost is \$10 and is open to teens in grades 8-12.

ONE ACT PLAY PERFORMANCES
 February 7 & 8 at 7:30 p.m.
 Diocesan Festival at Nativity: Saturday, February 8

See website for full schedule


Before attending, please register for the 2024-2025 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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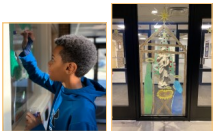
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Then every year, just after Thanksgiving, our art teacher, Mrs. Heath, guides our 7th graders as they paint the school's windows in joyful colors with religious and Christmas symbols, such as an Advent Wreath, the Nativity scene, angels, Christmas trees and decorations.

Join us at Nativity. Love lives here. Contact Shannon Murphy at smurph@nativityschool.org, or (703) 455-2300, for information about our school. We would love to hear from you.

Important Upcoming Dates ~

- Monday, Jan 20 – No School/MLK Day
- Friday, Jan 24 – School Mass Begins at 8:30 AM
- Sunday, Jan 26 – Catholic Schools Week Begins
- Monday, Jan 27 – Spelling Bee, 2:15 PM
- Tuesday, Jan 28 – Parent Breakfast/Class Visits
- Wednesday, Jan 29 – Vocations Talk, Middle School
- Wednesday, Jan 29 – Band Concert, 2:00 PM
- Thursday, Jan 30 – Senior Bingo, 10:30 AM
- Thursday, Jan 30 – Military/Emergency Personnel Event
- Friday, Jan 31 – Free Lunch for All Students
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- Saturday, Feb 1 – PTO Multicultural Event, 6:00-9:00 PM

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Adopt-A-Highway: Saturday, January 25 from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon in parking lot. Clean up Old Keene Mill Road! See SUG on LinkTree.

St. Lucy Food Drive: Bag distribution after Mass February 1-2, collection on Saturday February 8. See SUG on LinkTree.

Blood Drive: Saturday, Feb. 15 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Nativity school cafeteria, in conjunction with INOVA Blood Service. Currently, less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood. Signups are pending.

Donut Sunday: February 16 - We need recruiters and servers. See SUGs on LinkTree.

Financial Readiness Seminar: February 18 at 7:00 PM in cafeteria. All are invited to better understand the benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. This event is open to the entire community. See SUG on LinkTree.

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings.

For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.colella.86@gmail.com.

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Invitaron a Jesús a las bodas

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Isaías 62, 1-5; I Corintios 12, 4-11; Juan 2, 1-11

El Evangelio del II Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario es el episodio de las bodas de Caná. ¿Qué ha querido decirnos Jesús aceptando participar en una fiesta nupcial? Sobre todo, de esta manera honró, de hecho, las bodas entre el hombre y la mujer, recalando, implícitamente, que es algo bello, querido por el Creador y por Él bendecido. Pero quiso enseñarnos también otra cosa. Con su venida, se realizaba en el mundo ese desposorio místico entre Dios y la humanidad que había sido prometido a través de los profetas, bajo el nombre de «nueva y eterna alianza». En Caná, símbolo y realidad se encuentran: las bodas humanas de dos jóvenes son la ocasión para hablarnos de otro desposorio, aquél entre Cristo y la Iglesia que se cumplirá en «su hora», en la cruz.

Si deseamos descubrir cómo deberían ser, según la Biblia, las relaciones entre el hombre y la mujer en el matrimonio, debemos mirar cómo son entre Cristo y la Iglesia. Intentemos hacerlo, siguiendo el pensamiento de San Pablo sobre el tema, como está expresado en Efesios, 5, 25-33. En el origen y centro de todo matrimonio, siguiendo esta perspectiva, debe estar el amor: «Maridos, amad a vuestras mujeres como Cristo amó a la Iglesia y se entregó a sí mismo por ella».

Esta afirmación –que el matrimonio se funda en el amor- parece hoy darse por descontado. En cambio sólo desde hace poco más de un siglo se llegó al reconocimiento de ello, y todavía no en todas partes. Durante siglos y milenios, el matrimonio era una transacción entre familias, un modo de proveer a la conservación del patrimonio o a la mano de obra para el trabajo de los jefes, o una obligación social. Los padres y las familias eran los protagonistas, no los esposos, quienes frecuentemente se conocían sólo el día de la boda.

Jesús, sigue diciendo Pablo en el texto de los Efesios, se entregó «a fin de presentarse a sí mismo su Iglesia resplandeciente, sin que tenga mancha ni arruga ni cosa parecida». ¿Es posible, para un marido humano, imitar, también en este aspecto, al esposo Cristo? ¿Puede quitar las arrugas a su propia esposa? ¡Claro que puede! Hay arrugas producidas por el desamor, por haber sido dejados en soledad. Quien se siente aún importante para el cónyuge no tiene arrugas, o si las tiene son arrugas distintas, que acrecientan, no disminuyen la belleza.

Y las esposas, ¿qué pueden aprender de su modelo, que es la Iglesia? La Iglesia se embellece únicamente para su esposo, no por agradar a otros. Está orgullosa y es entusiasta de su esposo Cristo y no se cansa de tejerle alabanzas. Traducido al plano humano, esto recuerda a las novias y a las esposas que su estima y admiración es algo importantísimo para el novio o el marido.

A veces, para ellos es lo que más cuenta en el mundo. Sería grave que les faltara recibir jamás una palabra de aprecio por su trabajo, por su capacidad organizativa, por su valor, por la dedicación a la familia; por lo que dice, si es un hombre político; por lo que escribe, si es un escritor; por lo que crea, si es un artista. El amor se alimenta de estima y muere sin ella.

Pero existe una cosa que el modelo divino recuerda sobre todo a los esposos: la fidelidad. Dios es fiel, siempre, a pesar de todo. Hoy, esto de la fidelidad se ha convertido en un discurso escabroso que ya nadie se atreve a hacer. Sin embargo el factor principal del desmembramiento de muchos matrimonios está precisamente aquí, en la infidelidad. Hay quien lo niega, diciendo que el adulterio es el efecto, no la causa, de las crisis matrimoniales. Se traiciona, en otras palabras, porque no existe ya nada con el propio cónyuge.

A veces esto será incluso cierto; pero muy frecuentemente se trata de un círculo vicioso. Se traiciona porque el matrimonio está muerto, pero el matrimonio está muerto precisamente porque se ha empezado a traicionar, tal vez en un primer tiempo sólo con el corazón. Lo más odioso es que a menudo es el que traiciona quien hace recaer en el otro la culpa de todo y se hace la víctima.

Pero volvamos al episodio del Evangelio, porque contiene una esperanza para todos los matrimonios humanos, hasta los mejores. Sucede en todo matrimonio lo que ocurrió en las bodas de Caná. Comienza en el entusiasmo y en la alegría (de ello es símbolo el vino); pero este entusiasmo inicial, como el vino en Caná, con el paso del tiempo se consume y llega a faltar. Entonces se hacen las cosas ya no por amor y con alegría, sino por costumbre. Cae sobre la familia, si no se presta atención, como una nube de monotonía y de tedio. También de estos esposos se debe decir: «¡No les queda vino!».

El relato del Evangelio indica a los cónyuges una vía para no caer en esta situación o salir de ella si ya se está dentro: ¡invitar a Jesús a las propias bodas! Si Él está presente, siempre se le puede pedir que repita el milagro de Caná: transformar el agua en vino. El agua del acostumbramiento, de la rutina, de la frialdad, en el vino de un amor y de una alegría mejor que la inicial, como era el vino multiplicado en Caná. «Invitar a Jesús a las propias bodas» significa honrar el Evangelio en la propia casa, orar juntos, acercarse a los sacramentos, tomar parte en la vida de la Iglesia.

No siempre los dos cónyuges están, en sentido religioso, en la misma línea. Tal vez uno de los dos es creyente y el otro no, o al menos no de la misma forma. En este caso, que invite a Jesús a las bodas aquél de los dos que le conozca, y lo haga de manera –con su gentileza, el respeto por el otro, el amor y la coherencia de vida- que se convierta pronto en el amigo de ambos. ¡Un «amigo de familia»!

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Jesus did not perform miracles just to make people happy or to get attention.

The Miracle at Cana

Circle the word in each jar that does not fit. Write them on the lines below.

1 He Out In	2 hurried revealed rushed	3 Always His Never	4 groom bride glory
5 high low and	6 babies children disciples	7 put see look	
8 near their far	9 despair sadness faith	10 in stop halt	11 Him Father Brother

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____
 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 3 _____
 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____
 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____

Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding.

Find 11 objects that are hidden in the wedding picture. Use the first letter of each item to find the name of the city.



The wedding was in _____ of _____.

While Jesus was at the wedding something amazing happened!

Unscramble the words for the crossword, then place the words in the story. The word meanings are in parentheses to help you.

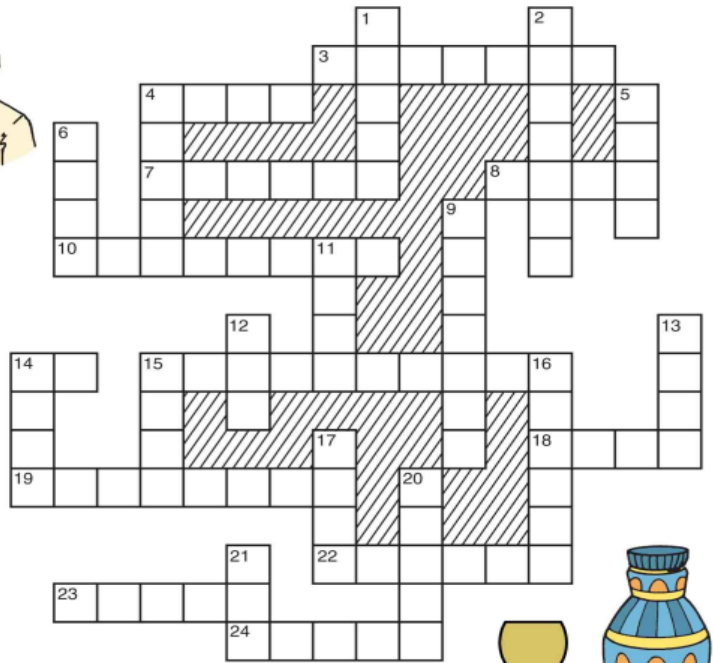


Across

- 3. qetunab (feast)
- 4. eniw (grape juice)
- 7. dettas (tried)
- 8. lifl (put in)
- 10. tanessvr (helpers)
- 14. od (carry out)
- 15. rderimbogo (wedding host)
- 18. keat (remove)
- 19. veerthaw (anything)
- 22. trasem (director)
- 23. noste (ceramic)
- 24. lestl (instructs)

Down

- 1. vased (kept)
- 2. zeelira (know)
- 4. treaw (clear liquid)
- 5. dolt (instructed)
- 6. jrsa (containers)
- 9. noll sag (4 quarts)
- 11. mite (moment)
- 12. ixs (number)
- 13. moce (approach)
- 14. wrad (take out)
- 15. steb (most superior)
- 16. mertho (parent)
- 17. mrib (top edge)
- 20. sueJs (God's Son)
- 21. tey (until this time)



Jesus' (16D) _____
 told Him that the wedding hosts had run out of (4A) _____.
 He said, "My (11D) _____ has not (21D) _____ come."
 His mother told the (10A) _____, "(14A) _____
 (19A) _____ He (24A) _____ you." Jesus said,
 "(8A) _____ the (6D) _____ with (4D) _____." They filled (12D) _____ (23A) _____
 jars to the (17D) _____ – each holding 20-30 (9D) _____. Jesus (5D) _____ them, "Now (14D) _____ some
 out and (18A) _____ it to the (22A) _____ of the (3A) _____." The master did not (2D) _____
 where it had (13D) _____ from. After he (7A) _____ it, he asked why the (15A) _____ had saved
 the (15D) _____ wine for the end of the banquet.

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