

Lord  
may your light  
shine through me  
for others to see



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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./11:00a.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. Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday and 9:00 a.m. on  
Saturday

**ADORATION:** 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday

**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  
**must be submitted in writing by 11:00 AM on  
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note: this deadline can change due to holiday office  
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from the Sacristy staff at all services**

**A Message from our Pastor  
Msgr. Bob Cilinski**



*Reflection*

The prophet Isaiah reminded the captives that freedom did not mean unending bliss. Freedom meant responsibility toward those who had less than they did. If they heard the cries of the oppressed and did not turn their backs on them, then the Lord would hear their pleas when they were in need.

Paul, sent by Christ to preach the gospel, radiated the light of God. Consequently, people were attracted to the apostle's message.

Jesus knew how bland the world was without the zest and power of the Spirit. If his followers' faith was weak, how could they cause others to thirst for God? If they hid their light, how could they be a source of illumination for them? With the light of faith, they would be light-bearers to the whole world. When others saw the goodness of their deeds, they would give praise to God.

*For Reflection - In what ways have I hidden my light? How have I shared it?*

Love and Blessings,

*Bob Cilinski*

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,  
Pastor

Congratulations to the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks for making it to the Super Bowl!

**OUR MISSION**

We, the People of Nativity Catholic Church, by our baptism, are joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We strive to love God, love others, and form new disciples. We celebrate Jesus Christ in Word, Sacrament and Service.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

*5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria*



Stop by for  
Confessions  
in the Church  
from 6:30-  
8:00pm!

**FEBRUARY 25**  
**MARCH 4**  
**MARCH 11**  
**MARCH 18**

**DONATIONS BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY**

Teens in grades 8-12 can  
volunteer by signing up on  
the website



**SIGN UP TO DONATE SOUP OR BREAD**  
Share a favorite family  
recipe or experiment  
with something new!



*Enjoy a simple soup dinner donated by  
parishioners and served by our teens!*

**Monthly Sensory Mass: Sunday, February 8 at 1:00pm**

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend!

A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations. A sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload. We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass please email Tracey Hulén, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at [thulen@nativityburke.org](mailto:thulen@nativityburke.org).



2026 Peace & Justice Conference

**Immigration and the  
Church's Prophetic Voice**

**"Human dignity and national security are not in conflict.  
Both are possible if people of good will work together."**

-U.S. Bishops, Special Message on Immigration (November 2025)



**Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala**  
Auxiliary Bishop of the  
Archdiocese of Washington

FREE EVENT  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

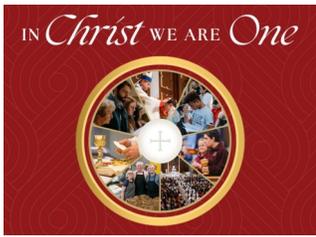


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[bit.ly/PJC2026](https://bit.ly/PJC2026)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**

**NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Burke, VA

- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge
- 6:15 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Keynote Address:  
Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala,  
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington
- 7:45 PM Q&A
- 8:15 PM Closing Remarks and Blessing



**The 2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal:  
In Christ, We Are One**

BLA Commitment Weekend is here! Every family's participation strengthens our parish and our diocese - all gifts are vital. Large or small, your gift unites us in supporting ministries serving tens of thousands: seminarian formation, Catholic Charities, youth programs, religious education, and more. Let's reach 100% participation together. Give at Mass or online at [arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla), or scan the QR code:



Scan Me

**Nativity Catholic Church**

**Ash Wednesday  
February 18, 2026  
Mass Schedule**

**6:00 am ~ 7:30 am ~ 9:00 am**  
**12:00 noon (livestream) ~ 4:00 pm**  
**6:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm (biligual)**

**There will be no Adoration**

**LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINANCE**

Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat and those 18-59 are obliged to fast (1 full meal and 2 smaller ones to maintain strength) unless medical or serious reasons exist.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.



*donut worry!*

**NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY**

**IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS  
A Group for Widows**

In Mary's Footsteps is a faith and fellowship group that focuses on the continuing journey of widows. Meetings are usually held the second Monday of every month. They include prayers offered for our beloved husbands, time to talk about them and our needs moving forward. Our next meeting is **February 9th at 11:00 in the Father Ready room.**

Contact Cat Sands at 703-455-2400 or [csands@nativityburke.org](mailto:csands@nativityburke.org) for more information.

**DIOCESAN CAR MINISTRY**

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](http://www.carministry.org), or contact the charity's Director, Larry Gordon at 703.237.8479 for more info.

**Are you separated or divorced?**

*Journey of Hope is a welcoming parish community for separated and divorced Catholics to share hope, healing, and fellowship that is rooted in Faith, God's Grace and immensurable Divine Mercy. Where ever you are on the journey, join us!*



**Next Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, 2/12 @ 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Nativity School, Rm. 203

**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 setup, child care and/or cleanup on our next date night, **Saturday, February 21.**

Opportunities for responsible high schoolers and 8<sup>th</sup> graders available. Please email Anna Lisa at [marriage@nativityburke.org](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org) for more information.

Website [nativityburke.org/separated-divorced](http://nativityburke.org/separated-divorced)  
Contact [separated.divorced@nativityburke.org](mailto:separated.divorced@nativityburke.org)





## Date Night for Couples

*Awaken Your Love: Unite in Silence for Deeper Love*

*Speaker: Fr. Bresnahan*

**Sat., Feb. 21**  
**6:30-8:30 PM**  
**Nativity Cafeteria**

**Register Online:**  
[nativityburke.org/date-night/](http://nativityburke.org/date-night/)  
**Contact: Anna Lisa Licud**  
[marriage@nativityburke.org](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org)  
*Childcare & dinner provided!*



### EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE

Recently there have been several email messages and texts from scammers pretending to be Nativity clergy. Our priests and deacons **DO NOT** and will **NEVER** email or text anyone with questions / asking for gift cards / favors or any kind of (financial) assistance. Please be careful and delete these kinds of emails and messages immediately. **DO NOT REPLY!** If you have any questions at all, please contact the parish office at 703-400-0737.

Would you like to broaden your knowledge on the presence, power, and beauty of our Blessed Virgin Mary?  
 Come join us at our Legion of Mary meetings, held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge. Interested?  
 Contact Kathryn Quan at [jaynekathrynq1@yahoo.com](mailto:jaynekathrynq1@yahoo.com).

### KOFC ANNUAL MULTI-CAR RAFFLE

You should have received your packet of 20 tickets to sell in the mail this week. Each \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Bronco Sport) plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. Please ensure to read the entire packet and note that all raffle tickets must be processed by All Saints. Thank you for your continued, generous support. If you didn't receive a packet, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 and one will be mailed to you.



### APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING & OUTREACH:

Last month, the Knights spoke at all Masses asking for help to build Nativity's 28th home in the heart of Appalachia and to help additional families throughout the county with home repairs, hygiene kits for children, assistance with utility & medical bills, and food for needy school children. Thanks for your tremendous generosity!  
 We currently are at \$110,666 towards our goal of \$125,000. Donations can still be made either through electronic giving, mailing directly to the office at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA, 22015, or by credit card. Please make checks out to Nativity Parish and annotate on your check that it is for the Appalachia Home Building project and include your envelope number for ease of posting to your account. Refer any questions to either Bob Corsi, [bobcorsi@cox.net](mailto:bobcorsi@cox.net), 703-239-2890, or Bob Colella, [robert.colella.86@gmail.com](mailto:robert.colella.86@gmail.com), 571-422-0367.



### SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 8th, 2026

Nativity Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 8th at the 9:00am Mass. All Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, and Camp Fire Youth 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 8:40am that morning 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 9:00am Mass, Troop 1100 and the Knights of Columbus Council 7992 will host a special Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in the cafeteria for just \$5/person or \$20/family. Please contact your scout leaders or Sam Morthland at 703-455-2186 for more information.

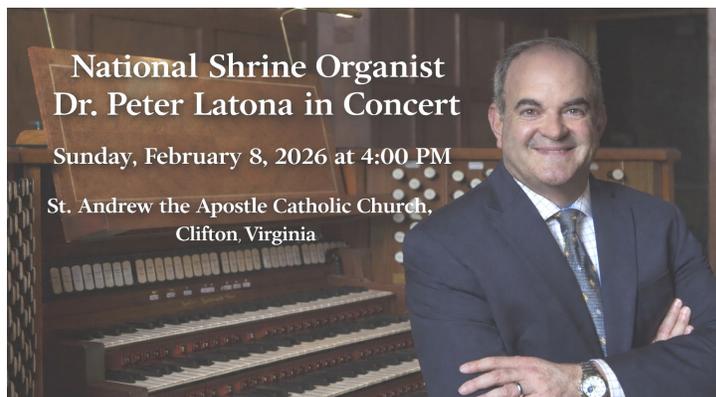
### Pray the Rosary

The Nativity Rosary ministry teaches new learners how to make rosaries every month. Not only do we make rosaries, we meet to pray the rosary! Come join us at our next meeting on Sunday, February 15 from 2:00-3:30PM. We begin our meeting with the Holy Rosary and then we can teach you how to make one! If you have questions, email [rosaryministry@nativityburke.org](mailto:rosaryministry@nativityburke.org). We also meet on Sunday evenings from 7:30-7:50PM for a virtual Zoom Rosary. It's only 20 minutes and is a wonderful way to start your week with devotion to the Blessed Mother. Contact Brenda Zepf at [zepfmb@gmail.com](mailto:zepfmb@gmail.com) for the zoomlink.

### National Shrine Organist Dr. Peter Latona in Concert

Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 4:00 PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church,  
 Clifton, Virginia



**ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by**

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Joe Ziaj  
and  
Gerry Pannoni  
In Loving Memory of  
Lisa Pannoni



*Peace in the Storm*



Chronic Pain and Illness Support Group

Tuesday, February 10 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Church Conference Room  
Thursday, February 12 | 12:45 - 2:15 pm | Fr. Ready Room

Nativity Catholic Church is aware of the many challenges that chronic pain and illness pose in the lives of our parishioners. We understand how these conditions can lead to questions of faith, too, and want you to know that you are not alone!

All adult parishioners who have chronic pain or illness are invited to participate in a parish-based, small, faith fellowship group developed by the national ministry called The Peace in the Storm Project. We meet to reflect, pray, and deepen our understanding of God's love, presence, and purpose with and through health challenges within the context of our Catholic faith and parish community. Group participants will receive The Peace in the Storm Project **Discussion Guide** at no cost.



If you are interested in joining the group or for more information, please email Anna Lisa Licud at [alicud@nativityburke.org](mailto:alicud@nativityburke.org) or visit our parish website [www.nativityburke.org/peace-in-the-storm/](http://www.nativityburke.org/peace-in-the-storm/)



**A Message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry: Valentine's Day is coming!**

Update Your Valentine's Day traditions with "creation-friendly" options. Make or buy cards made with recycled paper or send an e-card. Rather than a bouquet of flowers that lasts a few days, consider an herb plant that will add flavor to your loved one's life or a potted plant to purify indoor air for years. If you like to give chocolates, choose fair trade chocolates that promise the growers are being justly compensated and that the cocoa is being grown sustainably. For a special Valentine's Day meal, buy organic and locally grown foods and consider a delicious vegetarian dish; if dining out, look for restaurants that offer locally sourced products. Perhaps consider making a donation to an environmental cause in a loved one's name. Take a winter hike and explore the beauty of God's creation—some of our wildlife is active all winter long and our evergreens add color to the resting landscape—maybe a romantic stargazing date with cocoa? Spring will be here soon—have you heard the wood frogs calling yet? Best wishes from Nativity Creation Care Ministry! [nativitycreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:nativitycreationcare@gmail.com)



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

**Monday, February 9**

7:30 am † Gody Espinosa  
12:00 pm † Stephen Lisi Jr.

**Tuesday, February 10**

7:30 am † Mary Ann Salas Gener  
12:00 pm † Joseph Milewski

**Wednesday, February 11**

7:30 am † Aida Valderrama

**Thursday, February 12**

7:30 am Special Intention for Catherine Birden  
12:00 pm † Sally Mernah

**Friday, February 13**

7:30 am † Rosemary Lewis

**Saturday, February 14**

9:00 am † Vanus Priestley  
5:00 pm † Jim Jagielski  
7:00 pm † Margot Uribe

**Sunday, February 15**

7:00 am † Robert Sageley Erskine  
9:00 am † John Goa  
11:00 am Nativity Parishioners  
1:00 pm † John M. Lizzi  
5:30 pm † Marie Wegener

**In prayer, let us remember  
the sick and deceased of the parish  
visit [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org) for the Priest Mass Schedule**

**Join us for a Divine Mercy Retreat!!**

You are Christ's beloved. He longs for your company. He loves to pour out His Merciful Love over all His children, especially on sinners. "The Good News is that God doesn't love us because we're so good but because he's so good, that he loves us not because we deserve it but because we desperately need it."

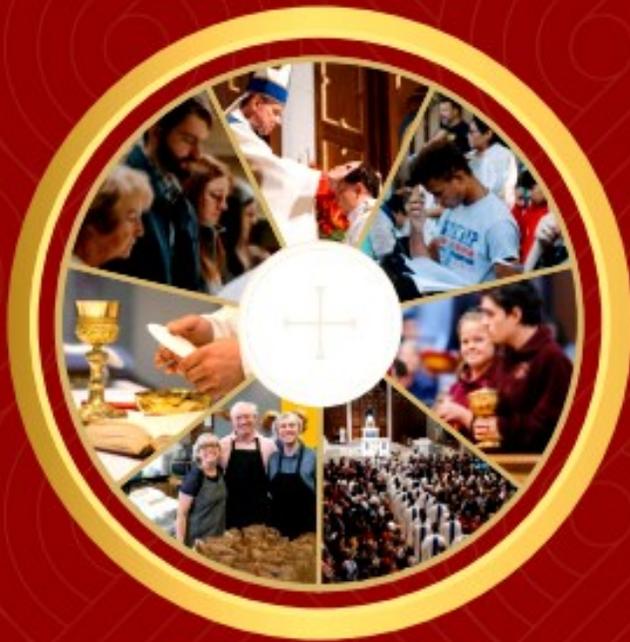
Fr. Gaitley's book is filled with knowledge and insights about St. Thérèse so that we can understand the invitation she extends to all of us – to recognize that Jesus' Heart is full of mercy and that he loves to pour out his Merciful Love to every soul. How the Lord gives this amazing gift of mercy, how we can receive it, and what all it means will be the focus of this retreat. The program features 6 Zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings 7:45pm to 9:00pm. The program concludes with a total consecration to Divine Mercy on April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday). For more information and to register, visit the Nativity Web site: <https://nativityburke.org/33-day-retreat/> or contact the Nativity 33 Day Ministry at [33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org](mailto:33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org).



**Follow Bishop Burbidge on X!**

Bishop Burbidge has over 28,800 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him [@BishopBurbidge](https://twitter.com/BishopBurbidge).

# IN *Christ* WE ARE *One*



## A Message from Bishop Burbidge

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal, "In Christ We Are One," reminds us that we are never alone on our journey of faith. In Baptism, the Lord gathers us into one Body and calls us to share his love with all we meet.

Each day across our diocese, your generosity makes this unity visible and tangible. Through the BLA, you stand with our seminarians preparing for priestly service, support our parishes and missions, accompany families through Catholic Charities, and help form disciples among children, youth, young adults, and the elderly. You bring Christ's light to those who are suffering, searching, or feel far from the Church.

I invite you to join me in making a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. I ask you especially to consider a recurring monthly commitment, which allows your generosity to continue bearing fruit throughout the year and may enable you to make a greater gift in thanksgiving for God's goodness.

Thank you for all the ways you live the truth that, in Christ, we are one. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this holy season of Lent.



## *The Bishop's Lenten Appeal:* Your Gifts at Work in Our Diocese!



Catholic Charities continues to meet the increase of requests for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance, groceries, and mental health counseling. The St. Lucy Food Project fulfilled nearly 70,000 requests for assistance, distributing over 2.1 million pounds of food last year.



Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Faith Formation, and the Office of Divine Worship.



The Office of Hispanic Ministry served nearly 400 families with Quinceañera and Marriage Preparation Retreats and formed approximately 500 students and lay ministers through the Institute of Pastoral Formation and Liturgical Trainings.



There are 40 men currently studying for the priesthood, who – God willing – will one day serve in our parishes.



Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries, and Campus Ministry at colleges and universities throughout the diocese, including Mary Washington, George Mason, and Shenandoah University.

**2026 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL**  
**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**

# IN *Christ* WE ARE *One*

## 15% **Vocations**

Seminarian education and support, Vocation Awareness Ministry, and the Permanent Diaconate.

## 12% **Charitable Works**

Catholic Charities, parish subsidies, and charitable assistance for the vulnerable and needy throughout the diocese.

## 11% **Religious Education**

Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Faith Formation, and the Office of Divine Worship.

## 11% **Assistance to Parishes and Missions**

Ministries, offices, and support services for 70 parishes and 6 missions, including 4,600+ parish, school, and diocesan personnel.

## 10% **Youth and Young Adult Outreach**

Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries, and Campus Ministry at colleges and universities throughout the diocese, including Mary Washington, George Mason, and Shenandoah University.

## 10% **Support for Families**

Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, and the Diocesan Tribunal.

## 10% **Chancery Offices**

Support to the Virginia Catholic Conference and various Chancery offices assisting the Bishop as he leads the parishes and diocese.

## 5% **Evangelization Efforts**

INOVA Hospital Ministry, Peace and Justice Commission, Spiritual Assistance Ministry, Diocesan Pilgrimage, and the Bánica Mission in the Dominican Republic.

## 5% **Diocesan Development and Communication Programs**

The Communications Office utilizes various platforms to promote, educate, and evangelize the faithful and wider community. Development initiatives, including the BLA and other charitable vehicles, provide strategic financial support to the diocese, parishes, and schools.

## 4% **Hispanic Ministry and Multicultural Ministries**

Pastoral services and assistance for more than 20 ethnic communities within our diverse diocese.

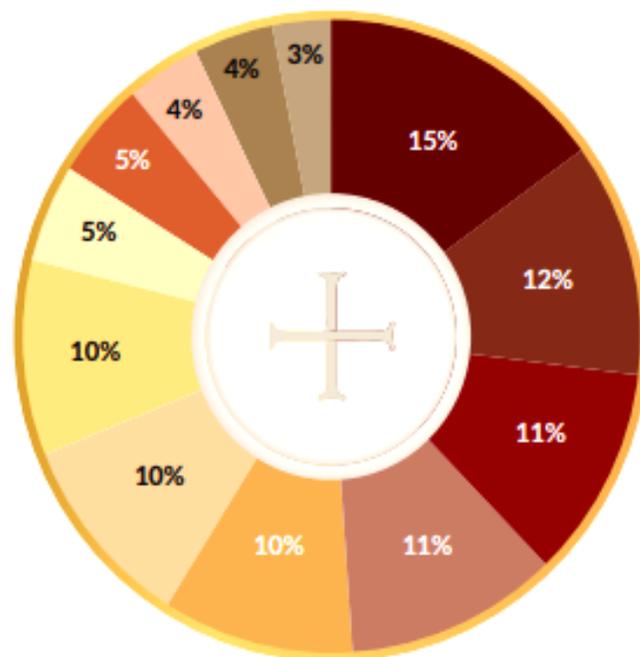
## 4% **San Damiano Spirituality Center**

A peaceful venue offering a wide variety of retreats for laity, religious, and clergy seeking reflection and spiritual renewal in the chapel and grounds of the Shenandoah Valley.

## 3% **Parish/Diocesan Properties and Land Development**

The diocese purchases land granted to newly founded parishes for their parish grounds.

*This allocation reflects a projected \$24 million in 2026 BLA funding dedicated to these critical ministries of the diocese.*



## **MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY**

The Diocese of Arlington has received a \$300,000 challenge gift to match first-time or increased gifts to the 2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA).

## **MONTHLY GIVING**

We invite families to consider starting a new monthly recurring gift to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Monthly giving is an easy and convenient way to support the vital ministries of the diocese throughout the year. Monthly Gifts lower the admin cost of fulfillment, and you can adjust or cancel anytime.

### **Monthly gifts add up and will be matched!**

\$25/month adds up to \$300 over the year

\$50/month adds up to \$600 over the year

\$100/month adds up to \$1,200 over the year

and enters you into the Lumen Christi Guild.

The Lumen Christi (Light of Christ) Guild recognizes those whose generous annual support helps the Bishop's Lenten Appeal illuminate the lives of countless people across the Diocese of Arlington. Membership is based on your total giving to the BLA within a calendar year.

## **HOW TO START YOUR MONTHLY GIFT OR PLEDGE**

Scan the QR code or visit  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla)



For more information, please call the Bishop's Lenten Appeal office at 703-778-8600 or visit our website at

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla)

Bishop's Lenten Appeal | Catholic Diocese of Arlington  
200 North Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington VA 22203

*The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (EIN: 54-0967542).*



### BIBLE STUDIES AT NATIVITY PARISH

#### **Wednesday morning and evening. Walking With Purpose:**

Meeting in person. Walking with Purpose is a study program that aims to help bring women closer to Christ through Scripture. Meets

weekly in person on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Registration for Fall 2026 will be available in July 2026.

Visit <https://nativityburke.org/www/> for details about the ministry OR contact [wwpnativity@gmail.com](mailto:wwpnativity@gmail.com) with questions.

**Thursday evening Bible Study:** Meeting in Person and Virtually. We have just begun a study of the Gospel of Mark, likely the first of our four Gospels. Only 16 Chapters long, it rapidly covers Christ's ministry on earth, focused on Jesus as the "suffering servant." Likely written before 70 A.D. by John Mark, a follower of both Paul and Peter. We use Scott Hahn's commentary and video resources. Meets each Thursday from 7:30 – 9:00pm virtually, resuming in person and virtual by March. Contact Deacon Dick Kelly [Deaconrfk@aol.com](mailto:Deaconrfk@aol.com).

**Friday morning Women's Bible Study:** Meetings are Friday Mornings from 10:00am -12:00 noon in the Father Ready room (we meet on Zoom during the winter months). This year we are journeying through the Bible with Ascension's Bible Timeline. Join us for prayer, study, and fellowship! For more information, visit <https://nativityburke.org/womens-bible-study-registration> or contact Camille Pryor at [wbs@nativityburke.org](mailto:wbs@nativityburke.org).

**Viernes por la noche Estudio Bíblico:** El estudio bíblico en español "Little Rock" es un programa conducido por el Hno. Pedro Del Aguila y tres asistentes. Este ministerio está en nuestra parroquia de Natividad desde 2014, alentando a los fieles a tener una mejor visión de la Iglesia Católica y crear en ellos un interés mas profundo en las sagradas Escrituras. Horario: Viernes de 7:00–9:00 pm | Lugar: Salón Fr. Ready Este ciclo estaremos estudiando: El evangelio según San Juan y las Cartas. Contactarse: Elba Pfeifer, [elbitabonita@aol.com](mailto:elbitabonita@aol.com).

**Saturday morning That Man Is You:** Meeting in person. A men's program that combines Scripture with the best research from science in an engaging interactive program that addresses the pressures and temptations facing Catholic men in our modern culture. Meets each Saturday 6:50 - 8:00 am in the Fr Ready room. Contact Tim Yeager [yeagertd@verizon.net](mailto:yeagertd@verizon.net) or Bob Sands [bob@sandmark.net](mailto:bob@sandmark.net).

**Saturday morning Men's Prayer and Reflection Group:** Meeting in-person/virtually. Men of all ages! We take a variety of approaches to know better and grow closer to our Lord: (1) Bible study video series like The Bible and the Mass and The Bible and the Church Fathers by Dr. Scott Hahn; (2) Short videos like 7 Verses Every Catholic Should Know by Dr. John Bergsma, and The Greatest Love Story—On the Road to Emmaus by Fr. Mike Schmitz; (3) Read, research, and reflect on Sunday scriptures; and (4) Guest speaker special topics like Bringing Others to Christ, Spiritual Warfare, and Stump the Theologian. We have great fellowship discussing how these sessions help bring Christ into our everyday lives so we become better Catholic men, family members, friends and above all, intentional disciples of Christ. Meet Saturdays from 8-9am in the Fr. Ready Room. Drop-ins welcome! Contact Rick Loffredo [rickloffredo@outlook.com](mailto:rickloffredo@outlook.com).

## Donation & Sponsorship Request

### Nativity Stars Gala & Auction

Help us fund our Nativity Stars Gala & Auction—our biggest fundraiser of the year. Donations and sponsorships support student programs like STEM updates, field trip transportation, teacher training, and community events. Your generosity helps us provide faith-based, engaging, and innovative education.

- Become a Sponsor - Recognition in event materials and school promotions
- Donate Goods or Services - Support our live or silent auction
- Make a Monetary Gift - Support a specific program or area of need.

Learn more or contribute at: [nativityschool.org/gala](http://nativityschool.org/gala)



### Bible Study Programs at Nativity

#### **"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" St. Jerome**

Please consider joining one of Nativity's six bible study groups. We have a program on Wednesday morning, and one on Wednesday evenings, another on Thursday nights, one on Friday mornings and another on Friday evenings, with two on Saturday mornings. Two programs are just for women, two are just for men, and two (one in Spanish and one in English) are open to all.

We have traditional studies that cover the Bible, book by book, or topic by topic; we have others that use scripture verses as part of an examination of God's central place in our daily living. Many make use of bible commentaries, videos, and music. All seek to relate scripture to our lives today and show its relevance to how we live. Our programs meet in person and/or virtually. Check out our column and contact those leading our programs; or just email me for help in finding a program that might be right for you.

Peace,  
Deacon Dick Kelly, [deaconrfk@aol.com](mailto:deaconrfk@aol.com)

**Nativity is a tithing community**  
**Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude**  
**"Each day with one heart—we are the hands of Jesus"**

### Ben-David Warner Concert Benefiting Contigo Youth Club

Join us for a fun evening of live music with Ben-David Warner on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at St. James Catholic Church, Heller Hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with the concert from 7:00–9:00 PM. Enjoy an uplifting night of music while supporting the mission of Contigo Youth Club, a local non-profit accompanying and empowering youth in an underserved area. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Contigo Youth Club. Tickets are available online at [contigoyouth.org/benefitconcert](http://contigoyouth.org/benefitconcert).

# SAVE THE DATE!

*Join the Knights of Columbus for a traditional celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, at our annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance*

**The event will be held in the Fr. Martin Center on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 - starting at 6:30 PM**

It's always a fun evening filled with dining, dancing, and entertainment. Enjoy the sounds of a bagpiper playing traditional Irish tunes, and music for listening and dancing provided by a DJ. You can bring your friends and reserve a table for 8 or opt for designated seating to meet fellow parishioners.

The highlight of the evening is the best corned beef dinner in town, available for \$40 per adult ticket. Children ages 12 and under are just \$15. This event tends to sell out quickly, so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

**A link to purchase tickets will be provided once available**



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



## EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Fridays twice a month

6:30-8:00 p.m.

See website for full schedule



## ONE ACT FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 7

Join us for one of the longest running Youth Ministry programs in the Diocese! Six local parishes will be traveling to Nativity to perform their One Act Plays and short films. Performances begin at 11:00 am in the FMC.

## WORKCAMP DONATION WEEKEND

Save the date for our annual WorkCamp Donation Weekend - February 21 and 22. Our high schoolers will be at all the Masses to share their experiences with you and to ask for your prayers and financial support.

See website for full schedule

Before attending, please register for the 2025-2026 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

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### Save-the-Date: John Paul the Great Open House on March 5th

Planning for high school? Join us at John Paul the Great for a special Preview Open House for younger students on Thursday, March 5th from 4:00-5:30 PM! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities!

### Middle School Clinics & Workshops at JP Super Science Saturday - February 28th!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School has a few exciting opportunities for younger students to explore their interests! We hope to see you at one or more of our clinics & workshops! Here is a list of what's upcoming:

Super Science Saturday (Sat, Feb 28th) and Girls Volleyball Clinic (Sat, Mar 28th)! Click here to start your registration: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>.

## Pro-Life Corner

**"This is My Body: A Catholic Approach to Gender Dysphoria" by Jason Evert** - A brief summary of Evert's riveting speech at the National Eucharistic Congress ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIDHNZ\\_tYLQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIDHNZ_tYLQ), starting at 35:00): "Let's distinguish gender theory which is a set of ideologies from gender dysphoria is something individuals experience." The secular world is telling Catholics that we have to choose between either affirming these impacted people in their views or abandoning them. However, as Catholics, we know that we cannot lie to them with false compassion because they deserve the truth and also they shouldn't be rejected because every person has infinite value. Evert points to Pope Francis' better "option of accompaniment where we walk with these individuals in truth and love... Pope Francis said: I asked myself if the so-called gender theory is not at the same time an expression of frustration and resignation that seeks to cancel out sexual difference because we no longer know how to deal with it... The removal of sexual difference in fact creates a problem not a solution."

**The National Catholic Bioethics Center:** Provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church. <https://www.ncbcenter.org>.

**Gabriel Project:** Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers: Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer "Angel" support. [helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org). 866.444.3553.

**KOVAR Enduring Love Campaign - Homes for Intellectually Disabled:** Stand with parents who seek to find a home for their children that outlive their ability to provide direct care on their own. Contact Mark Sawyer, [sawyer koc7992@verizon.net](mailto:sawyer koc7992@verizon.net).

### End of Life Medical Directives:

The Advance Medical Directive is a legal instrument authorized by, and meeting the requirements of the laws of Virginia which can be completed for use by all Catholics-whether young or old, healthy or dying. Go to: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/respect-life/end-of-life-medical-directives/>.

**Project Rachel:** Help after Abortion: A safe, confidential place to share your emotions and work toward healing. [helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org), 703.841.2504.

### The National Catholic Bioethics Center:

Provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church. <https://www.ncbcenter.org>.

**The Lamb Center:** provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, and financial assistance for poor and homeless.

<https://nativityburke.org/service/the-lamb-center/>

**Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN:** Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN restoring integrity of human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. [tepeyacobgyn.com](http://tepeyacobgyn.com), 703.273.9440.

**A Woman's Choice Center:** Providing Compassionate Support. Free pregnancy, medical, educational, and support services for women and families. [awomanschoicecenter.com](http://awomanschoicecenter.com), 703.538.4305.

## MASS AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday, February 24, a Mass and Healing Prayer Service is scheduled for 7:30 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, please contact Dick Schaad at 703-455-6131.



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Nativity Students ~~ Planning For The Future

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On January 17, twenty Nativity students across six teams presented their city models at the Future City 2026 Regional Competition at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. The team names were Verde Ceres, Verdissimo, Veggie Falls, Armana, Gute Stadt, and Solis. To qualify, each team submitted a 1500-word essay, describing how the city they built eliminated food waste along the "farm-to-table" chain, while keeping their people living in the environment both healthy and safe. They then created a 2-foot by 4-foot scaled model using recycled material and presented their work to a team of judges.



"Every team did an awesome job, and we are so proud of all their hard work over the past couple months!" reported Mrs. Wade, our Science/MakerSpace Teacher. Team Veggie Falls returned with the award for "Best City Project Plan," and Team Gute Stadt brought back the awards for "Outstanding Presentation," as well as overall "Second Place" at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition. Congratulations to our Future City Nativity Stars!



Important Upcoming Dates ~~

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February 9 - No School

February 13 - Early Dismissal

February 16 - Presidents' Day

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At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit! Join us to see how your child would spend his or her days here - learning, praying, sharing, and laughing.

We may be just the school for which you've been searching!

Contact us at www.nativityschool.org, (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.



Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at https://www.kofc.org/joinus. Your dues will be free for one year: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code RCANTER when you register.

Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr\_sikora\_council\_7992.

Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter? If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up.

13 February: Annual K of C Free Throw Challenge, 8:30 -10:00 pm, Fr. Martin Center. Ten volunteers are needed to help. Please see SUG for details.

20 February: Knights Fish Fry. Please sign up to help out during this popular event! Need help with ticket sales 14/15 Feb and the event. SUG is live!

6 March: Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life (40 DFL Spring Campaign)

14 March: St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, Fr. Martin Center, 6:30pm. We need Knights to help with this popular event! (Set up 13 Mar). Come on out and join fellow Knights and parishioners in the traditional celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. SUG is coming!

15 March: Donut Sunday - Please sign up to help with this popular parish event! SUG is live!

Widow Support: Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group. SUG is live!

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. For 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.

Widow Support: Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support.

https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfyRnYEU8s5

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass!

Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.

Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navy8@yahoo.com.

Knights of Columbus Council 7992 Basketball Free Throw Challenge:

This event has been RESCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026 from 8:30 PM to 10:00 PM in the Father Martin Center and is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14. Each contestant will be scored on 15 free throws taken from an age-designated foul line. Boy and girl winners for each age group will be determined by highest score. In case of a tie, five additional tie-breaker free throws will be used to determine the winners. Participants can arrive any time between 8:30 and 10 PM and do not have to remain for the entire event. Winners will be notified by email the next day. Participation time for each contestant is approximately 10 mins. No early registration or notification is required. Contestants register at the event before participating. This is a community event so all are welcome regardless of parish affiliation. Bring friends and compete with each other! Group winners will be eligible to compete at the K of C District Challenge on February 15, 2026, 7:30pm at Holy Spirit in Annandale. Questions, contact Jim Batrla at jbat747@gmail.com.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

# DONUT

## KIDS' CORNER *Sundays*

The new "Kids Corner" at Nativity's Donut Sundays is a fun corner with books and self guided simple crafts for kids and their parents to explore while they eat their donuts.

This new addition is only possible with the help of volunteers. We need two Virtus-compliant adults for each Sunday Mass—9:00 AM and 11:00 AM—to keep this running smoothly. To help, please email [alicud@nativityburke.org](mailto:alicud@nativityburke.org) or sign up here:

There's nothing better than sweet moments and sugary smiles. Don't miss out!



# Bishop Ireton High School SUMMER CAMPS

## Bishop Ireton Summer Camp Registration Is Now Open!

Bishop Ireton High School is excited to offer summer camps that are fun, safe, and educational, with opportunities in academics, athletics, and enrichment. Students will learn, grow, and build friendships in a supportive and faith-filled environment throughout the summer.

Families are encouraged to take advantage of early registration, open January 12 - April 1. Spots are limited and programs fill quickly. Visit the school website, [www.bishopireton.org](http://www.bishopireton.org) or scan the QR code to learn more and register.



## Honduras Mission Trip 2026



July 12-18, 2026

This mission trip is designed for College-age and Young Adult parishioners to visit our newest partnership in Honduras through Operation Starfish.



FOR E-GIVING, PLEASE USE THE QR CODE OR VISIT:  
<https://osvhub.com/nativityburke/giving/funds>

**FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF OR LEAVE USED CLOTHING OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS IN OUR NARTHEX OR AT ANY OF OUR EXITS**

If you have items to donate, please call the Parish Office at 703 455 2400 first to find out if there is a need. You can also always contact ECHO at 703 569 9160 or visit them to drop off donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield.

Come join the Nativity Dames! We are the wives, widows, sisters, daughters, nieces of the men in the Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to support and assist our Fr. Vincent Sikora Council. Our fellowship and information meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Ready room.

*For more information, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at [brzivich@aim.com](mailto:brzivich@aim.com).*

## SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 9AM - 12PM

<https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>



Join the JP Science Department for another fun Super Science Saturday on Saturday, February 28th from 9am - 12pm! This workshop is packed with fun experiments you won't want to miss! Open to all 6th - 8th graders. We hope to see you there!

SPREADING CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY



PLEASE JOIN THE  
**Secular Carmelite Community  
of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**  
FOR A  
**Day of Recollection**

**February 28, 2026**  
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church**  
5121 Woodland Way  
Annandale, VA 22003

**CONFERENCE LEADER:**  
Br. Nathanael of Jesus, OCD  
"Marian asceticism with St. John of the Cross"  
**FEE: \$20**

**For reservations, please contact:**  
**Suzanne Koucheravy:** skoucheravy56@gmail.com  
**Veronica Royal:** veronicaroyal@icloud.com

**Other questions? Contact Alicia Steger:** asteger@holyspiritchurch.us

**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!**

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center—Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

**Where is Your Calling to Serve?**



Join the Nativity Knights of Columbus, Viridiane's Hope, and Commissioned by Christ on a mission trip to Cameroon, West Africa in 2026. One more trip is planned: October 22—November 1 for 12-15 participants.

Missionaries will serve rural communities by drilling wells, renovating chapels, planting gardens, and supporting youth education. For more information, contact Joe Tiago at [vhchecorp@gmail.com](mailto:vhchecorp@gmail.com) or Michelle Haworth at [michelle.haworth@commissionedbychrist.org](mailto:michelle.haworth@commissionedbychrist.org).

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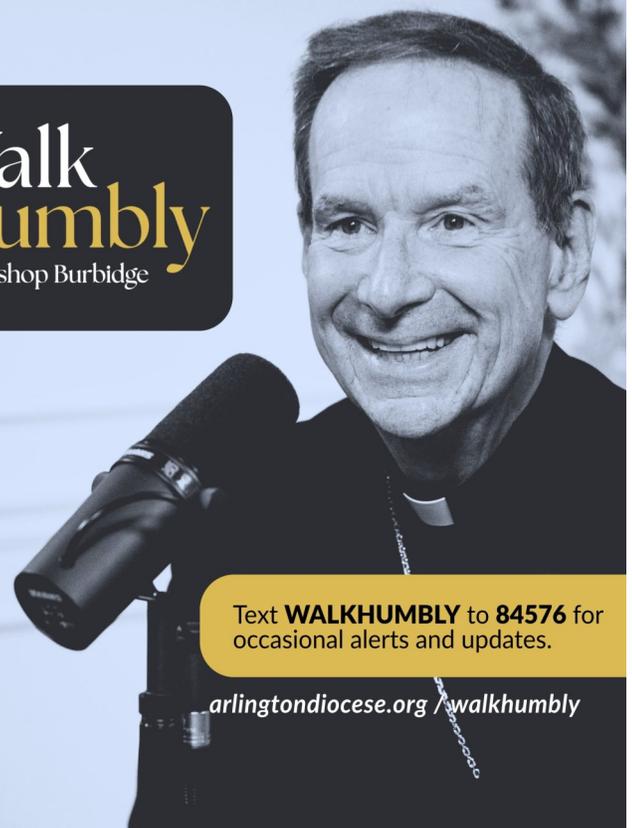
Opening in Falls Church in August 2026, the St. Jerome Institute NOVA high school seeks to overcome the fatal separation of faith and life. In a school community rooted in the intellectual tradition and liturgical rhythm of the Church, students learn to hear and see for themselves the reality of Creation and all that humans have made of it.

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Bishop Burbidge



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## Special Preview Open House for 5th, 6th & 7th Graders

*Thursday, March 5, 4:00-5:30pm*

*It's never too early to start thinking about high school!* Join us **Thursday, March 5, 4:00-5:30pm** for our Preview Open House. Get a first hand look at what life could be like as a student at John Paul. Meet our wonderful teachers, students, administration and coaches! Learn about our academics, athletics, clubs, spiritual life *and more!*

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- Tuition Assistance and Transportation Options



*What's  
New at JP*

*Feb-Mar* Adult Bioethics Seminars

*Feb 7, 10am-12pm* Drama Workshop

*Feb 28, 9am-12pm* Super Science Saturday

*Mar 28, 9-11am* Girls Volleyball Clinic

*May 16, 9am-12pm* Pre-HSPT/Parent How to HS

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Jesus teaches that those who follow His laws will be rewarded. What did He say?

Use this Morse Code to fill in the blanks.

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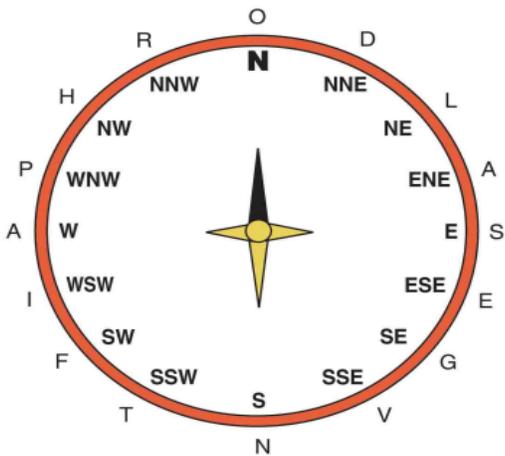


Jesus said, "Whoever

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What else did Jesus say?

Use this compass code to fill in the blanks.



Jesus said:

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# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

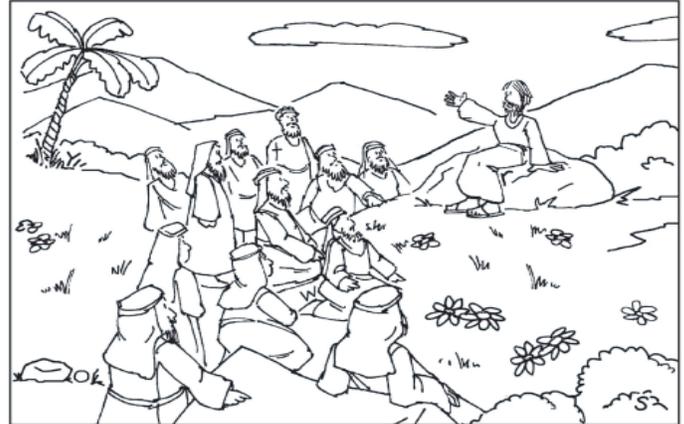
February 8, 2026 • Matthew 5:13-20

## Jesus Speaks of Salt, Light and Law

Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them. What did He say?

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

"You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world."



Jesus said He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. What did He say about those who do not follow the commandments?

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.

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## ¿CON QUÉ SALAR Y CON QUIÉN ILUMINAR?

### V Ordinario (A)

Javier Leoz

Aquel que a sí mismo se ha definido como “luz de mundo” nos pide en este domingo ser eso: ¡Luz para los demás!

*¿Cómo llega la luz hasta nuestra casa?* Preguntaba un niño a su padre. *Hijo; porque nuestra casa está unida por unos cables a una gran central eléctrica. Sin su fuerza no sería posible la luz en nuestro hogar.*

1. Los cristianos sólo podremos ser luminarias si estamos unidos, con todas las consecuencias, a esa gran fuente de energía espiritual, de gracia y de verdad que es Jesús.

Es inconcebible pensar que una acequia tenga caudal propio si no está adherida a un río, a una presa o a un manantial. Es difícil, muy difícil, llevar adelante nuestra tarea, el deseo de Jesús, de ser luz en medio de la oscuridad o sal en medio de tanta insipidez que abunda en nuestro mundo si no permanecemos en comunión plena con El.

Sólo Cristo es capaz de alumbrar, con luz verdadera, las sombras que se ciernen sobre la humanidad. Sólo Cristo, a través de pequeñas lámparas que son/somos los laicos comprometidos por su reino, es capaz de ofrecer sabor de eternidad y de felicidad a tantos hombres y mujeres que, en el horizonte de sus vidas, no ven sino fracaso, hastío o cansancio. ¿Seremos valientes para abrir el salero de nuestra vida cristiana allá donde se están cocinando los destinos de nuestra sociedad? ¿Por qué –frecuentemente- preferimos pasar desapercibidos sin dar color cristiano a tantas situaciones que reclaman nuestra opinión o presencia activa como seguidores de Cristo?

2. “Salar e iluminar” son dos responsabilidades de la vida cristiana. Cuando nos desvirtuamos y pierde vitalidad nuestra fe; cuando la escondemos o disimulamos en los sótanos de nuestra vida privada.... algo grave está ocurriendo.

¿A quién tenemos que llevar? ¿Con quién tenemos que iluminar? Ni más ni menos que a Cristo y con Cristo. Ya sabemos que, la acción, no es lo más importante de nuestra condición cristiana pero, también es verdad, que muchas veces por falsos respetos o por excesiva tolerancia.... tenemos vergüenza y hasta cierto temor a presentarnos como lo que somos (como católicos) y de ofertar a nuestro mundo, a nuestro pueblo o ciudades un estilo de vida basado en el evangelio de Jesucristo. ¿Por qué? Ni más ni menos porque, a veces, resulta más gratificante diluirse en el “todo vale” o adentrarse en los túneles de una vida cómoda y sin más límites que la propia conciencia.

Ser sal y luz, con palabras inspiradas por el Espíritu Santo y con buenas obras como testimonio de nuestra comunión con Cristo ha de ser nuestra apuesta personal y nuestro convencimiento de que, con el Señor, el mundo puede ir mejor.... con más sabor y con más luz para el futuro del hombre.

#### HAZME, SEÑOR, SER SAL Y LUZ

Que, lejos de falsificar mi vida,  
la mantenga soldada a tu gracia,  
alimentada por tu Palabra  
y sostenida con tu mano salvadora.  
Que siendo, Tú, el salero de mi existencia  
cuentes conmigo, Señor,  
para sazonar oportunamente tantas situaciones  
que reclaman ilusión y fuerza,  
alegría y optimismo, dignidad y verdad,  
Que siendo, Tú, la fuente de la luz  
cuentes conmigo, Señor,  
para alumbrar miserias y soledades,  
tristezas y angustias, aflicciones y pruebas  
luchas y tribulaciones  
en las que combaten tantos hombres

#### HAZME, SEÑOR, SER SAL Y LUZ

Que dé gusto, no a lo que el mundo quiere,  
y sí a una nueva forma de vivir y de sentir  
Que ofrezca, la luz de tu presencia,  
a los que viven como si no existieran  
a los que, creyendo en Ti,  
caminan como si el Evangelio no conocieran  
Que sepa ser conservante como la sal:  
que guarde, para mí y para los demás,  
tu gracia y poder, mi fe y mi fidelidad  
mi oración y mi confianza en Ti.  
(Javier Leoz)

#### QUE NO PUEDA CONMIGO, SEÑOR

La oscuridad del error  
La tiniebla de la incredulidad  
ni la sombra de la duda  
QUE NO ME VENZA, SEÑOR  
La insipidez del consumismo  
La insulsez del simple humanismo  
ni lo artificial que el mundo me vende  
QUE NO PUEDA CONMIGO, SEÑOR  
El relativismo que todo lo invade  
La mediocridad de lo pasajero y estéril  
Lo práctico pero, tarde o temprano, inseguro  
Lo irracional de muchas formas de vida  
QUE NO ME VENZA, SEÑOR  
(Javier Leoz)

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