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your whole heart

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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/>

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as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

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ASH WEDNESDAY | MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

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



Reflection

Sirach, the wise sage, said that we have a choice to do evil or to do what is just and right. God does not want anyone to make irresponsible and harmful choices. God wants us to follow the path that leads to wisdom and happiness.

Paul said that God’s wisdom is not like the so-called “wisdom” of the world that leads to ruin. God’s wisdom, as inscrutable as it seems, can be fathomed by those who believe. The Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts and helps us to make right decisions.

Jesus embodied the fullness of God’s word in his life and teachings. He said that obeying the external “letter” of God’s word was not as important as having an interior spirit of fidelity. Do we “murder” people with our sharp words? Are we faithless and dishonest in our relationships? Are lust and greed the motives behind our deeds? The ultimate purpose of God’s word is to bring us into a fuller relationship with God and one another. The choice is ours.

For Reflection ~ Where have I failed to fulfill Christ’s command to be faithful? How can I radiate God’s wisdom to someone today?

Lent will soon be upon us and we are challenged to change our hearts and our lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Gospel of Matthew offers much to reflect upon as we seek to imitate Jesus and follow the way of the cross. As disciples of the Lord, we are challenged by the radical demands that Jesus expects from his disciples. Following in the footsteps of Moses and other prophetic voices, Jesus proclaims the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness; and, at the same time, offers a revolutionary way to live: “Turn the other cheek! Love your enemies! Be reconciled!” The ongoing challenge to live and love and forgive as Jesus did remains at the heart of what it means to be Church, the Body of Christ!

Love and Blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

Congratulations to the Seattle Seahawks for winning the 2026 Superbowl!

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for a Night of Reflection with

Irish Tenor Mark Forrest

on March 4th, 2026 at 7:00 PM
at Nativity Catholic Church,
all ages are welcome!

For more information visit: markforrest.com



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY. MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 9:00 AM, NO NOON MASS.

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.

Extra Confession, The Light is ON for You
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
Each Wednesday Evening during Lent, starting
February 25th, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

IN Christ WE ARE One

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the BLA last weekend! If you haven’t yet had a chance to make your gift, we still need your help. Every family matters in helping our parish reach goal. No gift is too small. Your participation supports vital ministries our parish depends on: seminarian formation, religious education, youth ministry, Catholic Charities, and more. Consider a monthly recurring gift to spread your generosity throughout the year. You can also give a one-time gift or pledge. Give today at arlingtondiocese.org/bla or scan the QR code:

Scan Me



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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



SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:
bit.ly/PJC2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Burke, VA

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| 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 |

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

It is hard to believe that spring could be right around the corner. Our woodlands and meadows are about to awaken and burst into a vibrant display of spring ephemerals, the transient native beauties we love to see, especially after the cold and snowy days of winter. They are among the first spring plants to emerge and are indeed ephemeral. They don't last long, completing their life cycle in a matter of weeks to take advantage of the sunlight that filters through the canopy before the trees leaf out.

Virginia Bluebells are a well-known and popular example of a spring ephemeral, celebrated during Bluebell festivals around the region in April. But the show starts earlier, with Spring Beauty sprinkling the ground starting in late March, followed by a whole array of fascinating species including Trout Lilies and Dutchman's Breeches. We can bring their splendor and interest to our homes by planting them in our landscapes and gardens. They are the native equivalent of crocuses and daffodils, a difference being that they are transplanted in pots rather than planted as bulbs.

The blooms of spring ephemerals are small and delicate, almost fairy-like in appearance, and yet they are an important source of early pollen for newly emerging bees. Our gardens can serve as a haven for these small but mighty plants that directly support the biodiversity of the region. Spring ephemerals will emerge before many of us begin to actively garden, so successful cultivation requires some advance thought and planning. They need sun in late winter and early spring but require shade later on as the sun intensifies and temperatures rise. They will be at home in most woody settings on your property, so plant them under trees, shrubs, and other large perennials where the soil is moist. They are particularly charming along paths and walkways where you can enjoy them every day as you pass by. Learn more about how you can help our early pollinators and increase your enjoyment of God's spring rebirth.

No appropriate space in your own yard? Plan to enjoy the beautiful spring ephemerals on a few hikes this spring and marvel at God's amazing Creation. *(Adapted from Plant Nova Natives.)*

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 jaynekatrynq1@yahoo.com.

2026 Nativity Parish Mission - Unity in Christ



All are invited to participate in our 2026 Lenten Parish Mission: Unity in Christ. This year the Parish Mission is set for: **Sunday, March 8th.**

Our Parish Mission is intended to help you deepen your faith through a series of talks given by a visiting priest. This year, Nativity is excited to welcome back Fr. Jack Riley! Father John Riley has been a priest for over 30 years, serving in the Arlington Diocese, in Denver, and beyond. He has taught and led hundreds of conferences, missions, and retreats for priests, religious sisters, and laity around the country and as far afield as Calcutta, India. His first love is helping people seek and find Jesus Christ by treasuring and pondering the Gospels in deep quiet prayer. Fr. Riley currently serves as Spiritual Director for the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA.

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!

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!

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/kc-council-7992/st-patrick-s-day-2026>



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



Ash Wednesday Collection Marks 35 Years of Restoring the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, the annual collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken in dioceses across the United States. By participating in this collection, you can help carry on a 35-year legacy of restoration and healing. Thirty-five years later, this work continues to heal the wounds of history by supporting parish ministries, diocesan evangelization efforts, and the liturgical and cultural renewal programs of religious communities like the Benedictine monks of Pannonhalma Archabbey, Hungary, depicted in this year's campaign image.

It also continues in the pastoral and humanitarian efforts to bring mercy and comfort to the wounded, grieving, and displaced victims of the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Please join in by giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving/e-offertory platform. #iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection.



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

Monday, February 16 - President's Day

9:00 am † Michael Oates
NO NOON MASS

Tuesday, February 17

7:30 am † Mark Cornwell
12:00 pm Special Intention for Marilyn Kamm

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

6:00 am † Robin West
7:30 am † Margaret Andino
9:00 am † Mayfield & Mayo Family Members
12:00 pm † Ester Torres (*livestream*)
4:00 pm † Arthur Sheekey
6:00 pm † Nicolas Salvi
8:00 pm † Nicolas & Eva Pinto (*bilingual*)

Thursday, February 19

7:30 am † Harriet Elbert
12:00 pm † Ann Gogolkiewicz

Friday, February 20

7:30 am In Thanksgiving

Saturday, February 21

9:00 am † Jaime B. Ruiz
5:00 pm † Nancy Johnson
7:00 pm † Eleodoro Hernandez

Sunday, February 22

7:00 am † Martha & Peter Palermo
9:00 am † Maria Angelica Soriano
11:00 am † Fe "Nena" Robles
1:00 pm Nativity Parishioners
5:30 pm † Laura Ogbourn

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



TEA IN THE GARDEN: A HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER CALLING ALL MAKERS, CRAFTERS, AND ARTISANS!

You are cordially invited to showcase your talents at our upcoming High Tea Fundraiser benefiting the Nativity Sisters.

This year, we are transforming our space into a beautiful "Tea in the Garden," featuring a vibrant marketplace open to all parishioners. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your products and services with our community in a delightful, festive atmosphere.

When: Saturday, May 9th 2026 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Vendor Investment: \$25.00 per table

Reserve Your Spot: Space is limited for this special event. To ensure your place in the garden, please contact Kim Delatte at kdelatte65@gmail.com or 703-587-2749 for registration details.

Join us for a Divine Mercy Retreat!!

Complete trust in God's Divine Mercy. St. Thérèse teaches us that humility and total dependence on God's Mercy will draw our hearts closer to Jesus. He will help us become saints and lift us up to be With Him in Heaven. St. Thérèse is a model of faith, patience, obedience, and trust. She unlocks for us the innermost reality of Mary – "Blessed is she who believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1:45) She shows us by her example, how to strive to strengthen our trust and faith in God. The program features 6 Zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings 7:45 to 9:00 pm. 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.





SAVE THE DATE
Tea in the Garden
A HIGH TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER BENEFITING
OUR NATIVITY SISTERS

Step into a blooming garden for an elegant afternoon of fine tea and gourmet treats by Boyd & Parker Events. Enjoy a curated purse auction, our festive photo booth, and delightful door prizes.

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2026 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM
FATHER MARTIN CENTER

Tickets: \$45/person.
\$48.00 if paying by credit card

Special Feature: This year, shop our vibrant garden marketplace! We are seeking select crafters and vendors to showcase their talents (\$25/table). To donate a purse or reserve a vendor table, please contact: Kim Delatte: 703-587-2749 kdelatte65@gmail.com

"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)
Jesus calls us to live with integrity, love, and holiness, going beyond the letter of the Law to embrace its full meaning. Priests participate in this mission by bringing His grace to the world through the sacraments, helping others encounter God's love. Could God be inviting you to this ministry of service? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



THE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY FEBRUARY MEETING

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 26 FOR AN EVENING OF DANTE'S FLORENCE

ANN MEYER, A FORMER COLLEGE PROFESSOR WHO HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN ITALY, WILL PRESENT WITH A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF DANTE'S 14TH CENTURY EPIC "THE DIVINE COMEDY". THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SLIDES HIGHLIGHTING LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT FLORENCE COMMEMORATING THE POET AND HIS ENDURING LEGACY.

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 7:00PM
PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SOCIAL HOUR WITH WINE AND SNACKS WILL FOLLOW. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE. JOIN AS A MEMBER AT ANY MEETING. GUESTS CAN ATTEND FOR \$5.00. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ITALIAN TO JOIN; JUST HAVE A LOVE FOR THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE.

Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider subbing at Nativity School! Please Join Us!

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- ⇒ 2-plus years of college
- ⇒ Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
- ⇒ Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills
- ⇒ Diocesan-compliant
- ⇒ Successful background check



For more information, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146; or you can contact Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

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 8th graders available. Please email Anna Lisa at marriage@nativityburke.org for more information.



NO HANDS BUT YOUR MINISTRY



The No Hands But Yours (NHBY) Ministry is an original Nativity Ministry doing God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. NHBY works distributing food, clothing, & personal items to the poor & homeless in DC & NoVA 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 continue to grow through our Nativity community and other ecumenical communities. Now with over 100 members!

For more details on the NHBY Ministry you can visit the Nativity Parish website and under the Ministry tab, select No Hands But Yours. We also have a Signup Genius where you can access specifics along with our schedule where you can volunteer to assist. Families are also always welcomed! (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAC22A1FA7-nohands1>). Monetary donations are also accepted via the Nativity Catholic Church Donation Page.

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).





Nativity Lenten Fish Fry

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr Sikora Council 7992

Friday, February 20th 2026 & Friday, March 27th, 2026

Serving from 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Dine in the Parish Hall or Take To-Go

Advanced Tickets: (sold after Mass, see dates below)

Adults \$14.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00 (kids menu)

Tickets at the door: Adults \$15.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00

Limited Space is available. Reserve your time slot after Mass on 2/14, 2/15, 3/14, 3/15, 3/21 and 3/22

Online for 2/20/26:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AAAB2AA64-61760176-lenten>

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Online for 3/27/26:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AAAB2AA64-62314354-lenten>

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Adults	Kids
Fried or Baked Fish	Fish Sticks
French Fries	French Fries
Hush Puppies	Hush Puppies
Cole Slaw	Cole Slaw
Dessert	Dessert



3/27

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 \$119,212 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, 703-239-2890, or Bob Colella, robert.colella.86@gmail.com, 571-422-0367.

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.

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 for the zoomlink.



KOFC ANNUAL MULTI-CAR RAFFLE

HAPPY MARDI GRAS! What better way to celebrate than selling the 20 raffle tickets you received in the mail.

Where else can you get a chance to win all four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Bronco Sport) plus up to \$40,000 in cash for only \$5. We have additional tickets if you sell all of yours. Proceeds will benefit our parish and Knights of Columbus charities. Please mail your sold ticket stubs directly to All Saints in the envelope provided.

If you didn't receive a packet, please contact PGK Sam Northland @ 703-455-2186 and one will be mailed to you.



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 or sign up here:

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

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



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.

SOUP SUPPERS

Save the dates: February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18 from 5:30-7:00p.m. in the Cafeteria. Soup Supper donation form and volunteer form are live on the website!

See website for full schedule

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

✉ cym@nativityburke.org 📷 [@nativitycym](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycym)

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

WASHINGTON — “Let us be faithful stewards of memory.

Let us be courageous witnesses to truth,” said Bishop Daniel E. Garcia, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, and Bishop Roy E. Campbell, chairman of the USCCB's Subcommittee on African American Affairs, marking 100 years of commemorating Black history in the United States. Their statement is as follows:

“This February marks one hundred years of commemorating Black history in the United States. This milestone is an opportunity for us to prayerfully reflect on the ways history has been preserved, honored, and passed on across generations. In Open Wide Our Hearts, the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter against racism, we recognized that the lived experience of the vast majority of African Americans bears the marks of our country's original sin of racism. During this year's observance of Black History Month, we encourage the faithful to consider the lessons of history, honoring our heroes of the past and learning from the mistakes of the past. Although we may at times encounter people or situations in our country that seek to erase 'memory' from our minds and books, it can never be erased from our hearts. May our reflections strengthen our faith and communities. Let us be faithful stewards of memory. Let us be courageous witnesses to truth. Let us pray and work to honor the inherent dignity of every person and the sacred stories of every people”.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2026/commemoration-black-history-month-let-us-be-faithful-stewards-memory-say-bishop-garcia>

“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. 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, sawyerkoc7992@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, 703.841.2504.

The Lamb Center: provides laundry, showers, hot meals, counseling, and financial assistance for poor and homeless. <https://nativityburke.org/service/the-lamb-center/>

Interested in advertising in the bulletin? Call Mike Jurosky at 717-648-5996 or email: mjurosky@diocesan.com

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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Images are representative of the models and types of cars to be awarded.

All tickets, stubs & monies are **due by Tuesday, 21 April** to **All Saints Catholic Church**. The drawings will be held during the All-Saints Catholic Church Fair on Saturday, 25 April. If you need more tickets or have questions, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 or at kofc7992carraffle@gmail.com



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 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 Deaconrfd@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.

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.

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 or Bob Sands 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.

Sacristan

Church of the Nativity, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire a part-time Sacristan - 20-25 hours per week. This position will be responsible for preparing the church and Altar for Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

Principal duties include caring for the liturgical vessels, altar cloths, and needed supplies.

Coordinate with volunteer sacristans and liturgical ministers. Be present to welcome all with a spirit of joy and kindness.

Requirements:

- *Bilingual English -Spanish a plus
- *Knowledge of MS office – including Excel, Word, and Microsoft Office
- *Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- *A spirit of service to God's people

Submit cover letter and resume N.L.T. January 30, 2026 to: Msgr. Bob Cilinski c/o Ann Benson at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015, or via email to abenson@nativityburke.org.

Director of Youth Ministry

Nativity Catholic Church, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire an experienced Director of Youth Ministry to be responsible for the coordination of all high school and middle school programs.

The youth minister will develop the curriculum, implement and oversee the program, collaborate with the religious education program, work with parents/adult volunteers, and act as liaison between parish and Diocese.

Work will be performed in and out of office setting with frequent evening and/or weekend work. Full time position with competitive salary and benefits.

Requirements:

- *Proven experience/knowledge of Catholic Church theology, history, and teachings.
- *Fully initiated and practicing Catholic
- *Proficient in English (oral and written)
- *Bilingual Spanish-English a plus
- *Strong communication and people skills
- *Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- *Ability to budget and implement financial controls.

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Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously!

To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Questions: contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819.

Bishop Ireton High School
SUMMER CAMPS

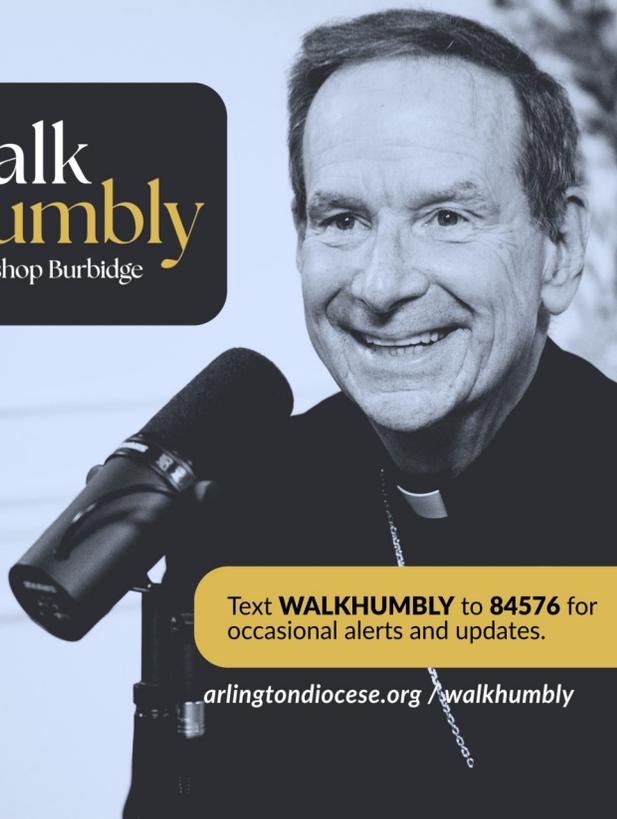
Bishop Ireton Summer Camp Registration Is Now Open!

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 or scan the QR code to learn more and register.

Walk Humbly
Bishop Burbidge



Text **WALKHUMBLY** to **84576** for occasional alerts and updates.

arlingtondiocese.org/walkhumbly

Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: nativityburke.org and download one. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

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, or contact the charity's Director, Larry Gordon at 703.237.8479 for more info.

SPREADING CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY



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



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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book for 2026 is open. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please stop by the parish office to sign up. You can also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 9AM - 12PM

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



Join JP's Science Department and Science National Honor Society students for a fun morning of science experiments!



RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

More than 30 years ago, the bishops of the United States established the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to help the Church rebuild and resume its mission in countries where for decades, communist regimes had confiscated churches and persecuted priests, consecrated religious, and laity. The end of those communist regimes restored the Church's freedom to preach the Gospel, pray, and carry out public ministries such as health care and education.

Since its founding in AD 996, Hungary's Archabbey of Pannonhalma has been a center of prayer and learning and a treasured symbol of Hungarian religious and cultural heritage. For centuries the monks of this Benedictine community dedicated their lives to prayer, hospitality, and education at all levels, from primary through university. After World War II, Hungary's communist regime dissolved monastic orders and allowed the monks only to operate their secondary school. The community faced consistent intimidation.

Today, the communist regime is gone, and Pannonhalma is once again a center of faith-enriching learning. Funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe made possible three such programs in 2025. In February, the Benedictine school of Pannonhalma

offered secondary students an art education course designed to deepen their spiritual growth by incorporating their Catholic faith into their appreciation of art. In August, the archabbey conducted a liturgical workshop for Catholic clergy, seminarians, and laity committed to deepening their understanding and experience of liturgy. Finally, in September, the archabbey brought together international ecumenical leaders, Catholic clergy from Hungary, and leaders from Protestant and Orthodox Christian churches for a symposium on fostering Christian unity, held in a setting of theological reflection and personal encounter.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe at Mass helps the Church in Hungary and 27 other countries to rebuild and continue the mission to share the Gospel with new generations. More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/cee.

If you prefer to donate online, see QR code.

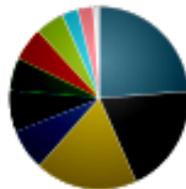


2024 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 547
Total Amount Approved: \$9,588,486

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	91.79%
Program Costs	4.52%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	2.84%
Administrative Expenses	0.85%



Total Expenses \$10,449,046

PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Emergency*	8	\$2,283,000	23.81%
Evangelization	121	\$1,862,944	19.43%
Construction	145	\$1,772,954	18.49%
Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	33	\$704,306	7.35%
Operational Support	50	\$692,726	7.22%
Scholarships	79	\$562,314	5.86%
Social Aid	44	\$561,935	5.86%
Education	24	\$497,085	5.18%
Vehicle Purchase	15	\$280,758	2.93%
Seminary Support	14	\$263,687	2.75%
Multimedia	14	\$106,777	1.11%

*Includes grants for urgent humanitarian and pastoral responses to the crisis in Ukraine.



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Around the World – In a Single Day

One of our favorite events is our PTO’s Multicultural Celebration, where we carry ‘passports’ granting us a peek into several countries around the world for one special evening. We sing, we dance, we speak other languages, enjoy tasty food, play games, create art.

Several of our Nativity students proudly shared dances and performances from around the world that they had practiced with such dedication, teamwork – and a whole lot of joy! From lively folklorico, cumbia, and salsa, to instrumental and vocal pieces, our students brought to life the rhythms, stories, and traditions of several different cultures, such as Columbia, Mexico, Cuba, Peru, and Ethiopia, to name just a few – all celebrating the beauty of our diverse Nativity community.

We viewed a gravity-defying ‘Capoeira’ performance bringing 16th-Century, Afro-Brazilian culture to life, by combining martial arts, acrobatics, dance, and music. It’s a disguised form of self-defense and cultural resistance – developed by enslaved Africans – deftly executed by the martial artists from ABADA-Capoeira DC, of Rockville, Maryland.

“There were so many experiences packed into this single evening,” summed up Maria Kelly, Nativity’s Principal. “It was a wonderful event, celebrating many cultures.”

All told, we visited many different countries all the way around the world – Mexico, Cuba, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Philippines, China, Japan, South Korea, Afghanistan, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Ukraine, Egypt, Ethiopia, and more – and were home by bed time!



A Great BIG Thank You to Our PTO and Our Families for Partnering in Unique Ways to Build our Faith Community.

Important Upcoming Dates ~

February 16 - Presidents’ Day/No School

February 18 - Ash Wednesday

March 6 - Second Trimester Ends

March 16 - No School

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.

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 navyy8@yahoo.com.

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: Participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria.



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!

When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass
 Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA.

Join Nativity in praying the Pro-Life Rosary for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Your peaceful presence outside on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility makes a difference by increasing awareness, and for parents who find themselves in unplanned/crisis pregnancies. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.

La Comunidad Hispana de la Parroquia de la Natividad te invita a unos días de

REFLEXIÓN *Cuaresmal*

La cuaresma nos ofrece una oportunidad para transformarnos y renovar nuestro interior, para poder descubrir cuál es la voluntad de Dios (Rom. 12:2). Acompáñanos en una serie de talleres diseñados para nutrir tu espíritu e inspirarte a dejar ir las cosas que frustran tu crecimiento espiritual.

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Para inscribirte o para más información, envía un correo electrónico a:
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¡NO TODO VALE!

VI Domingo (A)
Javier Leoz

Dice una conocida sentencia: *“Una cosa no es justa por el hecho de ser ley. Ha de ser ley porque es justa”*. El hombre, que anhela su propia libertad (sin más límites que la propia conciencia) está inclinado a rechazar todas aquellas normas, o mínimas pautas, que vayan en contra de esa idea: yo soy dueño de mi vida, de mi historia y de todo lo que pienso y realizo. ¿O no es así? ¿No hay una práctica rebeldía del hombre contemporáneo a todo lo que se le impone como ley?

1. El evangelio de este domingo VI nos viene estupendamente. Frente al “todo vale” que, en cierta manera nos propaga el mundo, Jesús nos dice el “pero yo os digo”.

-Frente al aborto (porque el ser humano es dueño de su propio cuerpo), el Señor nos recuerda que –el 5º mandamiento– sigue tan vigente como lo conoció y escuchó Moisés: *“¡No matarás!”* “Y que, la vida, viene de Dios y, sólo Dios, puede disponer de ella.

-Frente al olvido o la marginación de los más mayores (cuando la sociedad afirma que ya han cumplido), el Señor nos trae a la memoria el 4º punto de lo revelado por Dios en el Monte Sinaí *“honrarás y respetarás a tus padres”*.

-Frente a la opulencia (en contraste escandaloso con los países más pobres), en este día de Manos Unidas que lucha por el desarrollo de los pueblos más desfavorecidos y hambrientos, el Señor nos lleva al segundo mandamiento: *“amarás al prójimo como a ti mismo”*.

-Frente al intento de absolutizar leyes y normas que siendo indignas se exigen a todas las personas sin derecho a objeción de conciencia (como recientemente reclamaba el Papa Benedicto XVI), Jesús nos recuerda que, sólo Dios, es digno de ser adorado y de ser tenido como suprema ley a favor del hombre.

2. La Palabra de Dios, sus leyes, no son ningún adorno para la humanidad. Es la constatación de un hecho real: muchos de los que creemos en el Señor no tenemos orientada suficientemente, y con fortaleza cimentada, nuestra vida en el Reino de Jesús. Dios, y es así, no es ningún adorno: si su Ley fuera cumplida.. muchos dramas del mundo serían superados.

Jesús no quiere esclavos de su Reino. Hay un dicho que dice algo así *“la letra con sangre entra”*. La ley del Señor, desde el momento en que está sustentada en el amor, requiere discípulos libres (no obligados), con luz propia (no con imitaciones), con sal y picante (no derretidos o vencidos). A nadie se nos obliga a creer y, por lo tanto, cumplir la voluntad de Dios, esperar en El y en sus promesas nos lleva a la siguiente conclusión: vivir según Dios es un gran regalo. Un privilegio que el Señor nos recuerda en el evangelio que acabamos de escuchar.

Cristo que sabe cómo se está con Dios metido en el corazón, desea para nosotros lo mismo: la felicidad auténtica. ¿Y cómo se alcanza? Sirviéndole con alegría y con prontitud, con entusiasmo y con diligencia, con perfección y con humildad.

Iba un peregrino camino de Compostela y, en un anochecer, mirando hacia las estrellas preguntó: “Señor; ¿qué quieres de mí? Vivo según tu Palabra y camino por tus sendas. Te busco...y no sé si acabo de encontrarte. Una voz, desde lo más profundo del silencio le contestó: *“te quiero a Ti”*.

Esta es la ley del Señor. Sus mandamientos están encaminados precisamente hacia ello: a un encuentro real, misterioso y personal entre Dios y el hombre.

QUE NO SEA REBELDE, SEÑOR

A tu Palabra, pues ella me ilumina
 me enseña los caminos hacia tu Reino
 A tu presencia, pues contigo y en Ti,
 encuentro la felicidad plena
 la dicha verdadera y las razones para vivir

QUE NO SEA REBELDE, SEÑOR

A tus leyes, pues con ellas,
 podré ser libre de verdad
 sin someterme a otras, que en el mundo,
 son injustas y caprichosas

QUE NO SEA REBELDE, SEÑOR

A tu voluntad, para no ser esclavo de nadie
 y sirviéndote a Ti, pueda descubrirte
 en mi entrega sencilla pero sincera a los demás

QUE NO SEA REBELDE, SEÑOR

A tu proyecto sobre mí,
 y llevar a buen puerto
 lo que, mis débiles fuerzas, me permitan

QUE NO SEA REBELDE, SEÑOR

A tus exigencias en la vía hacia la perfección
 A tu corazón, para moldear el mío frío y duro
 A tu llamada, para no olvidarme
 de lo mucho que, hoy siempre, me amas.
 Amén.

Iglesia Católica de la Natividad

Horario de Misas Miércoles de Ceniza

18 de febrero de 2026

6:00 am

7:30 am

9:00 am

12:00 mediodía

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

8:00 pm (bilingüe)

Transmisión en vivo 12:00 mediodía

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA DE CUARESMA

Los católicos de 14 años o más están obligados a abstenerse de comer carne y aquellos de 18 a 59 años están obligados a ayunar (1 comida completa y 2 más pequeñas para mantener las fuerzas) a menos que existan razones médicas o graves.

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia, el Viernes Santo es un día de ayuno y abstinencia.

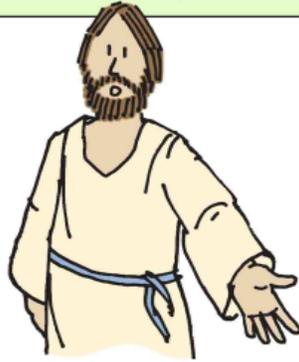




As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them some instructions.

Find the underlined words of Jesus' instructions in the puzzle below.

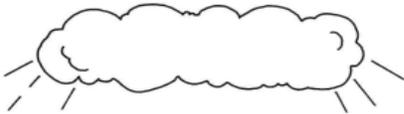
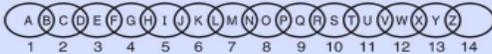
"Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



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What happened next?

Use the code to find out.



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A bright cloud enveloped them and

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5 6,7 8 11,12 3 12 5 10,11 4,5 4,5 5 7 5 1 7

12 3 6,7 6,7 8,9 6,7 3 1 10 3 2,3 6,7 5 10 10,11 3 7,8

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The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain.

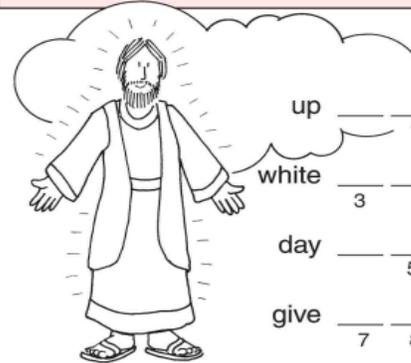
Read what happened next. Then find the underlined letters in the picture below.

Jesus was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.



When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground, terrified. What did Jesus say to them?

Write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.



- up _____ 1 _____ 2
- white _____ 3 _____ 4
- day _____ 5 _____ 6
- give _____ 7 8 _____
- walk _____ 9 10 _____
- bad _____ 11 _____ 12
- war _____ 13 _____ 14
- break _____ 15

Jesus said, " _____ 11 _____ 14 _____ 6 _____ 10 _____ 13 _____ , _____ 12 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 7 _____ 3 _____ 14 _____ " _____ 8 _____ 15 _____ 9 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 12 _____ "

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