THIS IS MY BELOVED SON with Whom I am well pleased MATTHEW 17:5



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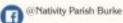
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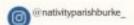
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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish 7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./

1:00p.m./5:30 p.m.

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

9:00 a.m. on Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

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A Message from our Pastor Fr. Bob Cilinski



"RISE AND DO NOT BE AFRAID"
- Matt. 17:7

My dear parishioners,

Jesus showed what it means to be a child of God. On the summit of a mountain, Jesus was revealed as a new Moses who faithfully obeyed God's law. God confirmed Jesus as the beloved Son of God to whom we must listen. When we listen to Jesus, we learn that we cannot stay on the mountaintop. We must go back into the world and live the gospel no matter how much hardship may entail. When Jesus came down from the mountain, he began his final journey to the cross. God sent his Son to save the world. God made you out of love in His image and likeness and calls you out of love to follow Him.

For Reflection: Do I know that I am a beloved son or daughter of God? In what ways do I need to listen to Jesus.

To enrich our Lenten journey, extra confession times are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Our parish Lenten Penance service is Thursday, March 30 from 6:30 - 8:00pm. 20 Priests will be available for individual reconciliation.

Next Saturday, March 11, 2023, Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the 5:00pm Mass and consecrate our new Altar. I am grateful for your generosity which provides this new beauty to our worship and inspires us to live out our baptismal call as disciples of Jesus.

May our new sanctuary remind us of God's presence in our midst and of our dignity as the daughters and sons of God. May we always proclaim the sacredness and dignity of every person.

Love and Blessings,

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Fr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

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, Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence

The 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal



The BLA theme this year is "My soul rejoices in the Lord," which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You make a gift at:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR Code.

On This Date in Nativity History March 2003

In March 2003, the war with Iraq began. Because the Nativity community includes such a high proportion of military service families, we experienced losses in this war in a powerful and personal way. Two parishioners were killed in Iraq during the fighting. Soon after the invasion, the parish opened a prayer book in the church vestibule for all to write the names and prayers for their family and friends who were stationed in the war zone. By the fall of 2013, over 4,000 names of service members had been inscribed in these books.



On 2 April 2003, U.S. Army Captain James F. "Jimmy" Adamouski died when the Black Hawk helicopter he was piloting crashed in central Iraq. He was the first West Point graduate to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After graduation from Lee High School, he attended the Military Academy, served a tour in Germany, received basic and advanced training in flying helicopters at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and was nearing the end of his assignment in Iraq with the Third Aviation Regiment, Third Infantry

Division. He was planning to attend Harvard Business School in the fall. He was survived by his wife, Meighan, his parents, and other family members. After his funeral Mass at Nativity, he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



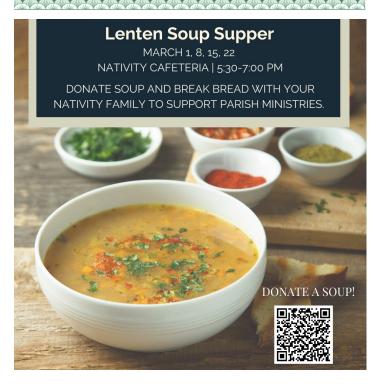
On 11 December 2004, U.S. Army Captain Mark N. Stubenhofer was killed by small arms fire during a patrol in Baghdad. He was a company commander in an infantry battalion of the 1st Armored Division. He was on his second tour in Iraq, having served there for six months in 2003. Stubenhofer graduated from West Springfield High school, and from Clemson University in 1996. He went directly into the army, served a tour in Alaska, and was assigned to the 1st

Armored Division at Ft. Riley, Kansas, in 2001. He was survived by his wife, Patti, three young children, and his parents. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



By the front entrance to the church, dogwood trees were planted in memory of Captains Adamouski and

This historical note is the 39th of a weekly Bulletin feature leading up to Nativity's fiftieth anniversary, 11 June 2023.



The Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Conference presents

Preserving the Dignity of Life: Combatting Human Trafficking

with

Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

and Bill Woolf

Founder, Anti-Trafficking International and the Just Ask Prevention Project

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Nativity Catholic Church, Burke VA

5:00 PM Mass and Consecration of the new Altar, Bishop Burbidge celebrant

6:30 PM Dinner

7:15 PM Talk followed by Q&A

Human trafficking, the second largest criminal enterprise in the world, is increasing at an exponential rate. Our region has among the largest number of cases of human trafficking in the U.S., and more than half of the victims are minors.

Learn how to recognize signs of human trafficking and help stop this assault on human dignity.

"People think of human trafficking as kids being kidnapped, kids disappearing. Ninety percent of the kids being trafficked live at home, sleep in their own beds and go to school every day."

- Bill Woolf



To register or watch the Mass and event on livestream, scan the QR code.



Glorify God. Protect His Creation.

Dear parishioners,

In January we began the sanctuary renovation of our church as part of our parish 50th Anniversary celebration. We are almost finished with the renovation. The new altar will be consecrated by Bishop Burbidge on Saturday, March 11th.

WHAT ARE WE RENOVATING?

<u>THE SANCTUARY FLOOR:</u> The current sanctuary floor is chipped and stained and cannot be restored. There is also an electrical outlet coming out of the steps with red tape as a caution to all. The new sanctuary floor will be a cream color marble floor with border inlets that will enhance the beauty and safety of the altar area.

THE ALTAR: The altar, on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God gather to participate in the Mass, and it also is the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist. In every church there should be a fixed altar. The current altar of wood and stone does not line up with the center aisle and has electrical outlets coming out of it in the back. Since we are now going to have a marble floor, the new altar will be built with a dignified cherry stain wood and marble inlets to coordinate with the new marble floor. It will contain relics of various saints.

THE AMBO: The current ambo (pulpit) will be replaced by a cherry wood stain and marble ambo. The design of the new ambo will match the altar as a way of expressing the unity of the Word of God in the Scripture and the Word of God in the Eucharist. There is also a practical motivation for the design of the new pulpit. The current ambo provides little room for the lectionary and homily notes. We also must carry a step stool to the ambo when our children are reading. The renovated ambo will have a shelf for liturgical books and a step installed that can be pulled out when needed by a lector.

THE TABERNACLE: A principal feature of the renovation is the moving of the tabernacle to the center of the sanctuary underneath the Crucifix. This design placement calls attention to the centrality of the Eucharist in our faith. As Pope John Paull II said, "We are the Church of the Eucharist." Visually when you walk into the church, your eyes will be drawn to the Altar, Tabernacle and Crucifix in unity on the same axis in the center. These liturgical sacred items will be architecturally what they are spiritually, the axis of our lives.

<u>PRESIDERS CHAIR:</u> Another liturgical change after the Second Vatican Council was the use of the Presiders Chair for the principal prayers of the Mass. As such, we have designed a chair that fits the overall design of the sanctuary. It will be placed on the side wall where the current tabernacle is located. New chairs for the deacon and altar servers are being made. The current chairs are over 30 years old, have served us well, but are in need of an upgrade.

MOSAIC PANELS: We are adding seven mosaic panels on the right side of the church behind the choir section to echo the seven stained glass windows on the left. These mosaic panels will depict the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy, beautifully displaying Christ's command to care for those in need, a charism of Nativity parish. This will highlight the scripture from Matthew 25 when Jesus describes how we will be judged. It will be a teaching reminder to any who say: "If its not on the final exam, I don't want to study it." Pope Francis has called us "to be a church for the poor." These seven mosaics will also provide a balance visually in the church.... and in our lives.

Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Come join the Knights of Columbus for the traditional celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland at our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance to be held in



the Father Martin Center at 6:30 PM on Saturday, March 18, 2023

It is always a great evening of dining, dancing and entertainment. There will be a bag piper playing original Irish tunes, music for listening and dancing provided by a D.J. Bring your friends and reserve a table for 8 or 10 or meet fellow parishioners through designated seating.

You will enjoy the best corned beef dinner in town for \$35 per ticket. Children 12 and under tickets for \$15. Tickets will be sold on line via Eventbright. Scan the code for tickets. This event usually sells out so please get your tickets early! For additional information, contact Patrick Bradshaw at email PBradshaw2@verizon.net.



FEATURED AUCTION ITEM OF THE WEEK

Join Nativity Youth Ministry this summer for Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) or Camp on the EDGE (COTE)! VBC is a camp for students finishing their Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade year. COTE is a service-learning experience open for students currently finishing their 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade year. Receive registration for TWO for either camp - Winning bidding can decide with camp(s) to choose from. This is a great way to grow in friendship and fellowship while also enacting God's justice in our own local community. In addition, the winning bidder will receive Youth Ministry swag (sweatshirt, backpack, etc). This item, as well as Nativity Parish related items, will be available at the Auction!

40 Days for Life: Fall Campaign runs through April 2
We will be peacefully praying the pro-life Rosary in front of the
Falls Church abortion facility at 900 S. Washington Street,
Falls Church. Join us for Nativity's all-day vigil from 7:00am 7:00pm, Friday, March 31. Please contact Rick Loffredo at
rickloffredo@outlook.com for more details.

OPERATION STARFISH

During Lent, we have placed a wicker basket in the vestibule. Any gifts placed in the basket will be shared with Operation Starfish and Catholic Relief Services. If you specifically designate either Operation Starfish or Catholic Relief Services, your designation will be honored. Our major Operation Starfish collection will take place this year on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023. There will be a second collection on that Sunday at all the masses. This is the 9th anniversary of our late Pastor, Fr. Richard Martin's return to God. Fr. Martin loved the poor and founded Operation Starfish here at Nativity in 1998. We have a parish tradition of taking the annual Starfish collection during the Easter season on the Sunday closest to Fr. Martin's anniversary.

Pray for Peace - One Decade at a time! This is the theme for the Nativity Rosary Ministry March meeting on March 14th from 1:00-3:00PM in the Fr. Ready Room.



Rosary makers are invited to come and learn how we make a one-decade rosary using the mission rosary supplies. Especially this month when we want to enrich our Lenten journey, praying one decade of the rosary for peace - whether it be for peace in our families, peace in our church, peace in our world - takes just a few minutes. The rosary is a powerful prayer and with confidence we go to Jesus for an answer to our prayers. This month we will fill the Rosary board at church with one-decade rosaries. Come and help. If you would like to learn to make rosaries, you are invited to join us on March 14th. Rosary registration:

https://nativityburke.org/rosary-making-class-registration. Or for more information, email: rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.

Teacher Job Fair

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, March 18, from 9:00-11:00am at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, 1700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores. We are seeking highly qualified, faithfilled and dynamic professionals to join our preschools, elementary schools and high schools. Please bring copies of your resume that you can share with our school representatives from over 40 diocesan schools. If you cannot attend in person, use the QR code to register to attend virtually.

NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY

No Hands But Yours is an original Nativity Ministry doing God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. We work distributing food, clothing, and personal items to the poor and homeless in DC and northern VA every Sunday morning, rain or shine. We also have weekly trips into designated areas bringing Panera bread donations along with help from local food banks. Through the blessings of God, we have grown through our Nativity community and continue to do so. For more details visit the Nativity Parish website at https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/. Families are also welcomed! If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/Sunday runs, please contact John Rubino at john.albert.rubino@gmail.com.

The No Hands But Yours Ministry wishes to offer special thanks to parishioner Dan Cassidy, DDS and his dental sales rep, Steve Kliegman of Patterson Dental, who donated over a month's supply of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss to those most in need that we serve in both DC and NOVA. Their empathy, support and generosity is greatly appreciated!



MASS INTENTIONS

"We are God's People" 1 Peter 2:10

Monday, March 6th

7:30 am † Joseph Wheeler

Tuesday, March 7th

7:30 am † John Vecchiarelli 12:00 pm † Marshall Levitan

Wednesday, March 8th

7:30 am † Ellen Waldron

Thursday, March 9th

7:30 am † Eduardo Tepe 12:00 pm † Victor Yau

Friday, March 10th

7:30 am † Elaine Alois Mills Killian

Saturday, March 11th

9:00 am Parishioners

5:00 pm Special Int. for Patty Vucci

7:00 pm † Alejandro Quispe

Sunday, March 12th

7:00 am Parishioners

9:00 am Special Int. for Augusto Miranda

11:00 am † Claire Blake 1:00 pm † Larry Brindza 5:30 pm † James Tyrrell

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

The Ancient Order of Hibernians invites Nativity parishioners to join St. Michael's Catholic Church



members for 12:00 pm Mass celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17, at St. Michael's located at 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, VA. Following the Irish-themed Mass, the congregation and St. Michael's school children will gather outside church for a Eucharistic procession. We will also collect food donations at the church to support the Diocese's St. Lucy Project. See you there!



Women's Cursillo! The next women's Cursillo weekend will be held at Missionhurst in Arlington from Thursday, April 20 – Sunday, April 23

Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a movement of the Church that provides an opportunity to experience God's love within a community of joyful fun and supportive prayer. The weekend is designed to promote Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. We'd love to have you join us!!

For more information, please contact Laura Laverdiere at lauralaverdiere@msn.com. There are also Cursillo information cards in the information rack in the narthex. Applications, and more information are available online at

https://arlingtoncursillo.org/weekend-archives/

(The next men's weekend will also be held at Missionhurst from Thursday, September 21 through Sunday September 24).



HAVE SEASON SPORTS TICKETS??? WE NEED YOU!! Have season tickets for sporting events? Baseball?

Have season tickets for sporting events? Baseball?
Football? Basketball? Hockey? Soccer? Rugby?

Pickleball - I'm sure there's a league! The auction committee is looking for game tickets for the silent auction. Please email auction@nativityschool.org if you can help.

Early Bird Tickets (\$50) on sale thru March 15th. Get your tickets NOW!

https://nativityauction.givesmart.com.

The March ECHO Food Room Collection is this weekend.

Please see website for more details and items needed:

https://nativityburke.org/echo-monthly-food-drive/







YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 - FRIDAY, JUNE 30



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

OPEN TO CURRENT K - 4 GRADERS 8:45am - 12pm | \$40 per camper



CAMP ON THE EDGE

OPEN TO CURRENT 5 - 8 GRADERS 1:30pm - 4:30pm | \$40 per camper



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VBC: 8TH GRADERS - ADULTS
COTE: 10TH GRADERS - ADULTS
\$10 per volunteer to cover t-shirt fee



REGISTRATION

OPENS MID MARCH



Knights of Columbus Frenchy Cyr Memorial Scholarships

Once again, Nativity's Knights of Columbus Council 7992 will be awarding Cyr Memorial scholarships for Catholic secondary school tuition (grades 9-12) for the 2023-2024 school year. Schoarship application forms will be available in the later part of March. As a reminder entrants must be registered parishioners at Nativity, or a son, daughter,or grandchild of an active member of Council 7992. Questions, please contact Dave Zivich at davezivich@gmail.com.



Participate in any of the following events & opportunities to help make your Lent fruitful

Confessions | Wednesdays in March | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Stations of the Cross | Fridays | 7:00 pm English | 8:00 pm Spanish

Soup Suppers | March 1, 8, 15, 22 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Peace and Justice Conference | March 11 | 6:00 pm

Mark Forrest Evening of Prayer | March 29 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Lenten Penance Service | March 30 | 6:30 pm

Lenten Fish Fry | March 31 | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Youth Ministry Living Stations | March 31 | 7:00 pm

For more information about each of these opportunities, please visit the Nativity website: www.nativityburke.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book for 2023 is now open with many dates available. 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 now also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/.



On Saturday, March 25th at 7 PM in the Fr. Ready room (conference room by the religious education office and the school front office).

Speaker: Deacon Marques Silva
Dessert will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer Sturgeon
or call 703-455-2400 ext. 116.
(Childcare will not be provided).

PARISH RETREAT AT LOYOLA Men's Retreat, March 17th-19th Women's Retreat, March 10th- 12th

Renew your spirit during Lent with a retreat at the Loyola Retreat House in southern Maryland. This year's retreat theme is: "If Today You Hear God's Voice." To reserve your room, call Loyola at 301-392-0800. The suggested offering for the weekend is \$245. (\$195 for first timers or young adults under age 35). You can review the retreat schedule and also reserve a room online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com. Take some time to "Come Away and Rest Awhile" and spend a some prime time during Lent with God.



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NATIVITY LENTEN FISH FRY

THE FIRST LENTEN FISH FRY WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2023
SERVING FROM 5:30PM - 8:00PM
DINE IN THE PARISH HALL OR TAKE A BOX TO GO

Advance tickets:

Reserve your time slot after Mass on 3/18, 3/19, 3/25 or 3/26 Adults \$11.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00 (Kids Menu) *Tickets at the door:*

Limited Space will be available (best to reserve a slot!)
Adults \$12.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00 (Kids Menu)

Adult menu: fried or baked firsh, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and dessert

Kid's menu: fish sticks, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and dessert

For more information Contact Barry Basselgia—bbasselgia@gmail.com

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



Sick / Homebound Visits

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

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

Nativity Parish Blood Drive

Second Sunday of Lent

WHEN:

Saturday, March 18, 2023 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE:

6400 Nativity Ln. Burke, VA

The Inova Blood Donor Services
Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot.



Every Drop Counts.

Donate Blood.

Book Your Appointment Today

- Visit https://bit.ly/NativityParish0318
- Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 6052
- Contact Mark Altobelli (571) 309-7194 mark.altobelli@gmail.com



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Photo ID Required. Masking is optional for all donors and team members. Allow one hour for your donation.





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of our Extended Care Team to help us provide After-School
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as a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher, please
contact Rich Godwin at (703)455-2300, or
rgodwin@nativityschool.org.

Love Is Given Prayer Group

Please join us every Thursday evening from 7:00PM-8:30 PM for an evening of prayer, praise and community. We meet each week in the Fr. Ready room. Come in through the school entrance, first room on your left. We look forward to seeing you!

Adult Faith Formation

Sacrament of Divinization

Talk by Fr. Hayes

March 9th at 7 PM

Cafeteria

Open to Adults to Attend

Visit https://nativityburke.org/adult-faith-formation to register and receive more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

cym@nativityburke.org

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm



Dinner

Fellowship

Prayer & Formation

2023 HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

Girls: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Weekly

Guys: Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm | 2x / month

EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Alternating Sundays 3:30-5pm & Fridays 7-8:30pm See website for schedule



Meet new friends

Play games

Explore your faith

SEEKING TEENS FOR LIVING STATIONS

We are looking for actors and students to help with costumes, music, and assistant directing to present the freeze frame Living Stations on March 31 at 7 pm.

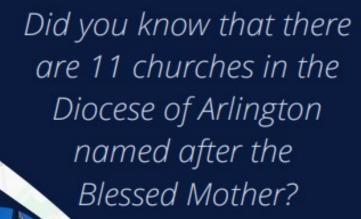






A message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Posted on our website at https://nativityburke.org/service/ creation-care/ under Resources, is the annual Lenten Creation Care calendar, created by Virginia Interfaith Power & Light (VAIPL). VAIPL collaborates among people of faith and conscience to grow healthy communities by advancing climate and environmental justice. The calendar provides weekly themes and daily actions for the seven weeks of Lent. The theme for Week 3 is "Honoring our Sacred Waters." Saving water is not all about shorter showers. Instead, think about your meat consumption. The impact that a plant-based diet has on water consumption is immense; according to UCLA Sustainability among other sources, a plant-based diet can reduce water consumption by up to 50 percent. You can save up to 133 gallons of water with each meatless meal! Attending the Lenten Soup Suppers? Experiment with a plant based soup-healthy for you and healthy for our environment. Thinking about spring and green grass? Consider more native plants and less grass and if you must water, water only when needed (less than 1" rain per week) and not on a daily cycle. Visit your favorite body of water this week and thank God for the wonders of our life giving waters!





A Jubilee
Journey
with Mary

During this second year of preparation for the Diocesan Jubilee, Bishop Burbidge invites you to visit as many of these churches as possible through this Marian journey!



#ArlingtonJubilee



To join the journey, scan the QR code or go to: www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney



Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you to help decorate <u>our</u> parish home, Nativity Catholic Church, for Easter. If you would like to share in decorating our Easter Sanctuary, please fill in the bottom of this flyer and drop it by the parish office after any Mass, **no later than Friday**, **March 31st.** Your gift will be acknowledged in the Easter Bulletin. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** and return the entire sheet – **do not cut.**

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Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, and the the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation including video/discussion series and guest speakers. Rosary at 7:15 PM; meeting follows at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows every meeting. Meetings are in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link: Want to volunteer for an event? https://linktr.ee/fr sikora council 7992

Lenten Fish Fry: The next fish fry of the season will be in the Nativity Cafeteria on March 31st.

Catholic Financial Planning Seminar: See available sessions and register on the linktree.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance: Parish-wide event back after 3 year hiatus on March 18! Many hands are needed to help. Sign up to help and buy tickets on the linktree. Contact Br. Pat Bradshaw at pbradshaw2@verizon.net with any questions.

Blood Drive: 7AM-1PM on Mar 18th the blood mobile will be here. Lookout for the linktree sign up.

Marian Homes Shred Event: Mar 25th 10AM-12 in the parking lot. Help unload cars to benefit this important charity. See the Linktree to volunteer.

40 Days for Life: Fall Campaign is Feb 22-Apr 2. We will be peacefully praying the pro-life Rosary in front of the Falls Church abortion facility at 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church. Join us for Nativity's all-day vigil from 7am -7pm, Friday, March 31. Please contact Br. Rick at rickloffredo@outlook.com for more details.

Food for Others: We need volunteers drivers for food distributions to the poor. If you have a truck or van and can occasionally help deliver to Springfield on Friday evenings contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Yard Sale: This is the council's second biggest charity fundraiser! We need area leads and assistant leads to commit to supporting the collection period as well as the date of the sale June 15-24th. You don't have to be a Knight to help! Sign up on the linktree. Contact Br. Dave Zivich with any questions at davezivich@gmail.com.

Name Tags: Email Warden Michael Bender at michaelbambender@hotmail.com to order.

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Volunteer on the linktree.

Handy Knights Ministry: If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, call the "Handy Knights."

You can reach us at handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com. **The Fraternal Committee:** Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance: Brothers and the families of living and deceased brothers in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navyy8@yahoo.com or 703-250-1492.

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! Simply go to https://info.kofc.org/us.html and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register. E-membership for the first year is free using the new code "blessedmcgivney". Please email our Deputy Grand Knight at PMDELATTE@gmail.com or the Grand Knight at tisgk7992@gmail.com if you'have any questions.



THE LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING THE CLOISTERED NUNS OF ST. DOMINIC'S MONASTERY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery.

The Laetare Benefit is our annual fundraising dinner for the cloistered nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA in the Diocese of Arlington.

As cloistered nuns, they depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence. They have needs for everyday items such as food and healthcare, and are building a Chapel at the Monastery. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, raffle, and auction which will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA. Seating is limited. RSVP by March 1, 2023. Tickets are \$200 each and table sponsorships are available, starting at \$2,000 for ten. Please send a check payable to Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery, 524 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or to purchase tickets online through Faith Direct, please point your camera at the QR code and click to be taken to the registration page or visit https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx? formId=6b435666-9d01-45a3-a805-101015e8e5f6

For more information, please email: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com



The Associates of St. John Bosco undergraduate scholarship opportunity

The Associates of St. John Bosco is pleased to offer three \$4,000 scholarships and one \$6,000 scholarship (the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship) to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to live out their faith on their college campus and who seek to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. Freshman scholarship funding may continue into the next three years if certain criteria are met and, if funding is available, for potentially \$14,000 to \$20,000 in total scholarship funding! Please apply by

May 22 at asjb.org/scholarship-program

Supporting Mental Health Recovery

If you have a family member or friend, aged 18 years of age or older, with a mental illness, we would welcome you to a National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Northern Virginia Family Support Group where we will share strategies and information to help ourselves and our loved ones.

The group is led by co-facilitators trained by NAMI.

When: 2nd Thursday of the Month | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Where: Virtual on Zoom - registration through the NAMI Northern Virginia website to receive the zoom link. https://nami-northernvirginia.org/events/category/family-support/list/

Contact: Esther Lee at elee@nami-nova.org to be added for group meeting reminders and questions.

Struggling with addiction in the family?

Both the afflicted and affected don't need to be alone. There are many resources available including AA, NA, Alanon, Calix and a diocesan chaplain. Call the HELPLINE (970) 989-2670) for support. This is NOT LIMITED to addicts, anybody that would like to speak with a priest or a friend in Christ May call!



Saturday, March 18 from 6:30pm until 10:00pm



Fr Martin Center Nativity Catholic Church 6400 Nativity Ln, Burke, VA 22015



Enjoy a Fantastic Corned Beef Dinner, Entertainment, Cash Bar, and a DJ to dance the night away.



Calling Adult Volunteers! WorkCamp: June 17-23, 2023





This week-long diocesan service program relies on parishes making a community effort. There are many ways you can join us on this experience.

https://nativityburke.org/work-camp/

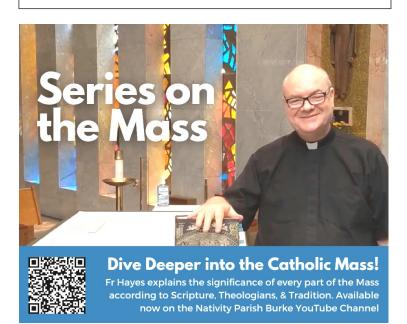
Email questions to Brigid Williams at wc@nativityburke.org

Be Renewed: Developing a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit - Enhance your Lenten journey

You are invited into a more profound, life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This workshop will help lead you to know more of God's presence and power, enabling you to fully live the abundant life for which you were created.

Program includes videos featuring: Fr. Dave Pivonka, President, Franciscan University of Steubenville, personal testimonies, small group discussions and time for personal reflection. Come and "Be Renewed." The workshop is free and will be held Friday, March 24 from 6:30-9:00pm and Saturday, March 25 from 9:30am-4:00pm at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Center, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. It is hosted by St. Mary's, Logs of Fire and Nativity's Love is Given prayer groups.

To register or for more information on making this workshop part of your Lenten journey, email your name, email address and phone number to logsoffireprayergroup@gmail.com. Come Holy Spirit!





You can designate Nativity Church or Nativity School as the beneficiaries of your Amazon Smile! You can choose Nativity by going to: YOUR ACCOUNT, YOUR AMAZON SMILE and designating Nativity. Amazon then contributes a small percentage of each purchase to Nativity. For questions, please contact Ann Benson at: 703 455 2400.

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.

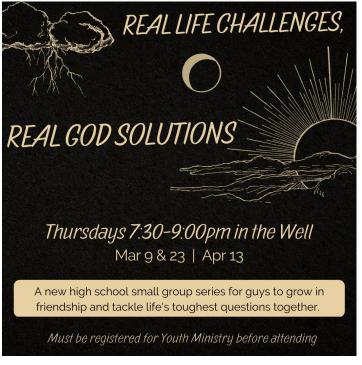
Donate Your Car to Catholic Charities!

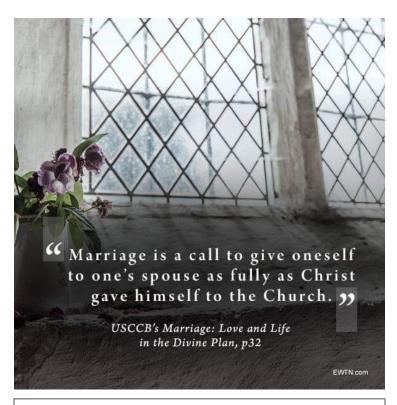
If you are thinking of replacing your car with something new, please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. Proceeds from the sale of working and non-working cars provide critical funds for our volunteer programs. It's easy, we handle all the paperwork and you receive an IRS donation receipt. Email Cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898.

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. Contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with any questions. Thank you!

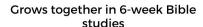




For Young Adults (21-39)

You are part of a larger community that....

Serves with Christ House cooking breakfast every 3rd Saturday



Plays Basketball every Thursday at 8:30pm in the Father Martin Center,

Serves at Mass as a greeters, ushers, musicians and more!

New? Contact our Director Alison Fram to join our newsletter

afram@nativityburke.org (703) 577-5329











CHILDREN'S ROSARY

Rosaries and prayer books are provided. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed. Parents are encouraged to attend in the role of "guardian angels" of the prayer movement. Second Saturday of each month in the Training Room from 4:00 - 4:30pm.



Sorrowful Mysteries Silent Retreat for Women

Join Fr. Noah Morey for a walk through of the Sorrowful Mysteries with a glimpse of the joy and glory on Sunday as we celebrate the Annunciation -- for Our Lady of Sorrows is also the cause of our joy. Retreat dates are Friday-Sunday, March 24-26. For further information visit our web page (www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat-events).

To register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

The Importance of Sunday Mass

As the body will die without food, the soul will expire without nourishment. As Catholics, that spiritual nourishment comes at the Sunday Eucharist. The Lord's Day is essential for our faith. Make Sunday Mass the heart of your week.

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling.

To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.











ECHO Semi-Annual Yard Sale

Saturday April 15th, 2023

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

St. Bernadette's School Gym 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22152

All proceeds go to the ECHO Operating Fund which benefits our clients

Items needed for our Yard Sale include vintage items, jewelry, pottery, glass, camera's, linens, quilts, pictures, artwork, figurines.

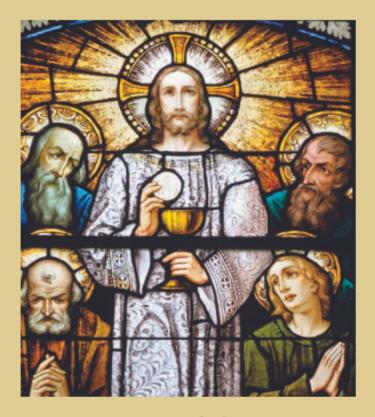
Also, toys, CD's, books, and much more.

Items donated for the Yard Sale must be dropped off at ECHO at least one week prior to the sale.

ECHO is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150

For more Information contact Debbie Moreau at debbiemoreau@mac.com or Rachel Hoover at hooverrach@gmail.com

The Most Holy Eucharist: Gift and Sacrament



A Basilica of Saint Mary Parish Mission with Fr. Wade Menezes March 20-23, 2023



Topics to Be Covered:

- The Eucharist as Foreshadowed in both the Old and New Testaments
- The Church Fathers on Eucharistic Doctrine
- Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement: The Saints and the Eucharist
- The "Most Blessed" of the Seven Sacraments

Synopsis of the Parish Mission

The Catholic Church teaches that "the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life" (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, 11; *CCC*, 1324). "The other Sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it.

For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely, Christ Himself, our Pasch" (*CCC*, 1324).

Come, rekindle your personal faith in these profound truths and welcome our Eucharistic Lord and King into your life as you never have before. This Parish Mission message is meant for all!



Lunch N' Life Thursday, March 16, 2023 12 noon — 2 PM Lord of Life Lutheran Church 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032



Speaker – Jim Radigan, US Navy Retired

"My experiences as the commanding officer –

U.S. Navy Antarctica Squadron."

As a special welcome back to Lunch N' Life, there is no cost for this lunch and entertainment.

Advance reservations are required, and will be limited to 100 persons

Please contact Bea Stephenson for reservations at 703-273-5730

Deadline for reservations – March 9, 2023

Contact SCFB a week prior to event date if you require transportation to the luncheon, and we will try to find a ride for you. SCFB's office phone number is 703-323-4788.

If Fairfax County public schools are closed or have a delayed opening on March 16, 2023 due to inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

The next Lunch N' Life is on May 18th and will feature the barbershop quartet <u>Just Four Grins</u>.

At Jubilee Christian Center, Don't miss it!! More details to follow.

BE RENEWED:

Developing a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit

You are invited into a more profound, life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. Enhance your Lenten journey!

Friday, March 24 from 6:30 – 9 pm and Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 am – 4 pm

St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center, 5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax 22032

This free workshop will feature:

- Video Presentations with Fr. Dave Pivonka
- Personal testimonies
- Time for reflection
- Small group discussions

To register or for more information email your name and phone number to Logsoffireprayergroup@gmail.com or call 703/425-0086

Hosted by St Mary's Logs of Fire and Nativity's Love is Given prayer groups









Reflect on the many paths to peace this Lent!

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023 St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA



MORNING OF LENTEN REFLECTION & RENEWAL

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - SPEAKERS FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

"Be At Peace"

Keynote Speaker:

Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS

Artist, Author, Storyteller & Retreat Director

"Crooked Paths to Peace" Sister Susan Louise Eder, OSFS

"Finding Peace Amidst Everyday Busyness" Dr. Tom Opfer



Register at oblates.org



Brother Mickey Mutrath, CETS



Sister Susan Louise Eder, CRES



Dr. Tom Opfer

Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Monday March 6

Daniel 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday March 7

Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday March 8

Jeremiah 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday March 9

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Luke 16:19-31

Friday March 10

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday March 11

Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Luke 15:1-3,11-32 Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to

be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

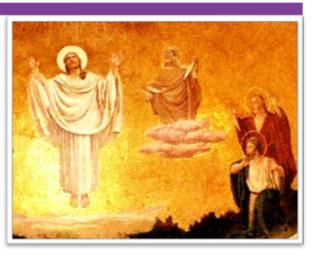
We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier.

During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting

from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God."

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It's the



same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?

Reflect & Discuss:

- As you read the passage from Genesis, how does it feel to think that others could "find a blessing in you"? How does Jesus bless others through you?
- † Timothy reminds us of our holiness. Recall a time when you were enlightened by a new understanding of the faith. How did that change your behavior?
- † In the Gospel story, because the Father was so pleased with his Son, he affirmed him publicly. How do you know when the Father is pleased with you?

Lenten Activity:

What's going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus' healing light?

CUARESINA TIEMPO DE TRANSFORMACION

RETIROS DE CUARESMA

TRANSFORMADO POR ARREPENTIMIENTO TRANSFORMADO POR ENTREGARSE A DIOS TRANSFORMADO POR AMOR

Feb 25 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Fr. Ready Room

Marzo 4 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Fr. Ready Room

Marzo 11 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Art Room

Marzo 18 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Fr. Ready Room

Marzo 25 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Fr. Ready Room

Abril 1 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Art Room

Líneas de fuerza de la cuaresma cristiana

Teófilo Cabestrero, cmf - Miércoles, 18 de febrero de 2015

Todas las actitudes de espíritu cuaresmal, se polarizan en estas líneas de fuerza: **Cuaresma cristocéntrica**: Cristo es el centro de todo en la cuaresma. Cristo en su estado de sufrimiento y muerte a causa del mal y al servicio de nuestra conversión, de nuestro perdón, de nuestra liberación del mal. El objetivo que debemos perseguir en toda la vivencia de la cuaresma, es entrar en comunión con este Cristo, asimilar su estado de dolor y de muerte:

purificarnos del mal, de nuestro propio pecado, de los fallos y defectos que merman en nosotros la verdad y la gracia, que disminuyen y frenan el amor, la alegría y la paz; solidarizarnos con el Cristo que sufre en todos los que sufren, y ayudar a éstos a que resurjan de sus sufrimientos a la paz y la alegría profunda de la resurrección de Cristo.

Cuaresma pascual: vivir la cuaresma es caminar hacia la pascua; pasar por la muerte de Cristo hecha en nosotros mortificación o muerte al pecado, conversión, penitencia y confesión, hasta purificar y aumentar el amor que nos hace vivir resurgiendo según la resurrección de Cristo a una vida nueva llena de esperanza, de luz, de alegría, de los frutos del amor.

Cuaresma eclesial: cuaresma vivida en "iglesia" para sentirnos más "iglesia", más comunidad de Cristo en el mundo de hoy. Hemos de hacer comunidad, familia, grupo animado por la fe y la esperanza, que se apoya con amor y se abre y se da al servicio de los demás hombres.

Cuaresma sacramental: los sentidos cristo- céntrico, pascual y eclesial, confluyen en los sacramentos. Los sacramentos del bautismo y confirmación, confesión y eucaristía, son núcleos vivos de la cuaresma cristiana.

Debemos revisar qué conciencia tenemos de nuestro bautismo. Redescubrir el bautismo con que fuimos injertados en la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo y llenados de su Espíritu. Reajustar nuestra conducta a los dones y las exigencias del bautismo.

Debemos revisarnos acerca del sacramento de la confesión. Estamos abandonando este sacramento, porque lo tenemos ignorado en su verdad honda y viva. Y lo tenemos ignorado porque no nos han dado una buena catequesis acerca de él, y porque, tal como hemos venido practicándolo, se nos queda pequeño, incómodo y hasta superficial, vacío. Si descubriésemos en profundidad este sacramento, y si, decididos a vivirlo desde una viva actitud penitencial que nos lleve a la confesión, encontrásemos la posibilidad de tener unas confesiones que nos llenen, daríamos, a nuestra vida cristiana la profundidad y la paz honda de la re-conciliación y la re-vigorización en el entrañable amor del Espíritu de Cristosalvador.

La eucaristía es otro sacramento que necesita una reforma, no sólo de normas y rúbricas, sino de celebración en la fe consciente y en la vida comprometida al amor. La notable afluencia de gente a las misas de los domingos, que nos ha mantenido tranquilos en nuestra adormecida pastoral sacramental, se ve ahora —si se mira con lucidez— como una rémora, que está impidiendo hacer renovación viva la reforma oficial de la misa. En la mayoría de nuestros templos y capillas, apenas si hacemos otra cosa que aplicar materialmente las nuevas normas y ritos; y no todos, porque la falta de iniciación y de vitalidad de la fe, impide en muchos sitios dar vida al rito de la paz, por ejemplo. ¿Saldremos algún día de la rutina de las "misas" sin eucaristía fraterna y viva? Si queremos lograrlo, habrá que buscar el modo de dedicarnos mucho más a la evangelización y a la catequesis que a los sacramentos; o, para decirlo mejor, dedicarnos a la evangelización y la catequesis, como etapas indispensables de una pastoral sacramental responsable.

Cuaresma viva y actual: hemos de dar a nuestra cuaresma de hombres de hoy el realismo de nuestra propia vida: la necesidad, el hambre, el cansancio, la escasez, la tristeza y cualquier sufrimiento cotidiano, son pasos adentro por la "cuaresma" de esta vida a la resurrección final.

Para integrarlo todo en la cuaresma del año litúrgico, es preciso que el sufrimiento cotidiano de la vida —necesidades, cansancio, soledad, insatisfacción, enfermedad, tristeza, etc.— llegue a ser de verdad "paso", andadura, camino hacia la plenitud gozosa de la vida que debemos ir construyendo ya, y que debemos buscar y esperar más allá de todo. Para esto, hemos de hacer de los sufrimientos diarios el terreno y el tejido de nuestra existencia cristiana, de nuestro vivir en Cristo camino del Padre; hemos de descubrir y sentir en el sufrir diario, en la tristeza, en el cansancio del corazón y en la soledad, la propia ausencia del Señor y el silencio de Dios; y tenemos que aceptar esas cosas como camino, como marcha dura, como roturación de esta corteza de nuestra condición carnal, como purificación, como aproximación a la paz y la dicha en el amor de Dios. Camino purificador que podemos andar con el Espíritu de Cristo, en la dolorosa oscuridad de la fe, pero con el gozo sereno y firme de la esperanza.

El mundo de hoy necesita que nosotros vivamos con verdad la cuaresma cristiana, hasta dar un testimonio que tenga fuerza de ungüento para sus llagas modernas. El hambre, el odio, la guerra, la injusticia, la explotación, el materia-lismo... todas las taras que destrozan la vida de los hombres por la piel del mundo, en todas sus latitudes, bajo cualquier régimen, necesitan el mensaje de paz, amor, justicia y salvación, que brotará de la fe y la vida de los cristianos, por la fuerza del Espíritu del Cristo al que hay que convertirse y unirse en cuaresma.



HAY QUE SALIR! 2º Cuaresma

1.No hay peor cosa que la soledad. Y, las grandes empresas, los magnánimos ideales, se llevan mejor y a buen fin, con buena compañía. Lo mismo ocurre con la cruz: cuando su largo madero se reparte en cientos de hombros....resulta menos pesado y más soli-

Algo así debió de pensar Jesús cuando, después de la prueba del desierto, se coge a un puñado de amigos para salir del ruido, del llano, de la vida ordinaria y elevarlos, no solamente a una montaña, sino también a la contemplación del misterio que hoy celebramos: la Transfiguración.

Aquellos apóstoles, estoy seguro, no entendían "ni papas". De repente todo se transforma de tal manera que, por querer, hasta pretendían quedarse indefinidamente en lo más alto de la cumbre. Y es que, cuando uno sale de sus obligaciones, del ajetreo de cada día para encontrarse con Dios, llega a pensar que, es en ese lugar, donde mejor se está y donde merecería la pena vivir para siempre. Luego, por supuesto, los pies en la tierra, y la conciencia de que nuestra fe no sólo es espiritualidad, nos harán caminar y optar también por la senda del compromiso. Jesús, no nos quiere volando ni perdidos entre nubes, sino embarrados y entretejidos con las cuestiones que preocupan al hombre de hoy.

2.El Monte Tabor es el escenario de una experiencia que marcaría el rumbo de las vidas de Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Aquel "qué bien se está aquí" que el espontáneo Pedro exclamó con fuerza, emoción y con paz, es idéntico al que nosotros, con una eucaristía bien celebrada y atendida, una oración pausada o contemplativa o con cualquier otro acto de piedad podemos expresar.

En el fondo, nos cuesta sacudirnos esa gran telaraña que nos cubre de palabras, ruidos, millones de imágenes o falsas promesas. El alma contemplativa, que tanto bien nos puede hacer para poner las cosas en su sitio y a Dios en el centro de todo, nunca ha estado tan amenazada -por lo menos en Europa- como en el presente. ¡Cuesta desprenderse de una sociedad que todo lo mediatiza, todo lo controla y todo lo pretende! Hay que distanciarse, no huir, de ese maremagno de situaciones que nos producen frialdad, engreimiento o falta de reflexión. Y también, por qué no señalarlo, de esa sociedad absoluta que, a duras penas, nos deja un poco de espacio para pensar y actuar por nosotros mismos.

3. Tabor, en este segundo domingo de la Santa Cuaresma, es el compromiso de acompañar a un Jesús que se ofrece como camino, recorrido con cruz, para que el hombre no olvide ni su dignidad ni su ser hijo de Dios. No nos podemos quedar cómodamente sentados en la felicidad de nuestros sueños; en una fe personal y privada. ¡Qué más quisieran algunos! Uno, cuando escucha la Palabra, con la misma confianza y credulidad que lo hicieron Abraham, Pablo, Pedro,

Santiago o Juan, a la fuerza ha de ponerse inmediatamente en movimiento. Nuestra presencia en esta Eucaristía nos debe de Îlevar a soltar un "qué bien se está aquí" pero también nos ha de llevar a un convencimiento: el mundo nos espera fuera; en el mundo es donde hemos de dar muestras de lo que aquí, en este "monte tabor que es la Eucaristía", hemos vivido, visualizado, escuchado y compartido. ¿Seremos capaces? ¿O nos conformaremos con este puntual "tabor" que es la misa dominical?



¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

De la cobardía que apaga tu voz De la espiritualidad, débil y cómoda, que me hace olvidar lo que ocurre a mi alrededor QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Del llano que me agarra y no me deja verte De la tierra que me seduce y me conduce De los problemas que no me dejan descubrir la gran lección de tu cruz

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Pues, cuando me encierro en mí mismo, veo que algo no funciona en mí. Que me falta aire para respirar Que los horizontes desaparecen de mi vista Que, la ilusión y la fe, disminuyen por momentos

QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Pero, para ello, como a Pedro, Santiago y Juan llévame contigo: para que disfrute de tu presencia para que escuche tu Palabra para que sepa lo que me espera, por el hecho de ser tu amigo y compañero QUE SALGA, SEÑOR! Que no me quede bajo las bóvedas de un mundo fácil que todo lo contamina

que todo lo desvirtúa que todo lo confunde que todo lo frivoliza

¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!

Que no me pierda, ni un solo Domingo, este momento de paz y de gracia de amor y de Palabra de presencia y de perdón que es la Eucaristía. ¡QUE SALGA, SEÑOR!



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What did Jesus say was the reason He was sent?



Do the math problems. Use the answers to fit the words into their matching numbered spaces. Then transfer the letters from the boxes, in order, to the spaces below.

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CODE	10-5 =	2)
NOSE	1+1 =	3)
RIGHT	2+6 =	4)
DOES	12-9 =	5)
WORK	9-5 =	6)
FOOD	1+0 =	7)
MOONS	S 2+4 =	8)
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How did Jesus reply to Nicodemus?

Write the letter that is missing in each sequence. Then use the code to fill in the blanks.



- 1) LMNP = ____
- 7) IJLM = ____
- 2) RSUVW = ____
- 8) EFH = ____
- 3) LMOPQ =
- 9) JKLN = ____
- 4) BCEF = ____
- 10) ACDE = ____
- 5) BCDFG = ____
- 11) HJKL = ___
- 6) PQST = ____ 12) WXZ = ____

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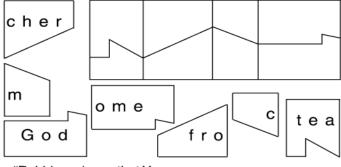
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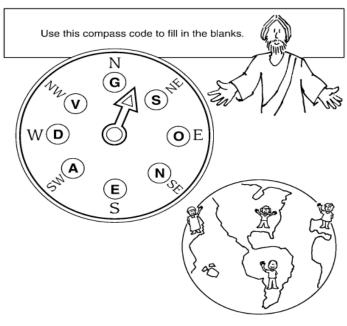
> Fill in the missing squares from the choices. Then use the letters from the words created in the puzzle to fill in the empty spaces below. Work from left to right and top to bottom.



"Rabbi, we know that You are a ___

For no one could perform the miraculous signs You are doing if God were not with Him."

How much did Jesus say God loves the world?



"For $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ so loved the world that

He ____ His one and only

that whoever believes in Him shall not perish

but have eternal life."

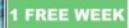






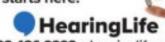
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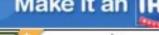
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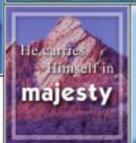
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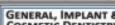
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