

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This illness is not  
to end in death,  
but is for the glory of God,  
that the Son of God may  
be glorified through it.

John 11:4



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

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

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

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



*“ I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.” ~ John 11:25-26*

My dear parishioners,

**Reflection**

The people in exile thought they were as good as dead, yet God breathed life into them. Though they felt as dry as the bones of corpses, they were raised up and marched into freedom. Paul said that the indwelling Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and will give our mortal bodies life.

As the time of Jesus’s death approached, he made the incredible announcement: *“I am the resurrection and the life.”* Jesus asks if we believe this. Each of us must summon faith and say: *“Yes, Lord, I believe.”* Jesus shows us that we will not be disappointed by our belief in him.

The raising of Lazarus is a symbol of our own dying and rising in baptism. With the elect we examine those things in our hearts that prevent us from receiving the fullness of life. We ask ourselves whether or not we keep others bound through our anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness. We must make a decision to set them free through forgiveness and mercy. Jesus tells us, *“Unbind them and let them go free!”*

**For Reflection:** What will loosen my bonds and set me free? How can I bring comfort to the dying and grieving?

*“We often get tired of asking for God’s forgiveness. But God never tires of forgiving us.” - Pope Francis*

This Thursday, March 27th is our Lenten Penance Service. Many Priests will be available throughout the church for individual confessions at 6:30pm. We are turning Nativity into a *“Reconciliation Zone.”* Come as a family... a beautiful way to prepare for Easter.

Love and Blessings,

Msgr. Bob Cilinski  
Pastor

**ATTENTION - PARKING REMINDERS**

Recently with the snow, and sometimes for crowded Masses, parishioners have to park in the neighborhood across the street. The following reminders will help with safety and allow us to be good neighbors. Under Fairfax County code and traffic regulations parking is prohibited at:

- **within 10 feet of either side of a driveway**
- **within 20 feet of an intersection**
- **within 30 feet of a stop sign**
- **in travel lanes including turn lanes**

Our neighbors understand our need to park there when services are crowded. They welcome us and appreciate our efforts to do so safely. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday through March 27, 7:00pm English, 8:00pm Spanish. Good Friday, April 3, live stations at 12:00pm in English and 5:00pm in Spanish

**The Light is ON for You**

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Wednesday Evening during Lent  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Confessions

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

March 27 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm



**NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Holy Week Schedule 2026**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026**

Morning Prayer 8:30am  
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30pm  
*(Bilingual)*  
Individual Prayer follows at Altar of Repose  
Night Prayer in the Chapel of Repose 11:45pm  
*(Fr. Ready Meeting Room)*

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026**

Morning Prayer 8:30am  
Living Stations of the Cross - English 12:00pm  
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm  
Living Stations of the Cross - Spanish 5:00pm  
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 6:15pm  
*(Spanish)*

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026**

Morning Prayer 8:30am  
The Blessing of Easter Food 9:00am

**EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4 at 8:00pm (livestream)**

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
Blessing of the new fire, Lighting of the Easter Candle  
and the Celebration of the New Sacraments of  
Initiation with the Elect and Candidates  
in OCIA and OCIC

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD, APRIL 5**

Celebrated at Nativity Catholic Church  
Masses at: 5:30am, 7:00am, 9:00am,  
11:00am *(livestream)* and 1:00pm *(Spanish)*.  
To accommodate for large overflow crowds,  
we will also offer Mass in the Fr. Martin Center  
at 9:05am and 11:05am.

*There is NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday and  
NO noon Mass on Easter Monday, April 6.*



### Nativity Lenten Fish Fry

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr Sikora Council 7992  
 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 3/21 and 3/22**

**Online for 3/27/26:**

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

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



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### Service Opportunity for Families on March 29th after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Mass in the School Art Room



Join us for the 2nd Annual hands-on Soap-Making Service Opportunity for families on Sunday, March 29th after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses at Nativity Parish. Led by the Youth Leadership Council at Kind Leaders, this meaningful S.T.E.A.M. experience invites children and youth to create mini starfish-shaped soaps that will be offered to parishioners on the third weekend of April for a suggested donation benefiting Operation Starfish.

Through this hands-on activity, participants will explore soap chemistry, measurements, and mold design while putting faith into action through service. Supplies will be provided. Sign up at [kindleaders.org/events](https://kindleaders.org/events) or scan the QR Code.

*About Kind Leaders: Kind Leaders is a kid founded and led nonprofit organization. Its mission is to help children and youth grow as compassionate leaders and lead with love through faith-based service projects and kindness-driven initiatives. For more information visit: <https://kindleaders.org/events>.*

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**  
 Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm.  
 Many Priests will be available for individual confessions.

### Knights of Columbus Frenchy Cyr Memorial Scholarships

Once again Nativity's Knights of Columbus Council 7992 will be awarding up to six \$1250 (increase from last year) Frenchy Cyr Memorial scholarships to students attending Catholic High Schools in the 2026-2027 academic year.

Scholarship application forms will be available in the later part of March. As a reminder entrants must be Nativity parishioners, or a son, daughter, or grandchild of an active member of Council 7992. Questions, please contact Dave Zivich at [davezivich@gmail.com](mailto:davezivich@gmail.com) or 703-598-0698.

*Attention Please!*

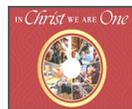
**ALL MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED THROUGH THE END OF JUNE 2026**

**WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE ANY MORE MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE.**

**THE MASS CALENDAR FOR 1 JULY - 31 DECEMBER 2026 WILL OPEN IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY, PLEASE WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN OR ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE**

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



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



The BLA is in full swing and we ask every household in our parish to participate. Each donation, at whatever amount, is important!

You may make a pledge or gift online at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bls](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bls) or here at the QR code.

As of March 10, 709 of our 6,203 parishioner households have pledged or donated \$592,234 toward our financial goal of \$840,000. A great spirit of generous almsgiving! But only about 11% of registered Nativity households have made these donations. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Join us this Lent in making a meaningful impact on people's lives. Thank you!



**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.

**PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)**

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: Easter Sunday Mass and Dinner (April 5); Thursday Lunches (April 9 & 23); Tour of George Washington's Alexandria (April 11); Walk at Manassas Battlefield Park (April 15); Orchestral Concert at Schlesinger Hall (April 19); Serving meal at Christ House (April 25); Planet Word Museum (April 25); Dinner in Tysons (April 26); . For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).

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

**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.

Submit cover letter and resume to:

Msgr. Bob Cilinski  
c/o Ann Benson, at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke VA, 22015  
or via email to [abenson@nativityburke.org](mailto:abenson@nativityburke.org) .

**GIRL SCOUTS NEEDS YOU!**

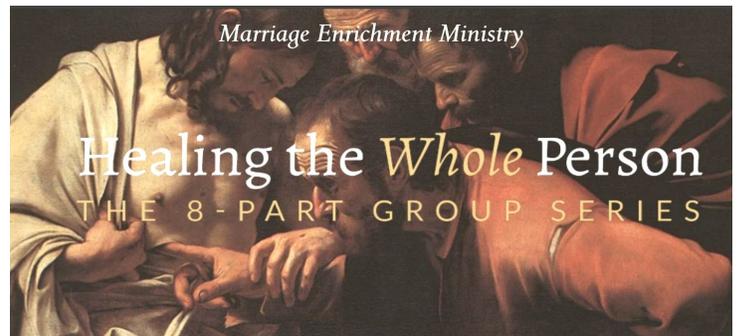


**New Kindergarten Troops  
Need Leaders!**

**Benefits of Being a Leader:**

- Choose the Day/Time, Frequency of Troop Meetings
- Online Training can be done on your schedule
- Support system from other Nativity troops
- Recruit parents to be your co-leader,
- money manager, fall product/cookie manager

Contact [nativitytroop@gmail.com](mailto:nativitytroop@gmail.com) for more information



**Small Group Study**

**Fridays, March 13 - May 15, 2026  
6:30- 8:30 PM**

**Nativity School Teacher's Lounge  
Potluck Dinner**

This teaching, presented by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miriam James Heidland, is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. If you're looking for a deeper understanding of God's love and the healing of your own story, you'll fit right in.

The Nativity Italian Heritage & Cultural Society invites you to join us on March 26 for a look into the cradle of the Renaissance, the arts and beauty of Florence, Italy presented by Dr. Heather Bougher.

She is Associate Professor of Art History at the College of Southern Maryland. Her presentation will focus on the art and architecture of Florence, Italy. Her talk will also concentrate on aesthetics of the 14th-16th century, in Florence. She is a member of the College Art Association, Italian Art Society, and the Renaissance Society of America.

**Date: Thursday, March 26 at 7:00pm**

**Place: Nativity School Cafeteria**

Social hour with wine and snacks will follow. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Join as a member or come as a guest for \$5.00.

You don't need to be Italian to join. Just have a love for the Culture.





**A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry**

March 22 is World Water Day--this annual United Nations observance aims to raise awareness about the importance of freshwater and advocate for its sustainable management. Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, highlights the urgency of addressing climate change and the need to protect the environment, including water resources, as a moral imperative. The Catholic Climate Covenant encourages Catholics to engage in actions that promote water conservation, sustainable water management, and climate action, both locally and globally. World Water Day also highlights the disproportionate impact of water scarcity and climate change on vulnerable communities, underscoring the need for social justice and environmental protection. Fairfax Water provides these Wise Water Use Tips: <https://www.fairfaxwater.org/conservation>. For more information on preventing and cleaning up water pollution in Fairfax County: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/water-quality-stewardship-guide>

God, we thank you and give you praise for Sister Water. We witness Water's power to shape earth's canyons and coastlines. Water surrounds us with warmth and safety in our mother's womb. Water blesses the earth with rain and sustains our life. She cleanses and refreshes us, washing over us in gentle streams. Water awes us with her beauty as waves crash against rocks or gently roll onto the shore, as she cascades down a waterfall or blankets a mountain with a soft white cloak, as she reflects the beauty of the sky and trees in her clear lakes or shrouds a valley in an early morning mist. God, we thank you and give you praise for Sister Water. *(Prayer from Catholic Health Association of the United States)*

SOME BUNNY TOLD US WE NEED MORE

*Easter*  
**CANDY**

We warmly welcome donations of individually wrapped candies suitable for inclusion in Easter eggs for our Family Easter Egg Hunt event.

Kindly deliver sealed bags of candy to the labeled box in the Church Office by **Wednesday, April 8.**

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

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



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

**Monday, March 23**

7:30 am † Adriana Ladino  
12:00 pm Special Intention for Gladys Ilarregui

**Tuesday, March 24**

7:30 am † Paul Cilinski  
12:00 pm † Domenico Bonaccorsy

**Wednesday, March 25**

7:30 am † Angela Merulla  
10:00 am † Philip McHugh (*Heatherwood*)

**Thursday, March 26**

7:30 am † Rolando Raygada  
12:00 pm † Elvira Raffetto

**Friday, March 27**

7:30 am † Julio C. Rios

**Saturday, March 28**

9:00 am † Soledad Morales  
5:00 pm † Santiago Machado  
7:00 pm † Jose Ricardo Ortiz

**Sunday, March 29**

7:00 am Nativity Parishioners  
9:00 am † Mary Jane Dee  
11:00 am † Juan Francisco Dell Rosario  
1:00 pm † Laura Ogborn  
5:30 pm † Balsam Sabbagh

In prayer, let us remember  
the sick and deceased of the parish  
visit [nativityburke.org](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kdelatte65@gmail.com) or 703-587-2749 for registration details.



**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 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto:kdelatte65@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).



THE EIGHT ANNUAL  
**NATIVITY**  
*Golf Tournament*

Please join Fr. Bob for a great day of golf to support the Youth Programs at Nativity Parish, including Nativity School, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, and CYO Sports.

Can't join us that day? Please consider sponsoring a hole or donation to one of our many other sponsorship opportunities.

Registration and sponsorship information are on the Nativity website at: <https://nativityburke.org/golf/>

**MAY 22** | WESTFIELDS GOLF CLUB CLIFTON, VA  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 15

[HTTPS://NATIVITYBURKE.ORG/GOLF/](https://nativityburke.org/golf/)

NATIVITY STARS  
**GALA & AUCTION**  
*Early Bird Tickets On Sale Now!*

Early Bird: \$60 through March 31 | \$70 after

May 16, 2026 | 6:30-10:00PM

Derby-Inspired Cocktail Attire | 21+ Event

Cocktail Reception • Heavy Appetizers • Live & Silent Auction • Heads or Tails Game • Class Basket Raffle • Class "Horse Race"

Optional Whiskey Tasting Experience - available as an add-on or included with Signature Sponsor!

Open to the Nativity Parish and School community, along with their family and friends.



Tickets & info: <https://www.nativityschool.org/gala>

**160th Women's Cursillo Retreat - April 16 - 19**  
**Missionhurst Retreat Center,**  
**4651 25th Street, Arlington, VA 22207**

Cursillo (cur SEE yo) is a lay Catholic movement that takes its name from Cursillo de Christiandad, Spanish for "short course on Christianity." It has been endorsed by every Pope since John XXIII. This 3-day retreat is an opportunity to examine your faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the community.

*You will: Grow spiritually - Make new friends - Experience Christ's unlimited love*

More information can be found on the Arlington Diocese Cursillo website: <https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/>.  
If you are interested and would like to learn more, feel free to contact Laura Laverdiere at [lauralaverdiere@msn.com](mailto:lauralaverdiere@msn.com).

**CELEBRATING 22 YEARS!**

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

~ SUMMER CAMPS ~

**July 13-24, 2026**  
 All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, VA  
 Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA

**THEATRE, MUSIC, AND ART CAMPS FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

THIS SUMMER, YOUR CHILD WILL  
**ACT OUT LOUD. CREATE A MASTERPIECE. SING & DANCE. TAKE A BOW.**

**FREE T-SHIRT AND DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS**

**SpotlightSummerCamps.com**

## NATIVITY CYO SPORTS TRACK & FIELD

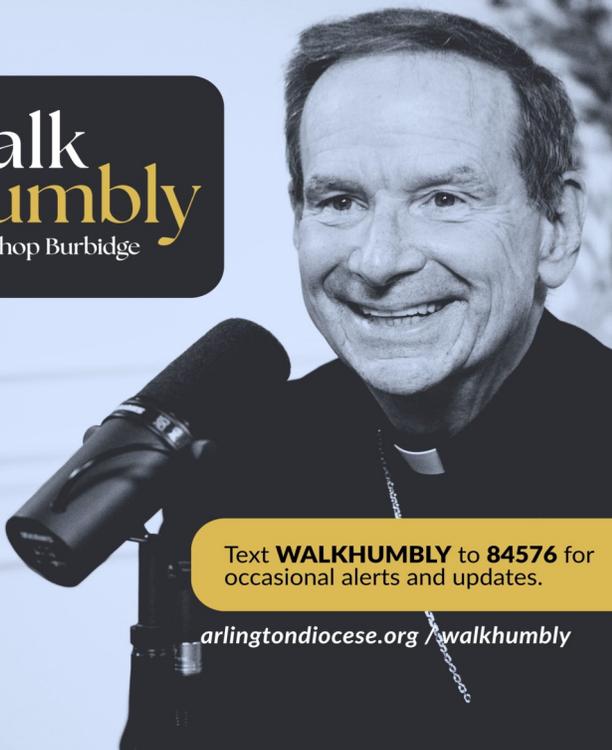


**HAVE FUN AND MAKE FRIENDS AS WE RUN, JUMP, AND THROW**

**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 15TH**      **COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Nativity is participating in Spring Track & Field! This is open to all 3rd - 8th graders attending Nativity Catholic School or Nativity's Religious Education program. Practices will begin late March and the CYO Spring Meet will be May 16th.

**EMAIL [CYOSPORTS@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG](mailto:CYOSPORTS@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG) FOR ANY QUESTIONS.**



**Walk Humbly**  
 Bishop Burbidge

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

[arlingtondiocese.org](http://arlingtondiocese.org) / [walkhumbly](http://walkhumbly)

# Virginia MARCH for LIFE

**April 22, 2026**  
**RALLY 10 AM | MARCH 11 AM**  
**RICHMOND, VA**

*We'll see you there!*



Scan the code for event details!

**VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE**

[MarchforLife.org/Virginia](http://MarchforLife.org/Virginia)

**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



**LIVING STATIONS**  
Join us for Soup Suppers on March 4, March 11, and March 18 from 5:30-7:00p.m. in the Cafeteria. The soup donation form and volunteer form are live on the website!

**7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE**  
Sign up is now available for Nativity Youth Ministry's annual 7 Churches Pilgrimage! We will meet at 7pm April 2 in the church. And then will depart in vans to our route. We will dismiss at 12AM.

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

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



**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](mailto:rickloffredo@outlook.com).

**Girls Volleyball Clinic at John Paul - March 28th**  
Join us at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for our Girls Volleyball Clinic on Saturday, March 28th from 9-11am!  
Open to 4th - 8th grade girls! Participants will have the opportunity to work on fundamentals while receiving guidance from JP coaches and JP student athletes! We hope to see you there! Visit the link to start your registration:  
<https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

**Pro-Life Corner**

**Virginia March for Life – Richmond  
Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026**



All Nativity parishioners are welcome to join us and other Virginians of faith and conscience as we march for life at our state capitol! This year we are planning to carpool and join in on the free Engage Training. Contact [rickloffredo@outlook.com](mailto:rickloffredo@outlook.com) for carpooling or questions. Schedule (times are approximate):

- 7:30am – Mass at Nativity (Optional)
- 8:10am – Carpool departure for Richmond
- 10:00am – Rally at the Bell Tower 101 9th Street, Richmond
- 11:00pm – Virginia March for Life!
- 12:30pm – The Engage Training (lunch provided)!\*
- 2:30pm – Carpool departure for Nativity
- 4:30am – Return to Nativity

Register for the March at <https://marchforlife.org/virginia/>. Within that webpage you can Register for Engage Training! See below for details from the registration link.

If you prefer join the Holy Spirit Bus and return directly after the March, check here: <https://marchforlife.org/va-bus-info-find-a-ride/>.

**“Engage Training - Say NO to the Zero-Safety Abortion Amendment**

Join us for an important and informative training hosted by The Family Foundation and The Leadership Institute designed to help citizens across the Commonwealth of Virginia better understand the proposed abortion amendment and what it could mean for our state. Lunch included!

- This training will provide clear, factual information about the amendment, explain its potential impact, and equip you with practical tools to confidently and respectfully discuss the issue with others.
- Participants will gain helpful talking points, resources, and strategies for engaging in thoughtful conversations with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and members of their church communities.
- We have 4 Training Tracks: Students, Church/Ministry Leadership and Pastors, Medical/Pregnancy Help Professionals, Pro-Life Engagement.
- Whether you are just beginning to learn about the amendment or are already engaged in advocacy, this training will empower you with knowledge and confidence so you can help educate others and be a voice for informed civic engagement in Virginia.
- We encourage anyone who cares about the future of the Commonwealth to attend. Together, we can ensure Virginians are informed, equipped, and ready to have meaningful conversations in their communities.

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

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

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

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

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

### COME VISIT THE NATIVITY GIFT SHOP



The Nativity Gift Shop has a lot of new merchandise! We have a large selection of cards and gifts for Confirmandi and Holy Communicants.

We also have beautiful Holy Communion veils available. Each one is hand made and one of a kind! Special requests will be considered, in the past we have transformed wedding veils as well. For more information and pricing, please contact Natasha Hines at the gift shop or leave a message for her at the parish office.

### OUR MISSION

We, the People of Nativity Catholic Church, by our baptism, are joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to love God, love others, and form new disciples. We celebrate Jesus Christ in Word, Sacrament and Service.



## TRIVIA NIGHT SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, April 25th**  
**Fr. Martin Center (Gym)**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM | Doors open 6:30 PM**



Think you've got what it takes? Gather your team and get ready for a night of laughs, competition, and great prizes!

Sponsored by Nativity School PTO/ 21+ Only Please

### 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/>.



## BISHOP IRETON CAMPS

*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.*



*Bishop Ireton High School is excited to offer 5 weeks of Summer Camps beginning June 22, 2026, through July 20, 2026. Come explore what Bishop Ireton has to offer! Offering over 30 Unique Camp Experiences & Introducing Seven NEW Camps!*

Scan the QR Code and Visit our website to learn more.



### 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](http://nativityburke.org) and download one. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

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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](mailto:kofc7992carraffle@gmail.com)

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**Nativity 4th Grader Earns Top Honor in St. Patrick Coloring Contest**

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***Congratulations to Rory Keightley, Nativity School 4th Grader, for her first place award in the Ancient Order of Hibernians' (AOH) annual St. Patrick coloring contest!***



The competition included nearly 2,000 entries from more than 20 Diocesan schools, and it is the first time a Nativity student has won this prestigious event. Well done, Rory. We honor your creativity and dedication!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in the Diocese of Arlington is an Irish-Catholic men's fraternal organization dedicated to "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity." It champions the local Catholic community through charitable works, preservation of Irish heritage, and support of parishes. ***Thank you, Mrs. Iacobucci and Mrs. Keightley, for all your assistance.***

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**Today, Sunday, September 22 ~  
 GRAND OPENING, BOOK FAIR  
 In the Media Center  
 Join Us 8:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Our Book Fair will feature a wide range of books suitable for all age groups and interests. From the latest children's fiction to timeless classics, there's something for every young reader. This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your child to find new books to read, cherish and enjoy. Come By and Say Hello!

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**Important Upcoming Dates ~  
 April 3 - Easter Break Begins  
 May 25 - No School/Memorial Day**

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At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit! Join us to see how your child would spend his or her days here - learning, praying, sharing, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching! Contact us at [www.nativitalschool.org](http://www.nativitalschool.org), (703) 455-2300, or [smurph@nativitalschool.org](mailto:smurph@nativitalschool.org).

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL 

**Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The 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](mailto:dgk7992@nativityburke.org) or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at [gk7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:gk7992@nativityburke.org) with any questions.

- Volunteer for an event!** Scroll down to view all events, [https://linktr.ee/fr\\_sikora\\_council\\_7992](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.
- Widow Support:** **\*\*Updated\*\*** We need drivers to support rides to appointments. See SUG for details!
- 5 April:** Easter Ushers needed for the parking lot & church. SUG is live!
- 11 April:** Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 - 3:30pm. We need volunteers to support this fun event! See SUG for details.
- 25 April:** Adopt-A-Highway. Join your brother Knights as we clean up Old Keene Mill Rd! 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](mailto:sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net). For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at [mstock\\_w@yahoo.com](mailto:mstock_w@yahoo.com). Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella [robert.colella.86@gmail.com](mailto:robert.colella.86@gmail.com).
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com).
- The Fraternal Committee:** Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at [navy8@yahoo.com](mailto:navy8@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. 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Murray Rupert

**ECHO Collection NEXT weekend, March 28/29 - Food Room Most Needed Items**

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. The USDA calculates that a meal for one persons is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 753 lbs of food for ECHO on February 28/March 1.

**ECHO's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!**  
 Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils, Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal (low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Canned Milk, Shelf stable milk, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.) Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-salt spices, Masa Corn Flour, Granulated Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Canned Meat, Paper bags, Newspaper plastic sleeves, Paper boxes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand lotion, Band Aids, Diapers. (sizes 2, 4, 5, 6), Sanitary Napkins.

## Nativity Catholic Church



# Gathering for **Caregivers** of Family Members with Special Needs

Caregivers of loved ones with special needs (of all ages) are invited to **join us for a time of community**, encouragement, and spiritual support. This gathering will include small group conversations, a presentation from a fellow caregiver, and space to connect with other parish families navigating similar journeys. Caregivers include those caring for family members with special needs such as sensory processing challenges, ADHD, autism, or intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, etc. We consider caregivers to be any relative who is walking alongside a family member with special needs. **Caregivers must register in advance to attend.**



**SCAN ME!**



Sunday, April 19th



7:00–8:30 pm



Father Ready Room

[nativityburke.org/caregivers-gathering/](https://nativityburke.org/caregivers-gathering/)

THE 11TH ANNUAL NATIVITY PARISH

# GOLF TOURNAMENT



Monday May 18, 2026  Westfields Golf Club, Clifton, VA

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## Nativity

**Format:** Scramble, Captain's Choice

**Check-in:** 6:45-7:30am

**Shotgun Start:** 8:00am

**Fee:** \$190 per player; \$760 per foursome

**Includes:** Breakfast, 18-holes of golf, cart, range balls, beverage cart tickets, lunch following play, awards ceremony

**Awards:** Winning Teams, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Hole in one contest and more!

**Available:** Mulligans, Raffle Prizes

**Website:** <https://nativityburke.org/golf/>

**Contact:** [msinclair@nativityburke.org](mailto:msinclair@nativityburke.org), [abenson@nativityburke.org](mailto:abenson@nativityburke.org)

**Deadline:** May 15, 2026



### Golfer Registration

Player Name

Phone #

Email

Player Name	Phone #	Email

Pay online: [nativityparishgolf.com](http://nativityparishgolf.com)

Checks Payable to: Nativity Catholic Church (please indicate Golf Tournament on the memo line)

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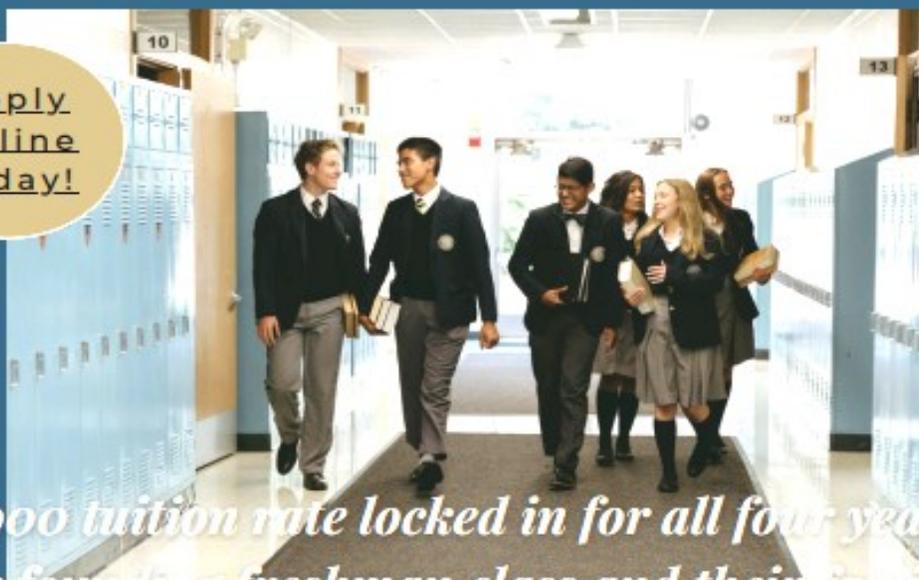
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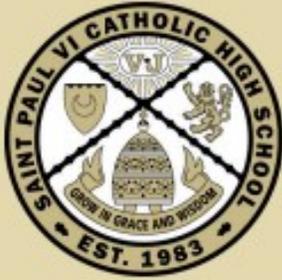
Opening in Falls Church in August 2026, the St. Jerome Institute NOVA high school seeks to overcome the fatal separation of faith and life. In a school community rooted in the intellectual tradition and liturgical rhythm of the Church, students learn to hear and see for themselves the reality of Creation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

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## OUR MISSION IS INCLUSION

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Courses are tailored to each student's interests, abilities, and post-graduation goals, with modified coursework and assessments that build on individual strengths. Through inclusive classes and extracurricular activities — including band, choir, clubs, and athletics — students form friendships, expand their understanding of the world, and grow in confidence and independence.



*The Options program has been supporting students with intellectual disabilities for over 25 years. We remain committed to fostering inclusion and belonging.*

St. Paul VI Catholic High School  
42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152  
703.352.0925 x1314 | [pvioptions@paulvi.net](mailto:pvioptions@paulvi.net)



# Honduras Mission Trip 2026



## Operation Starfish®

July 12-18, 2026

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**SAFETY ALERTS!!**

**NOTE about GROTTO FLOWERS PLACEMENT**  
For safety, landscape erosion, and maintenance reasons, we kindly ask that parishioners refrain from placing flowers, glass vases or plants on the upper ledge of the grotto where the Lady of Fatima statue sits. The Art & Environment Ministry will place artificial arrangements in safe, weighted pots flanking the statue during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

**NOTE about VOTIVE CANDLE PLACEMENT**  
For safety and fire hazard reasons, we kindly ask that parishioners refrain from placing candles on the wooden ledge on which the statue of St. Anthony sits. Candles should be contained in the votive candle rack/stands provided at the brick wall to the left of the St. Jude niche.

# DE LA HERIDA A LA ALIANZA: UN VIAJE PROFÉTICO A TRAVÉS DE LA CUARESMA

PADRE JESÚS NAVARRETE

el retiro será el sábado 21 de  
marzo en el Fr. Ready room,  
de 9:00am a 1:00pm.

**"Levántense y no teman."  
Mateo 17:7**

# SEMANA SANTA

## Se Celebra en la Parroquia DE LA NATIVIDAD

### JUEVES SANTO, 2 DE ABRIL

Oraciones de la Mañana a las 8:30am  
Misa de la Cena de Señor: 7:30pm (Bilingüe)  
Oración Individual en el Altar de Reposo ~ Oraciones de la Noche 11:45 en  
la Capilla de Reposo (Salon de reunión Padre Ready )

Ora-

### VIERNES SANTO, 3 DE ABRIL

Oraciones de la mañana a las 8:30am  
Estaciones de la Santa Cruz: 5:00pm (Español)  
Celebración de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor: 6:15pm (Español)

### SABADO SANTO, 4 DE ABRIL

Oraciones de la mañana a las 8:30am  
Bendición de los Alimentos de Pascua: 9:00am

### VIGILIA DE PASCUA, 4 DE ABRIL A LAS 8:30pm

La Vigilia de Pascua en la Noche Santa  
Bendición del fuego Nuevo, Iluminación de la Vela de Pascua y la Cele-  
bración de los  
Sacramentos de Iniciación con los Elegidos y Candidatos de RICA, RCIC



### DOMINGO DE PASCUA DE LA RESURRECION DEL SENOR, 5 DE ABRIL

Misas a las: 5:30am, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am (Ingles)  
y 1:00pm (Español) Se celebra en la Iglesia de la Natividad

Para acomodar a la multitud adicional también  
ofreceremos Misa en el Father Martin Center  
a las 9:05am y 11:05am

**Cada uno de nosotros es un grano de trigo**  
**Meditaciones para toda la Cuaresma**

**Quinto domingo de Cuaresma. Los que quieren echarse a perder, se guardan para sí mismos en el egoísmo; y los que se entregan, acaban por dar fruto.**



Por: P. Cipriano Sánchez LC | Fuente: Catholic.net

Podremos hacer muchas cosas o tener grandes posesiones, pero nunca debemos perder de vista que lo importante es el bien que hacemos a los demás. Ésa tiene que acabar siendo nuestra más importante y auténtica riqueza.

Dios ama al que da con alegría, y en el Evangelio escuchábamos una parábola de nuestro Señor sobre este darse. Darse significa que, como el grano de trigo, uno tiene que caer en la tierra y pudrirse para dar fruto. Es imposible darse con comodidad, es imposible darse sin que nos cueste nada. Al contrario, el entregarse verdaderamente a los demás y el ayudar a los demás siempre nos va a costar.

Vivimos en un mundo de muchas comodidades, y no sé si nosotros seríamos capaces de resistir el sufrimiento, cuando cosas tan pequeñas, tan insignificantes, a veces nos resultan tan dolorosas. La fe nos pide ser testigos de Cristo en la vida diaria, en la caridad diaria, en el esfuerzo diario, en la comprensión diaria, en la lucha diaria por ayudar a los demás, por hacer que los demás se sientan más a gusto, más tranquilos, más felices. Ahí es donde está, para todos nosotros, el modo de ser testigos de Cristo.

Tenemos que entregarnos auténticamente, entregarnos con más fidelidad, entregarnos con un corazón muy disponible a los demás. Cada uno tiene que saber cuál es el modo concreto de entregarse a los demás. ¿Cómo puedo yo entregarme a los demás? ¿Qué significa darme los demás?

Ciertamente, para todos nosotros, lo que va a significar es renunciar a nuestro egoísmo, renunciar a nuestras flojeras, renunciar a todas esas situaciones en las que podemos estar buscándonos a nosotros mismos.

Jesucristo nos dice en el Evangelio que todo aquél que se busca a sí mismo, acabará perdiéndose, porque acaba quedándose nada más con el propio egoísmo. La riqueza de la Iglesia es su capacidad de entrega, su capacidad de amor, su capacidad de vivir en caridad. Una Iglesia que viviese nada más para sí misma, para sus intereses, para sus conveniencias sería una Iglesia que estaría viviendo en el egoísmo y que no estaría dando un testimonio de fe. Y un cristiano que nada más viva para sí mismo, para lo que a uno le interesa, para lo que uno busca, sería un cristiano que no está dando fruto.

Dios da la semilla, a nosotros nos toca sembrar. Dios nos ha dado nuestras cualidades, a nosotros nos toca desarrollarlas; Dios nos ha dado el corazón, el interés, la inteligencia, la voluntad, la libertad, la capacidad de amar; pero el amar o el no amar, el entregarnos o no entregarnos, el ser egoístas o ser generosos depende sola y únicamente de nosotros.

Es en la generosidad donde el hombre es feliz, y es en el egoísmo en donde el hombre es auténticamente desgraciado. Aunque a veces la generosidad nos cueste y nos sea difícil; aunque a veces el ser generosos signifique el sacrificarnos, es ahí donde vamos a ser felices, porque sólo da una espiga el grano de trigo que cae en la tierra y se pudre, se sacrifica, mientras que el grano de trigo que se guarda en un arcón acaba estropeándose, se lo acaban comiendo los animales o echándose a perder.

Cada uno de nosotros es un grano de trigo. Reflexionemos y preguntémonos: ¿Quiero echarme a perder o dar frutos? Y recordemos que sólo hay dos tipos de personas en esta vida: los que quieren echarse a perder y se guardan para sí mismos en el egoísmo; o los que entregándose, acaban por dar fruto.

**Una Cuaresma desde Dios**  
**Cuaresma**

**Si vivimos la Cuaresma desde Dios, se convertirá en la mejor preparación para la gran fiesta de la Pascua.**

Por: P. Fernando Pascual L.C. | Fuente: Catholic.net



Podemos recorrer los 40 días de la Cuaresma desde una perspectiva errónea, sin darles su auténtico sentido.

¿Cuándo ocurre eso? Cuando vemos la Cuaresma como una tradición de la Iglesia más o menos comprensible pero sin mucho sentido en el ajetreado tiempo que nos ha tocado vivir; cuando buscamos maneras de hacer (nosotros, según los propios deseos) algunos sacrificios para tranquilizar la conciencia y "cumplir"; cuando soportamos con paciencia 40 días en los que nos esforzamos por ser más austeros para llegar luego a momentos de mayor fiesta y alegría... Entonces es que no hemos comprendido el verdadero sentido de la Cuaresma.

Pero también podemos recorrer los 40 días que nos preparan a la Pascua desde una perspectiva justa. Si los pensamos como un momento para orar, ayunar, servir, dar; si los vivimos como una invitación de Dios a la conversión, al arrepentimiento, al cambio de conducta; si los aprovechamos para dedicar más tiempo a la lectura de la Biblia... Entonces habremos hecho un buen uso de esos días tan particulares en el calendario cristiano.

La Cuaresma es un tiempo en el que Dios nos invita, nos llama, nos ofrece ocasiones maravillosas para redescubrir nuestra identidad cristiana. Es verdad que Dios actúa siempre, que no hay tiempos sin que nos busque y nos ofrezca su gracia. Pero también es verdad que, como seres humanos, necesitamos estímulos y ayudas concretas para afrontar con más intensidad y esfuerzo lo que deberían ser compromisos constantes de quienes hemos sido tocados por Cristo en el Bautismo.

Ya estamos en Cuaresma. Si la vivimos desde Dios, si la sentimos como un momento de gracia, de mayor compromiso, de lucha contra el mundo, el demonio y la carne, se convertirá en la mejor preparación para la gran fiesta de la Pascua. Entonces la noticia de la Muerte y de la Resurrección de Cristo llegará más dentro y más fuerte a nuestras vidas: nos permitirá vivir los días de Pascua y todo el resto del año como hombres y mujeres redimidos por la Sangre de Cristo, el Cordero inmolado porque amaba al Padre y a los hombres.



What happened next?

Fit the missing words into the blanks. Then match the events to the pictures.  
feet tomb stone walked Lazarus  
roll Jesus called wept

1. Mary fell at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_.



2. Jesus came to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.



3. Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ away.



4. \_\_\_\_\_, "Lazarus, come out," and Lazarus \_\_\_\_\_ out of the tomb.



When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. What did Jesus say?

Cross out every other letter, starting with the second letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below.



IKAGMCTLHJEHRP  
EMSCUKRBRSEUCJTEIMORN  
SAPNLDDTFHMEGLNIPFCEJ  
AKNEYDOQNMRWPHDOG  
BRECLSIKENVREQSOIENPMBEK  
WAIRLTLVLCIEVPEAENVHEWNPTAHR  
OTULGJHPTKHDEGYJDKISE

" \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ "

# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

March 22, 2026 • John 11:1-45

## Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus was dying, so they called for Jesus, saying:

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.  
"Lord, the one You love is sick."



Then Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" How did Martha answer?

Write the letter in the alphabet that follows each one given below. Example: c / b



" x d r , k n q c , h  
a d k h d u d s g a s  
x n t a q d s g d  
b g q h r s , s g d r n m  
n e f n c , v g n v a r  
s n b n l d h m s n  
s g d v n q k c "

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