



# PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION



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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.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Announcements for the bulletin **must**  
be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on Tuesday (5 days  
prior to publication). Please note: this deadline can change  
due to holiday office closings. You may email submissions  
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**A Message from our Pastor  
Fr. Bob Cilinski**



*“Christ Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. He humbled himself becoming obedient even unto death on a cross. Because of this, God highly exalted Him.”  
- Philippians 2:6-8*

My dear parishioners:

Holy Week begins with the commemoration of the entry into Jerusalem and the reading of the Passion according to St. Luke. This week we move from the palm branches of praise to the shouts of “*crucify Him.*” Jesus teaches us how to live the paschal mystery each day of our lives. There are moments of triumph and joy, but also times of difficulty and failure. Through it all, God is with us offering redemption and new life. In Luke’s version of the crucifixion and death, we find Jesus’ memorable expression of forgiveness: “*Father, forgive them, they don’t know what they do.*” May Jesus’ prayer bring us comfort in our sins and provide a helpful option to all His followers who find love of enemies difficult.

Above all, this is a week of tremendous love. We are reminded of how loved we are by God who gave his only Son to be our Savior. Let us pray for one another, and especially for our “*Elect*” who lead us to the risen Lord we encounter in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. May this truly be a Holy Week.

Love and blessings,  
*Fr. Bob Cilinski*  
Fr. Bob Cilinski  
Pastor

**Born For Us**

You were a prisoner;  
so you free us.  
You kept silent,  
so you instruct us.  
You were beaten like a slave,  
so you set us free.  
We pray to you:  
Jesus Christ, risen Lord, have mercy on us!  
You were stripped of your clothes,  
so you clothe us with glory.  
You were given vinegar to drink,  
so you quench our thirst.  
You were crowned with thorns,  
so you make us kings.  
We pray to you: Jesus Christ, risen Lord,  
have mercy on us!

**PARKING SAFETY REMINDER**

For the safety of all, please **DO NOT** park in fire lanes or in the travel lanes of the driveways at Nativity. In case of emergency, first responder vehicles must have access to our buildings. Knowing that parking is at a premium at our Easter Sunday Masses, your cooperation and concern for other's safety is appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**



Palm Sunday: They couldn’t kill him for blasphemy, a religious crime Rome didn’t recognize. But they could put him to death for a political crime like treason. So Jesus died under the accusation, “King of the Jews.” He had no throne, no army, no power to threaten governments. But he threatened a lot of people with the power to change hearts.

Monday: *Brave Mary of Bethany.* Was Mary a prophet? She forecast Jesus’ death by preparing him for burial. Was she a minister of a sacramental, anointing his body with soothing oil? Was she a disciple, a friend, a woman in love? Unconcerned with others’ judgments, she did what her heart commanded.

Tuesday: *Passionate Peter,* too, followed his heart. He spoke and acted impulsively, and often came to regret his behavior. He swears he will die for Jesus, and within hours he denies him. But in fact, Peter will die for Jesus one day. He, like us, just needs to get the bugs out of his witness.

Wednesday: *God’s Suffering Servant Isaiah* wrote poems about the Lord’s servant, who suffers innocently for justice. The Gospel writers recognized Jesus in those poems. Innocent suffering may repel us, but it also emboldens our hearts. “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” Such love finds its response in our courage.

Holy Thursday: *Foot Washers.* Mothers of small children, caregivers for the elderly, nurses in sickrooms, take heart: washing the feet of those who need us is an activity particularly blessed by God. Humble acts of service give glory to the Lord who once washed feet to show us how far our love should go.

Good Friday: *Carrying the Cross.* The cross is the symbol of human suffering and death. No one wants to carry the cross, but each of us will be forced underneath it someday, like Simon of Cyrene, when we least expect it. How we carry it will depend on how well we’ve understood the sign of the cross, every time we’ve used it in blessing.

Easter Vigil: *Standing at the Tomb.* Many visit the tomb in the early hours of Easter. The holy women. Angels. The disciples. We come to the tomb as well, to stand and peer in to the very hollow where our faith lives. Is it empty? What do we see? Is he risen, or is it a trick? If we say Alleluia, we accept the challenge to say it with our whole lives.

## WOMEN OF NATIVITY ANNUAL EASTER GIFT BAG PROJECT

On the WEEKEND of April 1 and 2, the Women of Nativity will collect items for our annual Easter Gift Bag Drive. In keeping with our tradition, we are again asking the Nativity community to help us in bringing even a small bit of joy to local children served by organizations in our community and congregation at this Easter season.

### REQUESTED DONATIONS INCLUDE

- Easter candy - individually wrapped candies, chocolate rabbits, chocolate lambs, etc.
- Individually wrapped healthy snacks
- Small toys - to include small stuffed animals, jump ropes, bubbles, play-doh story books, Matchbox-size vehicles, etc.
- Crayons, markers, coloring books
- Personal care item for pre-teens
- Monetary donations of cash and checks (payable to Nativity Parish with "WON" on the memo line)

### THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ASSIST REQUEST THAT WE NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- NO Easter baskets
- NO Easter grass
- NO plastic eggs
- NO candy that is not individually wrapped, i.e., jelly beans

We will collect items in the church vestibule before and after Masses (except for the 5:30pm Sunday Mass) on the weekend of April 1 and 2. Please drop your donations in the boxes located in the church vestibule. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. If you have any questions or would like pick-up donations, please contact Kathleen Powers at or email: [powersgang@aol.com](mailto:powersgang@aol.com)



## NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH Holy Week Schedule 2023

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

Extra confessions from 10:00am-12:00pm in the church

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Morning Prayer 8:30am  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm (Bilingual)

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Morning Prayer 8:30am  
Divine Mercy Novena 9:00am  
Stations of the Cross 12:00pm (English)  
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm (English)  
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm (Spanish)  
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 6:30pm (Spanish)

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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

### THE EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 8 at 8:30PM

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 RCIA and RCIC

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 9

Masses at: 5:30am, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am  
and 1:00pm (Spanish)  
There is NO 5:30pm Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

### GOOD FRIDAY FAST & 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. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.*

### Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16th

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena for nine days and celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion!

The Second Sunday of Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16). There will be a Holy Hour and Devotion on Sunday, April 16th from 2:45pm to 3:45pm. Please join us in Eucharistic Adoration and in praying/singing the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Prayer cards, rosaries and information pamphlets will be provided.

The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed nine days prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, beginning on Good Friday, April 7th. This is prayed after daily morning Mass at Nativity, except for the weekend, when the Novena prayers are said at home.

See the Nativity website for more Divine Mercy information at [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org).



# Happy Easter

The Parish Office will close at 12:00pm on Thursday, April 6, and will be closed all day on Friday, April 7, Sunday, April 9 and Monday, April 10. The office will be open from 9:00am - 7:00pm on Saturday, April 8.

**The 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal**



The Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries, and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider supporting the BLA this year. Please go online to: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla), scan the QR code, or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. As of March 23, our pledges and donations amount to \$576,492 but with just about 14 percent of parishioners participating. To finish Lent, please help our parish come closer to our BLA goal of 100 percent participation at whatever amount is right for you and your family. Thank you.



*Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.*

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the "Living Stones," the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

**Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places:** Holy Land Franciscans and staff maintain the holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.

**Social & Charitable Activities:** In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

**Educational & Scientific Activities:** The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for young men to answer the call to become Franciscan priests and brothers. Additionally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places. Pastoral Activities.

**Pastoral Activities:** The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering worship, Christian formation, and necessary youth and family programs, especially in regions affected by war.

**Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs:** The Christian Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize liturgical celebrations for local Christians and pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing ecumenical cooperation.

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**MEM Spring Marriage Program: Beloved**

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry spring program will be using the program, Beloved (on Formed). We will be completing the first six sessions together. In 12 stunning sessions, Beloved uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage. Beloved invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" - whether you said it last year or many years ago. We will meet in the Nativity school teacher's lounge from 7:00-8:45 PM on the following dates:

- April 14 - Does Marriage Matter
- April 21 - Entering the Story of Marriage
- April 28 - Love Revealed
- May 5 - Total Gift of Self
- May 12 - A Sacramental Bond
- May 19 - Real Challenges, Real Love

**Schedule**

- 7:00 PM Opening Prayer and potluck dinner
- 7:20-8:00 PM watch the video for the week
- 8:00 PM Group/couple discussion
- 8:30 PM Wrap Up



*Please bring an appetizer, main dish, or a dessert to share. Come in through the school & religious education entrance. Turn right and walk down the hallway as if going to the school chapel. The teacher's lounge is the room to the right before the chapel. Miss a session and want to watch it at home?*

*Login to Formed (our parish has a subscription), and go to "Beloved."*

**The Mosaic Panels of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy**



**Below is a description of each panel from left to right:**

- Feed the Hungry** - Wheat and grapes, simple foods but also the physical signs of the Eucharist.
- Give Drink to the Thirsty** - A drink of flowing water and the waters of Baptism.
- Shelter the Homeless** - A door Jesus said, "I AM the door, I stand at the door and knock."
- Clothe the Naked** - A robe, a ring, and sandals are physical clothing, but also the symbolic items the father gave the prodigal son.
- Visit the Sick** - A red cross and oil representing physical visiting, keeping vigil, and spiritual anointing.
- Visit the Imprisoned** - Chains and bars are physical restraints that can also represent the prison of sin.
- Bury the Dead** - A funeral pall draped over coffin, the Easter Candle, and prayers for the dead.

**On This Date in Nativity History**  
**13 June 1959**

Aerial photographs show that the land Fr. Frank Ready bought for Nativity’s new church was occupied by a working farm until sometime in the early 1950s. Yet, by 1974 the land was abandoned and had not been used for farming for many years. What happened to the land in the interim? After World War II, the Civil Aeronautics Administration appointed a commission to study possible sites for a second Washington-area airport, and the area around Burke was selected in 1951. The government then began to buy up land in the Burke area on which the airport would be built. The people of Burke lobbied against the choice, and in 1958 President Dwight Eisenhower recommended that the new airport, now known as Dulles International, be built near Chantilly. The defeat of the proposed Burke airport left untouched the land on which the parish would eventually be established. When the Federal government decided to shift the airport to the Chantilly area, it had to divest itself of the large tracts of land it had acquired – some in Burke would say “confiscated” – on which the Burke airport would have been built. About 900 acres of the land were given to the Fairfax County Park Authority and became Burke Lake Park. Another 600 acres were sold to a land developer and eventually ended up as Burke Centre. The remaining land was sold at auction in June 1959, including the specific parcel of land on which Nativity’s church and school would be built. This flyer announcing the sale of government land at public auction on June 13, 1959, tells us what happened to the property. The map shows that the parcel that would someday be the site of Nativity Church and School (red arrow) was among those that had been bought by the government for the airport site, and would be auctioned off to private owners. The parcel may have passed through several more hands before 1974, but it was never used for farming again. Instead, it was simply held by land speculators awaiting the day when it could be sold for a higher price.



Source: Nan Netherton and Ruth Preston Rose, *Memories of Beautiful Burke Virginia* (Burke Historical Society, 1988 and 2012), page 66. Used by permission of Burke Historical Society. (Red arrow added.)

This historical note is the 43rd of a weekly Bulletin feature leading up to Nativity’s fiftieth anniversary, 11 June 2023.



**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](mailto: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 September 21 - September 24).



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, April 3rd

7:30 am † Joe Dezzutti

Tuesday, April 4th

7:30 am † Joseph Charles Wheeler  
 12:00 pm † Niva Aboitiz

Wednesday, April 5th

7:30 am Spec. Int. for Rick & Linda Loffredo

(Sunrise) 3:00 pm † Doris O’Connell

Holy Thursday, April 6th

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
 7:30 pm The Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 7th

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 pm Passion of our Lord  
 6:00 pm Spanish Stations of the Cross  
 6:30 pm Spanish Passion of our Lord

Holy Saturday, April 8th

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
 9:00 am Blessing of the Food  
 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 9th

5:30 am † Marie Josephine Battaglia  
 7:00 am † James Ulrich  
 9:00 am † Gloria Rani Blant  
 11:00 am † Sally Mernah  
 1:00 pm † Carmen Regio

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

**Annual Multi-Car Raffle**

Thank you to those who have already returned all the tickets you have sold. Where else can you get a chance to win all four 2023 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport) plus up to \$40,000 in cash prizes for only \$5. Please mail your sold ticket stubs and payment directly to All Saints in the envelope provided.

We have additional tickets if you sell all of yours. Please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 if you have any questions.

*As a reminder, when mailing your sold ticket stubs, green card, and check directly back to All Saints in the envelope provided, please disregard the note on the green return card, and make your checks out to All Saints. Thank You!*





# JOIN US FOR A *fiesta!*


**NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION**

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023  
6:30 - 10:00PM

WHERE: NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL,  
FATHER MARTIN CENTER



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**LIVE AUCTION ITEM: ONE YEAR OF LAWN CARE TREATMENT!**

Life's too short for a messy or boring property! You've got better things to do. Let Kingstowne Lawn & Landscape give you the royal treatment.

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**Purchase tickets to attend auction in-person or register to bid online at <https://nativityauction.givesmart.com>.**


## Knights of Columbus Frenchy Cyr Memorial Scholarships

Last year, Nativity's Knights of Columbus Council 7992 awarded six Cyr Memorial scholarships for Catholic secondary school tuition (grades 9-12), totaling \$6000. Scholarships were awarded to Emilio Bruneo (Nativity School), Jennifer Dee and Stephanie Dee attending Bishop Ireton High School; and, Sophia Cassidy, Liam Ginty and Noah Ginty attending Saint John Paul the Great for their exemplary academic performance, sustained school and community involvement, and outstanding Church and religious activity participation.

Again, this year six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. One scholarship will be awarded to the Nativity eighth-grade student scoring the highest; all entrants, including eight-grade students, will compete for the remaining scholarships. Entrants must be registered parishioners at Nativity, or a son or daughter, or grandchild, of an active member of Council 7992.

Application forms are available at the parish office and website at <https://nativityburke.org/frenchy-memorial-scholarship/>. Submissions due no later than midnight, Friday, April 21, 2023. Scholarship awardees will be announced in late May or Early June. Questions, please call Dave Zivich, 703-598-0698.

## FEATURED AUCTION ITEM OF THE WEEK



The Fred Couples-designed golf course at Westfields Golf Club in Northern Virginia provides an unsurpassed golfing experience for casual and accomplished players alike. Winning bidder will enjoy a round of golf with three friends at the beautiful Westfields Golf Club in Clifton, VA (Home to the 8th Annual Nativity Golf Tournament)!

## ECHO Food Room

**April Collection will be this weekend, April 1/2**

Choose sizes appropriate for an average family size of four. Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items for clients. ECHO cannot give clients food whose expiration date is long past or any open food or repackaged food (no zip-loc bags).



## 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 END OF MARCH



## 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](mailto:john.albert.rubino@gmail.com).

## Marian Symposium

Please join as a diocesan family as we honor the Blessed Virgin in Year Two of our Golden Jubilee, *"My Soul Rejoices in the Lord."* The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services USA, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will be the guest speaker at a Marian Symposium on Saturday, April 29, at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield. The day will start with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a coffee break, a talk and Q and A session at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with the recitation of the Rosary. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Council Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, and 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](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992)

**Catholic Financial Planning Seminars:** 11 April at St. Raymonds. Nativity Parishioners Welcome! Register on the linktree.  
**Adopt-A-Highway:** 15 April 10:00-11:30AM gathering the Elite Eight to clean up your community. Sign up on the linktree.

**KOVAR:** Collect funds to support people with intellectual disabilities. April 22 and 23 we will be collecting funds after each Mass. On April 29 we will be collecting at Safeway. Many hands needed! Signup on the linktree. This year we have also added the ability to donate through Nativity's on-line giving platform – OSV.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:davezivich@gmail.com).

**Name Tags:** Email Warden Michael Bender at [michaelbambender@hotmail.com](mailto: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 [handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com](mailto:handyknightsfnativity@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](mailto:navyy8@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:PMDELATTE@gmail.com) or the Grand Knight at [tjsgk7992@gmail.com](mailto:tjsgk7992@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**JOIN THE NATIVITY SCHOOL STAFF!**

Consider joining our School Staff as part of our Extended Care Team to help us provide After-School Care by contacting our Extended Care Director, Mrs. Jen Behan at (703) 455-2300, or [jbehan@nativityschool.org](mailto:jbehan@nativityschool.org). To assist us as a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher, please contact Rich Godwin at (703) 455-2300, or [r godwin@nativityschool.org](mailto:r godwin@nativityschool.org).



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

As we enter Holy Week, we reflect on the interior conversion we have sought through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Pope Francis tells us in *Laudato Si*, “*The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion . . . which entails the recognition of our sins and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change.*” (LS, 217 - 218). Ecological sin is “*an action or omission against God, against one's neighbor, the community and the environment.*” (Synod of the Amazon).

As preparation for Holy Week, ask God personally and with your community: Where do you need the grace of ecological conversion?

Let us pray -- Gracious Creator, guide us in transforming our lives to walk gently with our fellow creatures. Renew our eyes to see the value in each living thing and care for one another in our actions, travels, and relationships. Amen.

For more information about Nativity Creation Care Ministry, contact [nativitycreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:nativitycreationcare@gmail.com)

**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!



**NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

[nativityschool.org](http://nativityschool.org)



## Nativity Students See Success at SeaPerch Competition



Last weekend, seventy student teams assembled at the United States Naval Academy for the regional SeaPerch competition. Nativity's six SeaPerch Teams were among them.

The MIT Sea Grant College Program created the SeaPerch Initiative in 2003, and is sponsored by the Office of Naval Research. Since December, twenty-five Nativity students have teamed up to build underwater remote-operated vehicles (ROVs) to compete in this regional SeaPerch competition.



To prepare for the event, the club used three Saturday build sessions to cut PVC pipe, solder terminals, and assemble ROVs, and spent many hours at the pool navigating an obstacle course and retrieving objects. In this recent regional competition, the Nativity teams did an awesome job navigating three challenges and demonstrating their knowledge in the interview session during the preliminary round. One of the sixth grade Nativity teams placed in the final round, nearly earning a trip to Nationals in May.



**The Nativity teams did an amazing job over the past four months and we congratulate them on another successful Nativity Catholic School SeaPerch season!**

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### Upcoming Dates At-A-Glance!

- April 3: Summer Uniform Begins
- April 3: Living Stations, 1:45 p.m.
- April 6: Seder, 9 a.m.
- April 6: 11:30 a.m., Easter Break Begins
- April 9: Easter Sunday!
- April 13: Confirmation Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- April 15: Confirmation Mass, 1:30 p.m.
- April 15: Class Basket Raffle Ticket Sales
- April 16: Class Basket Raffle Ticket Sales
- April 17: School Resumes
- April 18: Student Pictures

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Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here -- learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing.

Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment!

Nativity Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education accessible to those who desire it, and offers financial assistance to make their dream come true.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

[cym@nativityburke.org](mailto: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

### BASH! SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Who: middle schoolers in grades 6-8

What: music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, Mass, & more!

Where: Bishop O'Connell High School, transportation provided

Estimated Cost: \$25 - registration opening soon



Pauline Books and Media

## Risen Jesus Party!

Saturday, April 15 11am-2pm

(Saturday AFTER Easter!)

### Event Includes:

- Storytime: 11:30am & 1pm
- Songs and a fun craft
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Coloring & Refreshments

For Kids ages 3-7



RSVP appreciated but not required

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### ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Multi Car Raffle

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Only 3 weeks remaining to sell your tickets!



Tickets Only \$5



Chance to win 4 cars and \$40,000 in cash prizes



Ford Escape



Ford Bronco Sport



Ford Mustang



Ford Ranger Truck

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

All tickets, stubs & monies are due by Friday, 21 April to All Saints Catholic Church. The drawings will be held during the All-Saints Catholic Church Fair on Saturday, 29 April. If you need more tickets or have questions, please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 or at kofc7992carraffle@gmail.com

### "In Mary's Footsteps" a group for Widows

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th at 10:30am in the church training room. We join together in faith and fellowship to support each other as we go forward without our husbands beside us here on earth. Our group provides a welcome place to talk about our husbands, pray for them and join together in activities. Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month but our April meeting will be held on a Tuesday because of the Easter holiday. Please feel free to join us. God bless you! For more information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org.

### Padayon Pagsayaw

The Filipino/American Community Ministry, in collaboration with the Leyte Dance Theater, proudly Presents 90 Minutes of fun, culture, friendship, pure energy, and love in song, music and dance at, "Padayaw Padayon Pagsayaw" non-stop dancing on Saturday, May 20 at 4 p.m. (doors open at 3:00 p.m) at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, West Springfield, VA 22152! General admission is \$40. Payment may be made in advance or at the door. Online payments are acceptable. Please confirm reservation by mailing checks payable to Filipino/American Community Ministry no later than Monday, May 1 with your name and contact info to: Filipino/American Community Ministry, 1106 Jackson Court, Falls Church, VA 22046. For more information contact the Office of Multicultural Ministries at mcm@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703.841.3881.



### For Young Adults (21-39)

You are part of a larger community that...

Serves with Christ House cooking breakfast every 3rd Saturday



Grows together in 6-week Bible studies



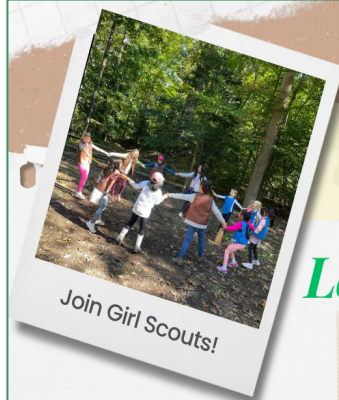
Plays Basketball every Thursday at 8:30pm in the Father Martin Center



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



## Girl Scout Leaders Needed!

PLEASE CONTACT NATIVITYTROOP@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Troop volunteers help Girl Scouts become stronger, kinder, and braver than they ever thought possible. Troop leaders—and volunteers in other roles, like troop money manager or cookie chair—engage regularly with their Girl Scouts and guide them through activities, like earning badges, exploring the outdoors, or running their own business through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Please sign up to volunteer!

*Called by Christ!*



**WEEKEND  
DISCERNMENT  
RETREAT FOR  
WOMEN  
(AGES 18-40)**

*Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, with the Trappist-Cistercian Sisters from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA.*

**June 16-18**

Cost: \$100 includes private room and all meals

Register with the Office of Vocations by June 5:

vocations@arlingtondiocese.org  
(703) 841-2514



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*Did you know that there are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington named after the Blessed Mother?*



**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!



**"IN SERVING GOD WE LIVE IN TRUE FREEDOM."**

FR. BOB CILINSKI



**#ArlingtonJubilee**



To join the journey, scan the QR code or go to: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney)

**CELEBRATING 19 YEARS!**

# **SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS**

## **~ SUMMER CAMPS ~**

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

**July 10-21, 2023**

**All Saints Catholic Church  
in Manassas, VA**

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in Burke, VA**

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AND HIGH SCHOOL  
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discount and get  
a free t-shirt**

**SpotlightSummerCamps.com**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flower Book for 2023 is 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/>.



**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. For more information contact Debbie Moreau at [debbiemoreau@mac.com](mailto:debbiemoreau@mac.com) or Rachel Hoover at [hooverrach@gmail.com](mailto:hooverrach@gmail.com). ECHO is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150.

**"SAINT MARY MAGDALENE - AT THE FEET OF JESUS"**

a live one-woman drama about God's mercy, comes to Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 PM in the church. This compelling performance brings familiar Bible stories to life and transports us to the time of Jesus and the Blessed Mother. The story shines a reverent light on this great saint who remained at the foot of the cross and announced the Resurrection. Catholic performing artist Nancy Simone portrays Mary Magdalene. Recommended for ages 10 through adult. No tickets needed. Address: 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale. For more information, email [cpoumade@prodigy.net](mailto:cpoumade@prodigy.net) or call 703-425-8769. (*MaryMagdaleneDrama.com*)

**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!

*"Come away by yourselves  
and rest for a while"*  
Mk 6:31



*"Totally love Him, Who gave  
Himself totally for your love"*  
-St Clare of Assisi



Take a few days and learn to place your burdens at the foot of the Cross so that you can rest in the arms of your abundantly generous Father. Spend time with St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and Our Lady of Fatima meditating on the fruitful surrender to Poverty, Humility, and Charity. Led by Fr. Christensen.



[www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat)

*Young Adult Retreat*

**May 12-14, 2023**

San Damiano Retreat Center  
near Shenandoah Valley



**Domingo de Ramos - A Evangelio de la Misa: Mt 26,14-27,66**  
**Relato de la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús**

*Con este domingo entramos en la Semana Santa. No cabe mejor título para estos días, ya que recordamos y celebramos la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús; y lo que es más importante, la Resurrección, que llena de paz, de esperanza y de optimismo al cristiano. Hoy contemplamos a Jesucristo recibido con vítores y aplausos de su gente al llegar a Jerusalén. Serán los mismos que luego, a los pocos días, pedirán su muerte el Viernes Santo. Las autoridades así lo habían determinado con anterioridad y la gente, una vez, más fue manipulada. Gran lección para la Vida, y más cuando queda iluminada por la Resurrección.*

Señor, gracias por poder celebrar un año más la Semana Santa. Quiero aprovecharla bien para aprender de tu ejemplo, y "sentir" en mi oración y en la celebración eucarística, tu presencia amorosa, que ilumina, reconforta e ilusiona para cargar con la Cruz de cada Día como Tú, es decir con la esperanza y seguridad de encontrarnos con la luz de la Resurrección.

No me extraña, Señor, el comportamiento de tus paisanos, que primero te vitorearon y luego pidieron tu muerte.

Se dejaron llevar del ambiente, de lo favorable en aquel momento, de la mentira que siempre mata y destruye.

No supieron ser valientes, sinceros, dar la cara por la verdad, que sin duda veían en tu persona y tu mensaje.

¡Cuántas veces sucede esto en la sociedad actual!

Te pido por los cobardes, los indiferentes, los comodones, los superficiales, que tanto abundan en la sociedad. Que la luz de tu bondad, que sin duda hay en todos los corazones, resurja y se expanda en valentía y en generosidad al contemplarte muerto en la Cruz y luego resucitado.

Que tu ejemplo, Señor, me aleccione y conmueva para arrepentirme, una vez más, de mis pecados, y para renovar, en estos días, mi itinerario de vida cristiana, piadosa, exigente, caritativa y apostólica.

Y que tu resurrección me inunde de la alegría, que hace verdaderamente felices a las personas.

*Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez*

**Jueves Santo - A Evangelio: Jn 18,1-19,42**  
**Lectura de la Pasión y Muerte del Señor**

*La celebración litúrgica de este día –no la Santa Misa– propone como lectura evangélica, todo el relato de la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús según San Juan, pues todos esos sucesos recordamos y celebramos en este día. Merece la pena que los conozcamos con detalle, para que nuestra fe no solo sea ilustrada, sino también más segura, mejor centrada en los acontecimientos históricos, y más comprometida en la correspondencia al ejemplo del Maestro y Salvador.*

**Oración para este día**

Señor, que te ofreciste a la muerte en la Cruz con la libertad y responsabilidad de quien tiene que cumplir un deber trascendental: redimir a la humanidad.

Quiero aprender, Señor, de ese "libro maravilloso", que abriste con tus pies y brazos clavados en el leño de la Cruz.

Gracias por la salvación que alcanzaste para todos los hombres, y por las enseñanzas de ese libro, gravadas en la Cruz, que nunca aprenderé del todo, pero en el que quiero leer y estudiar, para aprender a vivir, y para prepararme a morir.

Pocas palabras dijiste desde la Cruz, pero las suficientes, para acogerlas como un magnífico testamento que enriquece la vida de los hijos de Dios, y que nos compromete a vivir mejor como hermanos entre todos.

Quiero aprender a perdonar como Tú lo hiciste desde la Cruz.

Deseo fortaleza y valor para aceptar las cruces de cada día y santificarlas convenientemente. Permaneceré junto a tu Madre, que nos dejaste como Madre nuestra también, y con Ella quiero vivir el amor cristiano en la Iglesia y en todos los ambientes sociales.

Ante la Cruz, Señor, no se puede permanecer indiferentes. Me reconozco pecador, y por eso te pido perdón por todos mis pecados de pensamiento, de palabra, de obra y de omisión.

Ante tu ejemplo me siento desarmado, pues no valgo nada, pero confío en tu misericordia y en tu gracia para vivir con ilusión y entusiasmo.

Dame, Señor, la gracia de la corresponder siempre a tu amor.

*Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez*



**SEMANA SANTA**  
**Se Celebra en la Parroquia**  
**DE LA NATIVIDAD 2023**



**JUEVES SANTO, 6 DE ABRIL**

Oraciones de la Mañana a las 8:30am  
 Misa de la Cena del Señor: 7:30pm (Bilingüe)

**VIERNES SANTO, 7 DE ABRIL**

Oraciones de la Mañana a las 8:30am  
 Novena de la Divina Misericordia a las 9:00am  
 Vía Crucis: 6:00pm (español)  
 Celebración de la Pasión del Señor: 6:30pm (español)

**SABADO SANTO, 8 DE ABRIL**

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

**VIGILIA DE PASCUA, 8 DE ABRIL A LAS 8:30PM**

La Vigilia Pascual en la Noche Santa  
 Bendición del fuego nuevo, Iluminación de la Vela de Pascua y la  
 Celebración de los Sacramentos de Iniciación con los Elegidos y  
 Candidatos de RICA y RCIC

**DOMINGO DE PASCUA DE LA RESURRECCION DEL SEÑOR,**

**9 DE ABRIL**

Misas a las: 5:30am, 7:00am, 11:00am y 1:00pm (español)  
 NO habrá misa vespertina el Domingo de Pascua

*La oficina parroquial cerrará a las 12pm el jueves, 6 de abril, y estará cerrada todo el día el viernes, 7 de abril, el domingo, 9 de abril y el lunes, 10 de abril. La oficina estará abierta el sábado 8 de abril de 9:00 am a 5:00pm.*

**Evangelio de la Misa: Jn 13,1-15 Jueves Santo - A**

*Jesús se prepara para la Muerte en Cruz y la Resurrección, reuniendo a sus discípulos más queridos, los Apóstoles, y así despedirse de ellos, como el mejor amigo y el maestro más insustituible. Les dirige palabras profundamente emotivas y sobre todo les descubre el Mandamiento del Amor.*

*Pero al mismo tiempo se despide como el Hombre-Dios entre nosotros. Les deja el recuerdo más íntimo, evocador y reconfortante, que ni se podían imaginar. Les deja la Eucaristía: su presencia "sacramental" entre nosotros y por tanto la fuente de la fe y la causa del Amor cristiano.*

**Oración para este día**

Señor Jesús, que "instituíste" la Eucaristía, para quedar entre nosotros, no solo con tus palabras, que podríamos recordar, sino también con tu presencia eucarística, que continuamos - como mandaste y prometiste- celebrando y actualizando en la Santa Misa.

Gracias, Señor, por este regalo que nos has hecho.

Que nos hagamos merecedores de El, por nuestra correspondencia.

Que lo valoremos en toda su importancia y trascendencia.

Que lo celebremos con agradecimiento, dignidad y piedad personal y pública.

Quieres, Señor, seguir entre nosotros, ofreciéndonos los méritos de la Muerte y Resurrección.

Que participemos cada día en la Santa Misa con piedad y devoción.

Quieres, Señor, alimentar nuestra vida interior con tu Sagrado Cuerpo, que nos ofreces en forma de pan y vino .

Que te recibamos cada día con fe y confianza en tu promesa: "quien come mi Cuerpo y bebe mi Sangre tendrá la vida eterna, y Yo le resucitaré en el último día".

Estas palabras, Señor, me acucian y comprometen para recibirte cada día, y a vivir en consecuencia alentado por esas gracias y dones que nos das en cada Comunión.

También quieres prolongar tu presencia entre nosotros en el Sagrario, para que más fácilmente acudamos a Ti, y con tu amistad, tan íntima y cercana, correspondamos mejor a tu amor. Te prometo, Señor, visitarte con frecuencia en el Sagrario, para corresponder a esa amistad y confianza.



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" How did the crowds answer?

Start with the word provided and follow the directions to find the missing words. Then fill in the blanks below.

**1) Crowd**

- Remove "d", and substitute "o" with "s". \_\_\_\_\_
- Substitute "w" with "u" and add "s" at the end. \_\_\_\_\_
- Remove "r" and add "e" at the end. \_\_\_\_\_
- Drop the first letter and add "j" at the end. \_\_\_\_\_
- Now reverse the order of the letters. \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Temple**

- Reverse the order of the letters. \_\_\_\_\_
- Drop the first letter, and substitute "m" with "r" and "t" with "p". \_\_\_\_\_
- Add a "t" at the end. \_\_\_\_\_
- Drop the first letter and add an "h" before the "t". \_\_\_\_\_
- Substitute "e" with "o" and add an "e" before the "t". \_\_\_\_\_



The crowds answered, "This is **1)** \_\_\_\_\_, the **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ from Nazareth in Galilee."

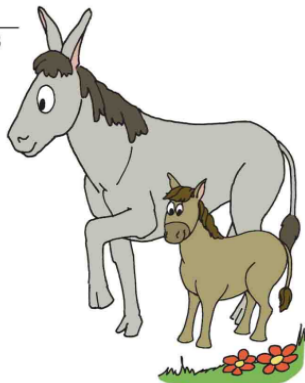
**What did the disciples do?**

Add the numbers from the intersecting row and column to find the letters to fill in the blanks.



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1	K	N	D	S	L	E	T
2	N	D	S	L	E	T	K
3	D	S	L	E	T	K	U
4	S	L	E	T	K	U	J
5	L	E	T	K	U	J	A
6	E	T	K	U	J	A	C
7	T	K	U	J	A	C	H

T h e y bro g \_\_\_\_\_  
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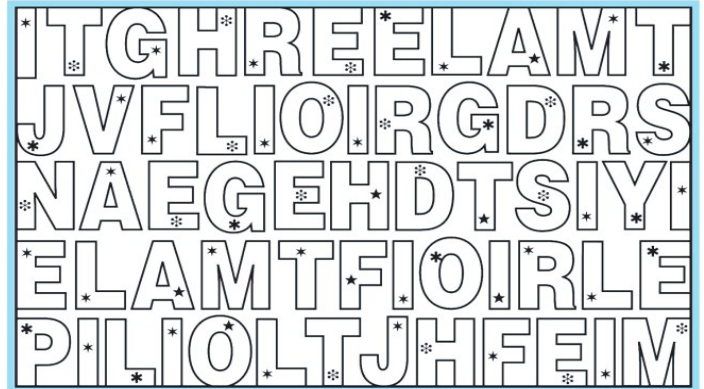
Ages 7+

April 2, 2023 • Matthew 21:1-11

**Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem**

Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me." What did Jesus tell the disciples to say if anyone said anything to them?

Shade in all the shapes that have a \* to find the answer.



Jesus said, "Tell him that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ , and he will send them right away."

**What happened then?**

Fill in each row of the grid with words that match the clues or instructions. Number 1 has been done for you. Then follow the path through the grid to fill in the blanks.

- The body part above the neck.
- A speed competition.
- Opposite of yes.
- When armies fight.
- A mother deer.
- Where we sleep.

Start

C	R	O	H	E	A	D	S	H
□	S	□	□	S	□	R	S	O
O	K	D	□	T	R	□	D	U
□	□	C	A	□	P	A	W	T
D	O	U	R	E	S	□	□	□
C	L	T	□	□	S	C	R	□

Finish

A very large c r o w d spread their \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_, while others \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them on the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ that went ahead of Him and those that followed \_\_\_\_\_, "Hosanna!"

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## Passion (Palm) Sunday

### Sunday April 2

Procession: Matt 21:1-11  
 Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24  
 Philippians 2:6-11  
 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

### Monday April 3

Isaiah 42:1-7  
 Ps 27:1-3,13-14  
 John 12:1-11

### Tuesday April 4

Isaiah 49:1-6  
 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6b,15,17  
 John 13:21-33,36-38

### Wednesday April 5

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34  
 Matthew 26:14-25

### Holy Thursday April 6

Ex 12:1-8,11-14  
 Ps 116:12-13,15-18  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
 John 13:1-15

### Good Friday April 7

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12  
 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25  
 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
 John 18:1 – 19:42

The word "passion" has powerful implications. Theologically, we use it to describe the suffering love that Jesus endured for each of us when he was beaten, mocked and crucified as he willingly took onto himself the punishment and destructive forces of our sins.

The world counterfeits the word "passion" by applying it to strong feelings of romantic, even lustful, attraction.

We also use this word to refer to a strong motivation to do something that we enjoy or care about, and thus we can say that Jesus cared "passionately" about us while enduring The Passion.

The strong love that Jesus exhibited in his ministry and on Good Friday is a lesson on what it means to have "compassion" for others. We walk with them in their sufferings; we "suffer with" them. This is passionate love in its holiest form.

Read the scriptures for Passion Sunday with an eye on how they reveal Jesus' passionate love for you.

See yourself in the passion of the people who enthusiastically welcomed Jesus as well as in those who rejected and denied him.

Consider how much compassion Jesus must have felt for you when he subjected himself to the excruciating pains of his final hours. He did this for you despite how much you've hurt him through any lack of compassion for others. Rejoice in his passionate love for you! This will empower you to repent and grow stronger in holy love for others.



### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Looking at the reading from Isaiah, what are some of the ways that good Christians sometimes beat on Jesus, pluck his beard, and spit on him?
- † How does your answer to #1 explain why Jesus emptied himself for you, as the reading from Philippians describes?
- † In what ways does the Passion of Jesus minister to us in our sufferings today?

### Lenten Activity:

Bring to mind the most painful way you are suffering compassionately with or for someone else. Connect this to what Jesus did. How does this help you feel more intimately involved with God's salvation plan? How does it make your life a modern Gospel?



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