

Happy Mother's Day Feliz Día de las Madres

Nativity
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Burke, Virginia

1973

2023

Celebrating 50 Years!

"We are God's people" - 1 Peter 2:10

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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
to bulletin@nativityburke.org.

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Assisted hearing devices are available from the
Sacristy staff at all services.

The loveliest
masterpiece
of the heart
of God
is the heart
of a mother.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

La obra maestra
más bella del
corazón de Dios
es el corazón
de una madre.

- Santa Teresa de Lisieux



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



*"If you love me you will keep my commandments."
- John 14:15*

My dear friends,

Some people go to Mass on Sundays because of obligation. The most genuine reason to go to Mass on Sunday is out of romance - yes, out of love for God and the people of God who gather for the Eucharist. Jesus gives us the central motivation for our decisions, actions and words when He states in today's Gospel, *"If you love me you will keep my commandments."*

Loving Jesus is not some emotional sack that we would find on a Hallmark card. Loving Jesus means changing our lives, reforming our lives, working on our personalities and characters, working to overcome sinful habits, and stretching ourselves to be merciful, compassionate and generous. Jesus said *'You can't serve two masters. You will either love one and hate the other.'*

Jesus also speaks about His love for us. *"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends."* Jesus' love for you is without end. Jesus' love for us is never changing, always forgiving, always our friend. If we love Jesus in return then we will put Jesus in the first place in our lives and so we will keep His commandments. Put Jesus' friendship first this week and your joy will increase.

Congratulations to our children who received their First Communion during the month of May... Over 180 First Communicants at Nativity.

Let us rejoice and be glad in the gift of Jesus' love and friendship celebrated at every Mass... and in the gift of our children.

Pope Francis has spoken many times about motherhood and about mother's importance in society. *"To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children are the antidote to individualism, they bring peace to our world... In this sense motherhood is more than childbearing; it is a life choice entailing sacrifice, respect for life, and commitment to passing on those human and religious values which are essential for a healthy society"* Francis said. No pressure here. For all mothers and for all women in the Nativity community, I wish you a blessed Mothers Day!

Love and Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

***On This Date in Nativity History
14 May 1988***

On this date, the Nativity "Garage Sale" (later renamed the "Yard Sale") was first held in the Nativity parking lot. It was sponsored by the Nativity Council of the Knights of Columbus. Donated items were kept in a truck semi-trailer parked near the entrance to the Spiritual Formation Center until the day of the sale. It was an immediate success. The \$7,500 collected (and given to the Parish for the Church Building Fund) made the Garage Sale the largest fundraiser the Council and the Parish had ever held up to that time. The Garage Sale/Yard Sale would continue to grow, and for many years it remained the largest annual fundraiser put on by the Nativity Knights, eclipsed only in recent years by the annual car raffle.

This historical note is the 49th of a weekly bulletin feature leading up to Nativity's fiftieth anniversary, 11 June 2023.

If you have enjoyed this and other notes on Nativity history during the past ten months, you will want to own a copy of the parish history, entitled Nativity Parish, 1973 – 2023: A Faith Community's First Half Century. The book will be available for purchase during our fiftieth anniversary celebration this coming June.



MOTHER'S DAY CARDS & MASSES

A Novena of nine Masses will be said during the month of May for Mothers, living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet cards may be found in the Church vestibule and Parish office starting this weekend.

Mother's names will be placed on the Altar during the month of May. Novena Mass Schedule:

Sunday, May 14	7:00 AM
Sunday, May 14	1:00 PM
Sunday, May 14	5:30 PM
Monday, May 15	7:30 AM
Tuesday, May 16	7:30 AM
Thursday, May 18	7:30 AM
Friday, May 19	9:00 AM
Saturday, May 20	5:00 PM
Saturday, May 20	7:00 PM

NATIVITY PARISH OFFICE, R.E. & SCHOOL CLOSING

Please note: The Parish, R.E. and School Office will be closed on Friday, May 19th from 12:00pm - 2:30pm for a Staff Security Training Session

**Fr. Sikora Ladies' Auxiliary Group
Interest Meeting May 16**

All wives, adult daughters, and widows of any of our Knights of Columbus members at Council 7992 are cordially invited to attend a special interest meeting on May 16 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready room. Come hear about the possibility of forming a Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary group and opportunities to participate! Please address any questions to Phyllis Giasson at gfamily1999@gmail.com.



COMEDY & BBQ NIGHT

 **6.00-8:30 PM**

 **20 MAY**

**Special Invitation
by the
Knights of Columbus
and Marriage
Enrichment
Ministry**

REGISTER TO ATTEND:

<https://nativityburke.org/comedy-bbq-night/>

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Book is open with several dates still 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/>.

**ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
29TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, invites you and your guests to attend the 29th Annual Memorial Mass Sunday, the 21st of May, 2023 at 4:30pm in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 400 Michigan Ave, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017

Together with the priests of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, please join in prayer as the men and women who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, are honored.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

Sacrament of Penance at 3:00 – 3:35pm, Rosary at 3:35pm
Solemn Vespers at 4:00pm, Holy Mass at 4:30pm

To attend, please register by 15 May 2023 at <https://www.milarch.org/memorialmass/>

**NATIVITY 50th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

June 11, 2023

FATHER MARTIN CENTER | AFTER THE 11:00 MASS

Religious Education Registration
for 2023-2024 classes
will open on May 20th

Please visit our parish website for all details and registration will be up on our Religious Education page nativityburke.org



TWO WORDS: "THE NATIVITY YARD SALE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!"

During your annual spring clean-up and before tossing out your former "treasures", please consider storing them in a corner of your garage or basement for donation to the Annual Yard Sale. The Nativity Annual Yard Sale for Charity sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Father Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992, is Saturday, June 24, 2023. Collections will begin: **Thursday, June 15, 2023 and continue through Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated.**

OPENING OF THE MASS INTENTIONS CALENDAR FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2023 SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 AT 9:00AM

- Please note that we can only honor **5 Mass Intention** requests per year, per family/household.
- We are currently opening the calendar for Mass Intentions from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 only.
- We try our very best to accommodate your requested dates. Please be aware that some dates might be unavailable (i.e. Novena Masses etc.) and that the calendar fills us quickly.
- In case of unavailability, we will try our best to schedule on the closest date possible.
- You can schedule Mass intentions by visiting the parish office or going to our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/mass-intentions/> to request an intention online.
- For online requests: they are **NOT** scheduled until you get a confirmation email or call to let you know that the requested date(s) is/are available and Masses have been scheduled.
- We are not able to honor phone requests.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate all requests. If you have any other questions, please email Ayse Kenner at akenner@nativityburke.org.



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

NOW OPEN!
on the parish website



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 15th

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 16th

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena

12:00 pm † Howard Garvin

Wednesday, May 17th

7:30 am † Tim Coughlin

3:00 pm Special Int. for Jacqueline & Family

Thursday, May 18th

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena

12:00 pm † Sandra Gromley

Friday, May 19th

7:30 am † Carina Harper

9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 20th

9:00 am † Agnes Lynch

5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

7:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 21st

7:00 am † Agnes Roach

9:00 am † Chief Warrant Officer Sharon Swartworth

11:00 am † Jeanine Sanfilippo

1:00 pm † Lisa Celestino

5:30 pm Parishioners

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

The Nativity Religious Education Program Needs Volunteers for the 2023-2024 School Year

Please prayerfully consider assisting this vital program in our church. Volunteers (like you!) are the good witnesses of the Catholic faith that the youth of our parish need. Available positions: Catechists, Assistant Catechists, Office Assistants, High School Catechist Assistants, SPRED Volunteers, and Substitutes Catechists. There is a 50% RE tuition discount for the children of catechists during their year of commitment.

For more information, please visit our website, or email: nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl meeting for this month will be held on Monday morning, May 15th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome!

**THE
LIGHTNING
THIEF**

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

BOOK BY
Joe Tracz

MUSIC & LYRICS BY
Rob Rokicki

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK
THE LIGHTNING THIEF BY
Rick Riordan

AUDITIONS: MAY 10-11

PERFORMANCES:

JULY 14 - 15, 2023

JULY 21 - 22, 2023

**NATIVITY PLAYERS
THEATER MINISTRY**

NATIVITYPLAYERSBURKE.ORG



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(CONCORDTHEATRICALS.COM)



**Church Of the Nativity
Parish Yard Sale for Charity**

Saturday, June 24—8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

6398 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA
No strollers during sale -- All sales final

Donations collected at the Nativity cafeteria/Fr. Martin Center (gym)

*SEE REVERSE FOR ACCEPTABLE/NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
PLEASE—ALL DONATED ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION!*

Drop-off Hours

Thursday/Friday, June 15-16		6:00 PM-9:00 PM	
Saturday, June 17		9:00 AM-2:00 PM	
Sunday, June 18		2:00 PM-5:00 PM	
Monday, June 19		10:00 AM-4:00 PM	
Monday 6/19-Wed. 6/21		6:00 PM-9:00 PM	
Thursday/Friday, June 22-23		NO COLLECTIONS!	

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23
6-9 PM	6-9 PM	9 AM -2 PM	2 PM-5 PM	6-9 PM	6-9 PM	10 AM-4 PM; 6-9 PM	NO drop-offs!!	NO drop-offs!!

For more information please call: Dave Zivich 703-598-0698
Tax receipts provided
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992

The Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. It is a “holy wasting” or “lavishing of prayer” for their deeper conformity to Christ. This apostolate is relatively new, having started in 2010 in Minnesota by Janette Howe. During a walk one day, it occurred to Janette that the very least she might do in gratitude for her priests’ ever-generous pastoral care would be to offer a Holy Hour once a week for him. The rest is history! Learn more at sevensistersapostolate.org.


Last year, this Apostolate came to Nativity, and now we have Seven Sisters Apostolate prayer teams praying for Father Bob, Father Hayes, Father Bresnahan, and Father Wilson every day of the week! We also have a list of substitutes who are willing to offer a Holy Hour when called upon.

We will renew our commitment this summer, near the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We need a few more women to fill openings and be on the substitute list. It is simply just one hour a week, anytime during your day, an hour to spend with our Lord for your priest. The most ideal place to pray your Holy Hour is before the Blessed Sacrament exposed during Eucharistic Adoration, or before the Tabernacle at any Catholic Church is also fine. Contact Linda Loffredo at lindaloffredo@gmail.com for more information.

Help Transform Lives by Donating Your Car

Help transform the lives of the poor and vulnerable by donating your used car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat, to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Your donation is tax deductible while supporting a cause that is near and dear to your heart. We'll arrange for the pickup of your vehicle donation at no cost to you. Please call 877-570-GIVE (4483) or visit <https://ccda.careasy.org/home> to complete our easy online form.

CHILDREN’S ROSARY NEWS



Our next event (and the ONLY meeting in May) is Saturday, May 20 at 4:00pm for the Annual May Crowning. We will meet at the statue outside the school entrance for a Rosary and May Crowning. Rain location is in the School Chapel. Wear your Sunday’s Best or 1st Communion attire for those who have just received the sacrament for the 1st time!

June, July, August: We will be on summer break. Meetings will resume in September on the SECOND and FOURTH Saturdays of each month (we added a second meeting time this year and will continue this rhythm next year), barring holiday weekends. We will meet in the School Chapel at 4:00pm. This is also a LOCATION CHANGE, we no longer meet in the Training Room.



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Rejoicing in One God, One Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 | 4-8:30 P.M.

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE AT 4 P.M.

FREE HOT DOGS
& PUPUSAS*

FACE PAINTING &
VENDORS*

GAMES, RIDES &
INFLATABLES



LIVE MUSIC
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SCYTHIAN

FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

To reserve your tickets visit

www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival

or scan the QR code



WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

26 Fairground Rd, Front Royal, VA 22630

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating

*** DONATIONS FOR FOOD VENDORS GREATLY APPRECIATED**



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.

Comedy Night: Sign up to help grill, set-up, serve and clean at this Marriage Enrichment Ministry event 20 May.

Wives Appreciation Luncheon: Sun, May 21, 2:00 PM at The Wine House. Wives' meal covered by the council.

Knights buy your ticket on the linktree (\$63). Buy early, there are limited spaces available.

St. John Paul II National Shrine Pilgrimage: Our Council has 10 slots reserved for an afternoon pilgrimage on Saturday, June 3. Sign up on the linktree.

Exemplification: On 15 May at 7:30, Please join in welcoming our newest brother knights to the council in the church. It would be great to have a large contingent to witness this important ceremony. Please come in Coat and Tie.

Comedy Night: Sign up to help grill, set-up, serve and clean at this Marriage Enrichment Ministry event 20 May.

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

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

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

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

Handy Knights Ministry: If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, call the "Handy Knights." You can reach us at handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance: Brothers and the families of living and deceased brothers in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navyy8@yahoo.com.

Calling all 3rd Degree Knights: The 4th Degree is calling you to participate in patriotic activities, color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month; 7:30 pm rosary: 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship.

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 DGK at PMDELAT-TE@gmail.com or the Grand Knight at tjskgk7992@gmail.com.

Mother's Day in the Park

Join us for a blessing of all Moms
a Celebration with Sundaes
from Baskin-Robbins

AND A RAFFLE

SUNDAY, MAY 14
AT 1:00PM

FAIRFAX MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY
NEXT TO THE CEMETERY OFFICE



Father Jeb Donelan – Bánica Mission
The Prince William Chapter of the
Catholic Business Network of Northern Virginia
Welcomes YOU to our next live event on
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 5:30 -7:00 PM
Holy Family Parish – 14160 Ferndale Rd, Woodbridge, VA.

Fresh from his time as one of the priests in the Diocesan Mission in Bánica, Father Jeb Donelan will be sharing about his experiences there, and answering your questions about life in the mission field. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided as we network with Catholic businesses.
 Members: \$25 / Non-member, door, or less than 48 hours before event: \$30.

The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

The CCC is a vitally important initiative in helping to spread the Good News! Half of the collected funds remain in the Diocese of Arlington to support local communications projects. The other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops of the United States as well as other national projects in the U.S. and around the world. To learn more about the CCC please visit www.usccb.org/cc. Thank you for your support!



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

The beautiful Christian symbol of the Holy Spirit is the dove. Doves and other birds communicate by filling the air with song. They fly near to heaven; in temperate climates their songs signal the return of spring. They embody grace and peace and new beginnings. Sadly climate change and loss of habitat endangers many of our bird species. We can help by planting native plants that create bird food and habitat and reducing our use of pesticides. A single clutch of Carolina Chickadee chicks can feast on upward of 9,000 caterpillars in the weeks between hatching and taking flight. Bird feeders won't do. Only native species of plants support the volume of insect life required by our local birds. We can act now, while there is still time –time to save these reminders of the Holy Spirit's presence in our beautiful world. Learn more at homegrownnationalpark.org and plantnovanatives.org. Happy Mother's Day--support Mother Earth today!



**Memorial Day Mass
and holiday cook-out**



Monday, May 29 at 11:00am

**Fairfax Memorial Park
Cemetery**

9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032



Severe Weather plan: Mass to be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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.



Christian unity may be closer than you think.

Join us for our Northern Virginia celebration of the prayer service for the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

Tuesday, May 23 at 7pm

St. Ann Catholic Church, 5300 10th St N, Arlington, VA



DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.
(Isaiah 1:17)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023

Christian unity may be closer than you think! Please join us for our Northern Virginia celebration of the observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Ecumenical Prayer Service on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00pm at St. Ann Catholic Church, 5300 10th Street N, Arlington, VA. Bishop Burbidge will be joined by religious leaders from the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia for an evening of prayer and discussion.

Interpreters Needed for Our Mother of Mercy Free Clinic

MoM's mission is to provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in the Diocese. The majority speak Spanish. The Clinics are in need of Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the client and medical providers. All interpreting services will be remote via Zoom. Training provided. If you can help one 4-hour shift a month, please register here: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>.

*Nativity Italian Heritage
& Cultural Society*

May is cheesy with the Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society. We'll be talking Italian cheeses with Diane Welland, dietician, food writer and cheese expert. We'll sample several delicious cheeses and discuss buying, eating, cooking & nutritional benefits. Join us for this tasty and cheesy event.

Date: Thursday, May 25
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Nativity School Cafeteria

All are invited. Guests are always welcome for a \$5 guest fee.
• Hope to see you there!

John Paul the Great Summer Camps June - August 2023
JP Summer Camps registration is now open! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the summer months.
For registration visit:
<https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>

We are not made to live like atoms,
but together.

—Pope Francis, World
Communications Day, 2022

Merchant mariners, fishermen, port workers, and others working in the maritime industries have special pastoral needs to remain connected with their faith. For over a century, Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) has served merchant sailors around the world by providing sacraments and spiritual renewal through port chaplaincies, as well as hospitality, recreational opportunities, and communication with loved ones at home.

In 2013, Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America developed Stella Maris, the only smartphone app for Catholic merchant sailors. As technology and code systems advanced, the original app became obsolete. In 2022, AOS-USA, using a grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign, rebuilt the app to work on iOS and Android phones. The updated app keeps Catholic seafarers close to their faith by including a directory of AOS chaplains across the United States and around the world, daily prayers and reflections, a feature that allows sailors to submit their own prayer requests, news, and a cruise ship feature that lets cruise passengers know which ships have Catholic priests on board.

Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign helps AOS-USA engage and build community among Catholic seafarers and their families.



Support the Catholic Communication Campaign

2021 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS: \$3,171,159

News & Information Services*	\$1,253,159	39.52%
Media Evangelization**	\$1,169,024	36.86%
Web-Based Communications Resources	\$327,400	10.32%
Preserving Church History	\$198,179	6.25%
Developing Nations	\$103,000	3.25%
Documentaries and Videos	\$75,000	2.37%
Building Media Capacity	\$45,397	1.43%



EXPENSES

Allocations-Internal Grants***	81.64%
Grants and Donations	11.12%
Promotion and Fundraising Expenses	5.94%
Program Costs	1.30%
Total Expenses	\$3,601,453



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Second Graders Receive Second Initiation Sacrament

On a beautiful Saturday morning, our Second Graders received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, the second of the initiation sacraments. Father Bob and his team -- Father Hayes, Father Bresnahan, Father Wilson, and Sisters Donatella and Mary Attilia, led us through the celebration of Mass and the bestowing of the Sacrament.

As part of a community celebrating 50 years of faith and service, family and friends gathered to witness our Second Graders, led by their teacher, Mrs. Janet Basselgia, take their seat at the table. Receiving the Sacrament of First Communion deepens their personal relationship with God, and they now have the honor of celebrating the sacrifice of our Lord, as well as participating in His salvation.



Upcoming Dates At-A-Glance!

- May 16: Piano Recital 6:30 p.m.
- May 17: 4th Grade Field Trip
- May 17: Battle of the Books Competition
- May 18: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- May 18: Charlotte's Web Performance 2:00 p.m.
- May 22: Parish Golf Tournament
- May 23: Shakespeare Performance 2:00 p.m.
- May 24: 8th Grade at PVI for Shakespeare
- May 24: 4th Grade Colonial Days
- May 26: Preschool/Pre-K Last Day
- May 26: 12 NOON Early Dismissal
- May 26: 7th & 8th Grade Dance 7:00 p.m.
- May 29: Memorial Day - No School
- May 30: Principal/Teacher of the Day
- May 31: Grades 7th & 8th Field Day

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LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

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

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

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Alternating Sundays 3:30-5pm & Fridays 7-8:30pm

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Explore your faith

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The Associates of St. John Bosco undergraduate scholarship opportunity

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This multimedia presentation by Steve Hemler and Craig Turner of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) provides a fascinating look at the events that led to the fall of communism in Russia and Eastern Europe and their links to Our Lady of Fatima, including the key role of Pope St. John Paul II.

These Golden Jubilee presentations will be on



TUESDAY
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THURSDAY
MAY 25
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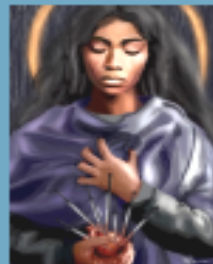
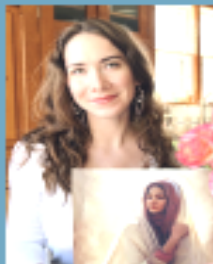
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REJOICING WITH OUR LADY, MOTHER OF CHARITY AND BEAUTY

A Jubilee Art and Concert Series · Spring Offering

Join us for evenings of art and music celebrating the joy of our faith. Each evening will feature newly commissioned works of Marian art by local Catholic artists and inspired by ministries of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. At each event, hear the artists speak about their work, learn about the good work of Catholic Charities, and enjoy beautiful music by local Catholic musicians. A reception will follow all events.



Mercy through a Mother's Eyes
*Contemplating the Cross and Resurrection with
Mary through Art and Music*

Featuring artist Maria Brock and
Catholic Charities

May 3, 2023 · 7:00pm

Saint Robert Bellarmine Chapel, GMU - Fairfax



Queen of Peace, House of Gold
*Imagining Mary our Shelter in Art, Ministry,
and Music*

Featuring artist Caitlin Solan and Catholic
Charities Margaret of Cortona House

May 19, 2023 · 7:00pm

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Mount Vernon



Icon of Wisdom
*Images of Our Lady in Art, Sound, and Care for
the Elderly*

Featuring artist Veronica Royal and Catholic
Charities Saint Martin de Porres Senior Center

June 16, 2023 · 7:00pm

Saint Agnes Catholic Church, Arlington



**Church Of the Nativity
Parish Yard Sale for Charity
Saturday, June 24—8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

6398 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA
No strollers during sale -- All sales final



Donations collected at the Nativity cafeteria/Fr. Martin Center (gym)

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- Furniture (clean/undamaged; see non-acceptable list below)
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Venta de patio parroquial para caridad
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POR FAVOR, ¡LOS ARTÍCULOS DEBEN ESTAR EN BUENAS CONDICIONES!*

Horas de entrega

Jueves/Viernes, 15-16 de junio	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Sábado, 17 de junio	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Domingo 18 de junio	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Lunes 19 de junio	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Lunes 6/19-Mié 6/21	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Jueves/Viernes, 22-23 de junio	SIN COLECCIONES!

Jueves	Vie	Sábado	Sol	Mi	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Vie
6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23
6-9 PM	6-9 PM	9 AM -2 PM	2 PM-5 PM	6-9 PM	6-9 PM	10 AM-4 PM; 6-9 PM	¡¡SIN drop-offs!!	¡¡SIN drop-offs!!

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- Libros/DVDs/CDs
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(¡¡Solo en el primer piso o en el nivel de salida!!)

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- To volunteer, contact your Parish Stakeholder or Director of Youth Ministry!
- Visit arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp for more info.

DIOCESAN HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday, May 23 a Mass and Healing Prayer Service is scheduled for 7:30pm, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 14160 Ferndale Road, Dale City. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: **"Foundation for the CDA - SEEF."**
Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with any questions. Thank you!

Are you registered in the Parish?

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



Nativity Religious Education Program
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- SPRED Volunteers
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TO SIGN-UP VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE

NATIVITYBURKE.ORG

- Select Religious Education Tab
- Select volunteers needed
- or scan the QR-Code that will take you our page.

It is a Diocesan and Parish requirement that we perform background checks on all our volunteers working with children.

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For more information:
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COLLEGE NIGHTS

Bridging the Gap of Faith



Student testimonials



Peer connections

Small groups sessions



- June 28: St. Mark's
- July 5: St. Michael's
- July 12: Holy Trinity (NEW location!)
- July 19: Basilica of St. Mary
- July 26: Holy Cross Academy

All rising college freshmen and transfer students may register for FREE at ASJB.org.
All events begin at 7PM.

2022 ORDINATIONS



Congratulations to Rev. Peter St. George, Rev. Peter Clem, Rev. Daniel Reuwer, Rev. Mauricio Portillo, Rev. Daniel Rice, Rev. John O'Farrell, Rev. Philip Briggs, Rev. Robert Renner

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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 14

Acts 8:5-8,14-17
 Ps 66:1-7,16,20
 1 Peter 3:15-18
 John 14:15-21

Monday May 15

Acts 16:11-15
 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b
 John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday May 16

Acts 16:22-34
 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
 John 16:5-11

Wednesday May 17

Acts 17:15,22-18:1
 Ps 148:1-2,11-14
 John 16:12-15

Thursday May 18

Acts 18:1-8
 Ps 98:1-4
 John 16:16-20

Friday May 19

Acts 18:9-18
 Ps 47:2-7
 John 16:20-23

Saturday May 20

Acts 18:23-28
 Ps 47:2-3,8-10
 John 16:23b-28

In John 14:15-21, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is our "Advocate". Some scholars translate the word to "Counselor". In the original Greek, it means "called alongside". It's closely related to the verb "parakaleo" ("to call" or "summon") from which we get "Paraclete" as a name for the Holy Spirit. It referred to a legal assistant, a courtroom advocate.

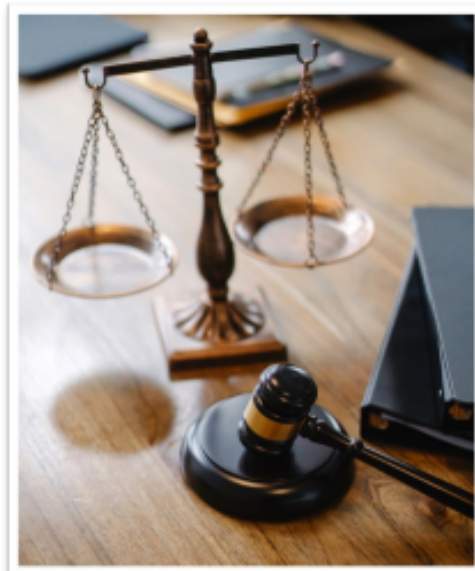
Jesus is telling us that the Holy Spirit is our legal assistant when we're falsely accused, misjudged, or wrongly condemned.

Notice that Jesus refers to our Advocate as the "Spirit of Truth". No matter what other people think about us, no matter what wrong things they say about us, no matter what opinions they have of us, God always knows the truth. And the truth that sets us free from their bad attitudes is this: It's only God's opinion that really matters. And his opinion of us is better than we think it is!

We judge ourselves more harshly than we should, and this is why we worry so much about how others are judging us. If we honestly examine

our consciences, seek reconciliation with God for our sins during the Penance Rite at Mass or in the Sacrament of Confession, and strive to improve, then Jesus says to us what he said to other sinners: "I do not condemn you; go and sin no more."

Don't you sometimes wish Jesus would come physically to your rescue when you're misjudged? He said that he will not leave us orphaned – his Holy Spirit will always be with us when



we need to be defended, telling us the truth about our goodness.

Even when we sin, the Spirit of Truth defends us to our heavenly Judge: "Look, this precious child really does want to be holy." To us, the Spirit says, "Let me teach you how to grow in holiness and avoid this sin." And to others, the Spirit says: "If you love me, love this good friend of mine."

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you been unjustly accused and unfairly judged? Imagine what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Father about that. And to those who condemned you. And what is he saying to you about you?
- † Describe a time when God defended you. How did the Advocate manifest his help?
- † Who learned more from it: you or your accusers?



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2023

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¡Señor, creo!

Todo es obra de la gracia de Dios, que exige respuesta nuestra, que exige fe.

Por: Pedro García, Misionero Claretiano | Fuente: Catholic.net



La Iglesia nos presenta varios Evangelios donde se nos habla de la Eucaristía, preanunciada en la multiplicación de los panes y prometida en la sinagoga de Cafarnaúm. La Liturgia de la Iglesia no hace nada semejante con ninguna otra página del Evangelio. ¿Por qué esta insistencia?...

Pues, sencillamente: porque la Iglesia sabe que en la Eucaristía tiene la fuente de donde emana toda su vida, y sabe también que toda la vida de sus hijos --la de todos nosotros-- debe desembocar siempre en la Eucaristía. O comulgamos y tenemos la vida de Dios, o no comulgamos y la vida de Dios está en nosotros casi agónica, si no muerta del todo...

El Evangelio de la promesa de Cafarnaúm nos hace ver el desenlace de aquella dramática discusión de Jesús con sus rivales en la sinagoga, cuando les aseguró: -Yo soy el pan bajado del cielo. Y si no coméis mi carne y no bebéis mi sangre no tendréis vida en vosotros. Esta página nos declara la actitud de todos ante la Eucaristía, hoy como entonces.

A los escribas y fariseos, que llevaban la voz cantante en la sinagoga, les oímos decir:

- Pero, ¿cómo puede éste darnos a comer su carne y a beber su sangre? ¡Imposible!...

Otros --y esto es lo peor, porque éstos son discípulos--, que dicen lo que leemos:

- ¿Qué duro y repugnante es este lenguaje! ¿Quién lo va a entender y aceptar?...

Finalmente, a los incondicionales que no dudan, como Pedro, el cual nos pondrá en los labios la última palabra de este drama.

Jesús está triste, vamos a hablar así. Se esperaba la reacción negativa de los jefes judíos. Pero no podía pensar que los suyos le iban a negar su adhesión y la fe. Por eso se queja ahora:

- ¿Esto que os he dicho os escandaliza? Pues, ¿qué diríais si me vieséis subir al cielo, donde estaba antes?

Jesús les tiende una mano, para que no les falle la fe y no se consuma la ruptura, porque entonces están perdidos, y les dice y aconseja:
- No hagáis caso de las apariencias. El Espíritu es quien da la vida, y os pido que juzguéis no según la carne, sino según el Espíritu. Mis palabras son espíritu y vida.

Judas, el que dentro de un año lo va a traicionar y entregar, es el primero en meter cizaña entre el grupo. Jesús se da cuenta, lo mira escrutador, y dice a todos disimulando con delicadeza:

- ¿Cómo es que hay algunos entre vosotros que no creen?...

¡A ver si Judas y otros se dan por aludidos!... Jesús pasea entre ellos su mirada adolorida, y continúa:

- Por eso os he dicho que nadie puede venir a mí y creer en mí, si mi Padre no lo atrae.

Todo es obra de la gracia de Dios, que exige respuesta nuestra, que exige fe.

Aquellos discípulos disidentes no quieren dar esta respuesta a la palabra de Jesús, y se marchan despectivos, aunque Judas se queda en el grupo, pero cada vez más receloso y alejado espiritualmente.

Al ver Jesús cómo se le marchan, se dirige a los Doce, que están pensativos:

- ¿También vosotros os queréis ir y dejarme solo?

Menos mal que Pedro toma la palabra decidido, y responde en nombre de los compañeros fieles con unas palabras que expresarán la fe de la Iglesia en todos los siglos por venir:

- ¡Señor! ¿Y a quién vamos a ir? A nadie fuera de ti. Pues solo Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna, y nosotros hemos creído que Tú eres el santo y el enviado de Dios.

Cualquiera que sabe leer el Evangelio se da cuenta de que la popularidad de Jesús cae vertiginosamente en Galilea. Si le llegan hasta tomar por un alucinado y un loco.

¡Mira que ya es algo demasiado eso de decir que va a dar de comer su carne y beber su sangre!...

Éste es un Evangelio doloroso. Y somos nosotros los que podemos decir a Jesús como Pedro y con la primera Iglesia: -¡Señor, creo!..., igual que podemos decirle con mucho retintín, como los incrédulos de la sinagoga: -¡Eso, eso!...

Ante el misterio de la Eucaristía no hay más razones que valgan sino la fe ciega en la palabra de Jesús:

¡Creo, y basta!... ¡Lo dice Él, y tengo bastante!... No veo nada, ¡pues, mucho mejor! Mayor gloria le doy a Él y mayor mérito tengo yo...

Si los otros dicen que esto no es más que un recuerdo de Jesús, yo me atengo a su Palabra, que me dice categóricamente y sin más explicaciones: -Esto es mi Cuerpo, ésta es mi Sangre...

Sin embargo, el mejor acto de fe será siempre la asiduidad en participar del sacrificio del Altar, en recibir la Comunión, y en adorar al Señor en el Sacramento, donde permanece por nosotros con presencia continua.

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No hay miedo de que falle nunca el que hace de la Eucaristía el centro de toda vida espiritual...

¡Señor Jesucristo! ¡Gracias porque te nos diste de modo tan admirable, y porque te quedaste entre nosotros de manera tan amorosa! Danos a todos una fe viva en el Sacramento del amor. Que la Misa dominical sea el centro de nuestra semana cristiana, la Comunión nos sacie el hambre que tenemos de ti, y el Sagrario se convierta en el remanso tranquilo donde nuestras almas encuentren la paz....

VI Domingo de Pascua, Ciclo A**Juan 14, 15-21: Ser paráclitos****Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Sitio Web: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Hechos 8,5-8.14-17; 1 Pedro 3,15-18; Juan 14, 15-21: Ser paráclitos**

En el Evangelio Jesús habla del Espíritu Santo a los discípulos con el término «Paráclito», que significa consolador, o defensor, o las dos cosas a la vez. En el Antiguo Testamento, Dios es el gran consolador de su pueblo. Este «Dios de la consolación» (m 15,4) se ha «encarnado» en Jesucristo, quien se define de hecho como el primer consolador o Paráclito (Jn 14,15). El Espíritu Santo, siendo aquel que continúa la obra de Cristo y que lleva a cumplimiento las obras comunes de la Trinidad, no podía dejar de definirse, también Él, Consolador, «el Consolador que estará con vosotros para siempre», como le define Jesús. La Iglesia entera, después de la Pascua, tuvo una experiencia viva y fuerte del Espíritu como consolador, defensor, aliado, en las dificultades externas e internas, en las persecuciones, en los procesos, en la vida de cada día. En Hechos de los Apóstoles leemos: «La Iglesia se edificaba y progresaba en el temor del Señor y estaba llena de la consolación (¡paráclisis!) del Espíritu Santo» (9,31).

Debemos ahora sacar de ello una consecuencia práctica para la vida. ¡Tenemos que convertirnos nosotros mismos en paráclitos! Si bien es cierto el cristiano debe ser «otro Cristo», es igualmente cierto que debe ser «otro Paráclito». El Espíritu Santo no sólo nos consuela, sino que nos hace capaces de consolar a los demás. La consolación verdadera viene de Dios, que es el «Padre de toda consolación». Viene sobre quien está en la aflicción; pero no se detiene en él; su objetivo último se alcanza cuando quien ha experimentado la consolación se sirve de ella para consolar a su vez al prójimo, con la misma consolación con la que él ha sido consolado por Dios. No se conforma con repetir estériles palabras de circunstancia que dejan las cosas igual («¡Ánimo, no te desalientes; verás que todo sale bien!»), sino transmitiendo el auténtico «consuelo que dan las Escrituras», capaz de «mantener viva nuestra esperanza» (Rm 15,4). Así se explican los milagros que una sencilla palabra o un gesto, en clima de oración, son capaces de obrar a la cabecera de un enfermo. ¡Es Dios quien está consolando a esa persona a través de ti!

En cierto sentido, el Espíritu Santo nos necesita para ser Paráclito. Él quiere consolar, defender, exhortar; pero no tiene boca, manos, ojos para «dar cuerpo» a su consuelo. O mejor, tiene nuestras manos, nuestros ojos, nuestra boca. La frase del Apóstol a los cristianos de Tesalónica: «Confortaos mutuamente» (1Ts 5,11), literalmente se debería traducir: «sed paráclitos los unos de los otros». Si la consolación que recibimos del Espíritu no pasa de nosotros a los demás, si queremos retenerla egoístamente para nosotros, pronto se corrompe. De ahí el porqué de una bella oración atribuida a San Francisco de Asís, que dice: «Que no busque tanto ser consolado como consolar, ser comprendido como comprender, ser amado como amar...».

A la luz de lo que he dicho, no es difícil descubrir que existen hoy, a nuestro alrededor, paráclitos. Son aquellos que se inclinan sobre los enfermos terminales, sobre los enfermos de Sida, quienes se preocupan de aliviar la soledad de los ancianos, los voluntarios que dedican su tiempo a las visitas en los hospitales. Los que se

dedican a los niños víctimas de abuso de todo tipo, dentro y fuera de casa. Terminamos esta reflexión con los primeros versos de la Secuencia de Pentecostés, en la que el Espíritu Santo es invocado como el «consolador perfecto»:

«Ven, Padre de los pobres; ven, Dador de gracias, ven, luz de los corazones. Consolador perfecto, dulce huésped del alma, dulcísimo alivio. Descanso en la fatiga, brisa en el estío, consuelo en el llanto».

6º Domingo de Pascua - A

Evangelio de la Misa: Jn 14,15-21

- ¡Hijos de Dios!

Sigue el relato evangélico, como el domingo pasado, recordando los consejos y enseñanzas a los apóstoles, como preparación para lo que iba a suceder más tarde, y por tanto para que no se sintieran solos jamás, aunque El desapareciera de su compañía subiendo al cielo.

“No os dejaré desamparados vosotros conmigo y yo en vosotros. El que acepta mis mandamientos y los guarda, ese me ama; al que me ama lo amaré mi Padre y yo también lo amaré y me revelaré a él”.

Oración para cada día de la semana

Señor, Jesús, como los apóstoles, quiero vivir siempre a tu lado; sentirte cerca en las alegrías y en las penas, en los entusiasmos y en los desánimos, en los triunfos y en las caídas, en las seguridades y en las dificultades.

Sé que Tu presencia está asegurada, Señor, si no pierdo la fe, y evito los pecados mortales.

Pero quiero ser consciente habitualmente de esa presencia divina en mi corazón, para sentirme más acompañado y perseverante en el bien; y también para ser más feliz y dichoso en todos los momentos; y así poder también testimoniar que merece la pena vivir en gracia de Dios y sentirte en el corazón.

Es el amor, Señor, lo que me mantiene unido a Ti, que cultivaré con la oración diaria y el espíritu contemplativo en mi trabajo, diversiones y vida social y familiar. Que llene los días de jaculatorias y actos de amor, para que todo lo que haga me santifique convenientemente, con mis buenas y sobrenaturales intenciones y por mi afán de ayudar a los demás con mi buen ejemplo y mi alegría. Que jamás me olvide de mi condición de hijo de Dios. Y por tanto acogido al amor paternal de Dios, corresponda con un comportamiento propio del mejor hijo de Dios. Al mismo tiempo quiero ver y tratar a todos como hijos de Dios, para ser apóstol de esa filiación divina, y de la verdadera fraternidad en el amor de Dios. Que la alegría y la caridad mueva siempre mi vida, y sean las razones que me unan a los demás hombres.

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez



Jesus shared a message about love.



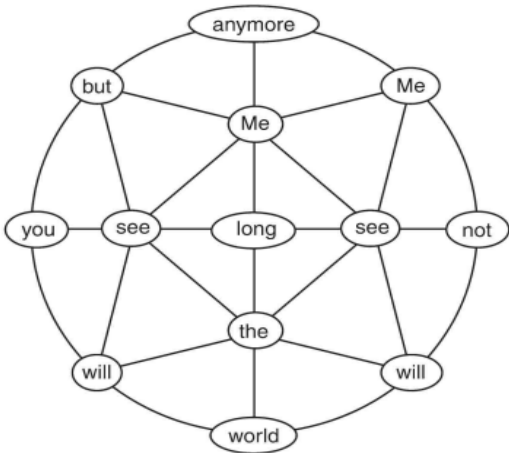
Jesus said, "They who have My commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love them and reveal Myself to them."

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below.
They may be found: → ← ↓ ↑ ↖ ↗ ↘ ↙

C	L	B	D	F	O	Q	R	C	J	B	K
M	O	R	E	H	T	A	F	N	P	Q	R
W	V	M	Z	E	B	D	J	K	L	L	P
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L	D	T	P	E	E	K	R	E	H	T	R
B	V	M	L	E	S	O	H	T	R	K	S
Z	M	F	E	V	A	H	Q	P	M	Y	D

What else did Jesus say?

Start at the center, then follow the arrows and fill in the words below.



"Before _____, _____
center ↓ ↓ ↘
_____, _____
↖ ← ↗ ←
_____, _____"
↙ ↘ ↘ ↗ ↘

Jesus Tells About the Holy Spirit

Jesus said that God would send another Counselor after He left. Who was this Counselor?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

- turle + - ors = _____
- nake + - encl + - flowe
+ - mtens = _____
- muse + - rog = _____
- ige + - hose + - kiten
+ - cair = _____

Use the chart to find out what else Jesus said.



	□	○	*
▽	Me	I	you
♥	in	are	My
☆	Father	that	and
△	will	am	realize

"On _____ day _____
○,☆ *,▽ □,△

_____, _____
*,△ ○,☆ ○,▽ ○,△

_____, _____, _____
□,♥ *,♥ □,☆ *,☆ *,▽

_____, _____, _____
○,♥ □,♥ □,▽ *,☆ ○,▽ ○,△

_____, _____."
□,♥ *,▽



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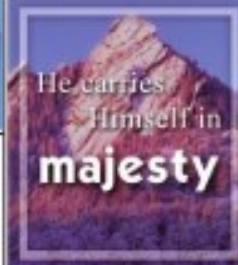
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