

THE HOLY TRINITY

Father

ONE GOD
and Father of all,
who is over all
and through all
and in all.
Ephesians 4:6

Son

THE WORD
became flesh and
made his dwelling
among us, and we saw
his glory, the glory as
of the Father's only
Son, full of grace
and truth.
John 1:14

Holy Spirit

THE ADVOCATE,
the holy Spirit that
the Father will send
in my name ~ he will
teach you everything
and remind you of all
that I told you.
John 14:26

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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./
1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

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



Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." - Matt 28:17

My dear parishioners,

The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith and life. The Church dedicates the first Sunday after Pentecost to reflect on the mystery of who God is. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a community of persons united in love. That is also what a family is and what a parish is..... persons united in love.

The following is a reflection by Rita Thiron written for liturgical ministers that speaks of the power of God's triune love.

Reflection

For countless generations we have attempted to plumb the depths of the inexhaustible mystery which is the Holy Trinity. Father Regis Armstrong, OFM CAP, provides a rich insight when he names God the "Holy Conspiracy"—con spirare—literally, "to breathe together." The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit constantly point to each other: the Father acknowledges the Son, the Son reflects the will of the Father, and the Paraclete, promised by the Son, draws us to the Father and Son. We are constantly bathed in the grace of three persons in one God who work toward the same end - our salvation.

Perhaps the best way we can prepare our liturgies and serve our liturgical assemblies is first to surrender ourselves to this holy breathing, to enter into the rhythm of their love for each other and to focus on their plan for the salvation of the world. Only then, through the Holy Spirit, can we offer due praise to a Father "who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, in your divine plan of salvation, you have shown your bountiful love for mankind. Pour that same love into our hearts so that we may acknowledge your Triune majesty, share in your divinity, and be instruments of your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

And to the people of Nativity, you are "a community of persons united in love," a beautiful parish of persons united in love of Jesus and one another. Happy Trinity Feast!

Let us celebrate our 50th Anniversary next Sunday with joy and thanksgiving.

Love and Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski

Fr. Bob Cilinski, pastor

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR ALL GRADUATES AT THE 11:00AM MASS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

NATIVITY 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

June 11, 2023

FATHER MARTIN CENTER | AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

Next weekend, on June 11, Nativity Parish will celebrate it's 50th anniversary! You and your family are invited to attend any Sunday Mass that weekend in honor of the anniversary. There will be a donut breakfast reception in the Father Martin Center after all the Sunday morning Masses, and a lunch reception after the 11:00am Mass. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the 11:00am Mass and stay for the reception, along with other special guests. If you plan on attending the 11:00am Mass reception, please let us know for planning purposes and RSVP at: <https://nativityburke.org/50th-anniversary-celebration/>

THERE WILL BE NO 1:00PM MASS SUNDAY, JUNE 11

All are invited to a
Very Special Blessing
of our renovated Grotto on
Monday, June 5 at 10:00am

4TH ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday, June 4

3:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE
SEE THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

WWW.NATIVITYBURKE.ORG

Christendom College

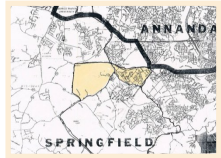
New Chapel Tour & Capstone Vineyards

The Prince William Chapter of the Catholic Business Network of Northern Virginia welcomes YOU to our next event on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Join us for a private tour of the new chapel at Christendom College including Mass at 11:30am. We will then continue networking at Capstone Vineyards (lunch will be provided). Members: \$25 / Non-member, door, or less than 48 hours before the event: \$30. Christendom College is located at 134 Christendom Drive, Front Royal, VA.


Register today through the PW-CBN website at: <https://cbnova.org/event-5201104/Registration>.

On This Date in Nativity History
June 1975

In this month, Nativity pastor Father Frank Ready, acting with great foresight, proposed to the Diocese the expansion of Nativity's boundaries to include roughly the eastern half of what became Burke Centre, as well as several housing developments that had sprung up in the vicinity of Burke but outside the parish's original boundaries. All of this land, shown in the map in yellow, was originally within the St. Mary's Parish boundaries, but the people living there were included within the Burke postal delivery zone and, according to Father Ready, identified more closely with Nativity as the parish that served their needs. By this action, taken some two years before the first house was sold in Burke Centre, Father Ready ensured that thousands of Burke Centre residents would be Nativity parishioners.



This historical note is the 52nd of a weekly Bulletin feature leading up to Nativity's fiftieth anniversary, 11 June 2023. If you have enjoyed these notes on Nativity history during the past year, 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.


COLLEGE NIGHTS
Bridging the Gap of Faith

Peer connections

Student testimonials

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.

Religious Education Coordinator Position
Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, Virginia is seeking a full time Religious Education Coordinator

The applicant will assist the Directors of Religious Education in leading a vibrant 1,100 student K through 8th grade Catholic Religious Education Program. The ideal candidate should possess an advanced level degree in Catholic Theology, Religious Education or Catechetics. The person should be competent in applying age appropriate catechetical methods and basic program development. One should be open to training and certification in the Diocese of Arlington. The applicant should have good human relationship skills and the ability to work well with others on a supportive team of staff and volunteer catechists. A competitive salary based on experience is offered. Submit cover letter and resume NLT June 24, 2023 to Fr. Bob Cilinski c/o Ann Benson at 6400 Nativity Lane Burke VA 22015 or via email to abenson@nativityburke.org.

Please be aware that next weekend's 50th Anniversary Masses, will be heavily attended. The Church and parking lots will be very busy, please plan accordingly and respect all non-parking areas. Please DO NOT park along the yellow lines. Overflow parking will be available across the street at Kiddie Country Learning Center, 9601 Old Keene Mill Road.


Catholic Scouting
Religious Emblem Blessing & Presentation 

Please join in congratulating the youth of our Parish who have completed the work for and will receive their Catholic Scouting Religious Emblems from Fr. Bob at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 4 June. The Church established the Religious Emblem programs to bolster youth from the Girl Scouts, Campfire, Cub Scouts, Scouting BSA, and the American Heritage Girls programs in their faith and Duty to God which is part of each of the youth programs' oath or promise. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Sam Morthland, the Parish Religious Emblem Coordinator at spmorthland@gmail.com or 571-594-1333.

"In Mary's Footsteps" a group for Widows

Please join us for our next meeting of Nativity's group for widows run by widows on June 12th at 11:00am in the church training room. We strive to go forward in our Blessed Mother's footsteps of strong faith and peace without our husbands here on earth. Our group supports each other in faith and fellowship on our journey. Activities have included retreats for widows, dinners out, and other "field trips" together. For more information, please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org. Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month. Please feel free to join us.



TWO WORDS: "EGADS! THE NATIVITY YARD SALE IS ALMOST HERE!"

Collections of treasures will begin Thursday, June 15, 2023 and continue through Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Check our flyer for treasures that are acceptable and non-acceptable. Your donations are tax-deductible and sincerely appreciated.

FOR FURNITURE PICK-UPS CALL 703-598-0698 or EMAIL NATIVITYYARDSALE@GMAIL.COM. ALL DONATIONS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND ACCEPTABLE (CHECK THE NON-ACCEPTABLE LIST).

Interested in helping with the yard sale. Volunteers are always welcome. No experience required. Sign-up to volunteer to help with collections June 15th through June 21st at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-nativity3>

The Nativity Annual Yard Sale for Charity, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Father Vincent S. Sikora Council 7992, is Saturday, June 24, 2023.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY NEWS



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.

The Music Ministry is sending out a call for a Pianist. Candidates should be proficient in piano skills, reading music and be able to accompany choirs or singers. Please reply to cfischl@Nativityburke.org if interested!

DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL 2023
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 FEATURING **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**

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	10AM - 4 PM; 6-9 PM	6-9 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

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Linens (clean)
- Dishware/cookware/kitchen items
- Clothing (clean; see non-acceptable list below)
- Small appliances (working)
- Electronics (working; see non-acceptable list below)
- Sporting goods/ Toys/games
- Furniture (clean/undamaged; see non-acceptable list below)
- Books/DVDs/CDs
- TVs—flat screen only!
- Tools
- Jewelry

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Undergarments (boxers/briefs/panties/bras, etc.)
- Shoes/footwear
- Medications/Cosmetics/Food
- Computer desks
- Unboxed Christmas trees
- Computers/hardware/printers/network hardware
- Metal desks/drawers/filing cabinets
- Desks > 5-foot wide
- Microwave ovens/Large appliances
- Unframed mirrors/glass
- Mattresses/beds/Sofa Beds
- Pressboard furniture
- Upholstered furniture
- Rugs (any size)
- Pianos/organs
- Tires
- Skis
- Flammables
- Motorized fitness equipment
- Multi-function workout stations
- China cabinets
- ALL Entertainment centers

Furniture pick-up requests 703-598-0698 or davezivich@gmail.com

(First floor or walk-out level only!!)

ECHO June Food Room Collection THIS weekend

Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four. Because of the wonderful generosity of our community, ECHO already has a more than ample supply of canned vegetables, stuffing mix, canned soup, and canned beans. However, we are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below. ECHO cannot give our clients food whose expiration date is long past, open food, or repackaged food (no zip-loc bags). Any donation, large or small, is most gratefully welcomed. Items requested: *Lemon or Lime Juice, Instant Potatoes, Tea (green, herbal, black), Tortillas, Juice (pouches or bottles), Cooking Oil, Spaghetti, Crackers, Hot Chocolate, Shelf Stable or Canned Milk, Sugar, Muffin/Cornbread Mix, Bag Rice, Box Rice, Bag Beans (Red or Black especially), Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Canned Meat (Spam is a favorite), Dates, nuts, dried fruit, granola bars and other healthy snacks, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo/Conditioner, Band Aids, Deodorant, Facial Tissues, Dish Detergent, Brown Paper Grocery Bags.*



Congratulations to our Clergy on their Anniversaries of Ordination being celebrated in May and June:

June 8	Deacon Richard Kelly	21 years
June 8	Fr. Chris Hayes	10 years
June 12	Fr. Edward Bresnahan	13 years
June 14	Fr. Wilson Korpi	15 years



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



The Campus Ministry at George Mason University is hosting Thursday Night Gatherings (TNG) for all local college students and graduating high school seniors every Thursday in June and July starting at 7:00pm at the St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA). It's a great way to meet college students from different schools! Follow us @catholic.patriot on Instagram! Find out more at www.gmuccm.org or email lnavarro@ccmgmu.org



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 5th

7:30 am † Peter DePalma

Tuesday, June 6th

7:30 am † John Shay
12:00 pm † Michael Brensy

Wednesday, June 7th

7:30 am † Luis & Margarita Moreno
3:00 pm † Celestine Nolan

Thursday, June 8th

7:30 am † William Mackey
12:00 pm † Madeline & John Andrew Casazza

Friday, June 9th

7:30 am † Gigi Hanna
9:30 am † Sam Gensel (*note time change*)

Saturday, June 10th

9:00 am Spec Intention for Fr. Steven Vaccaro Parishioners
7:00 pm † Cosme Manuel Rosal, Jr.

Sunday, June 11th

7:00 am 50th Anniversary Mass Intention for all Parishioners
9:00 am † 50th Anniversary Mass Intention for all deceased members of our Parish
11:00 am † Stephanie Bomar
NO 1:00PM MASS
5:30 pm † Connie Errico

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

Thank you and congratulations Nativity parishioners for your outstanding support of our 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Now that the campaign is wrapping up, as of May 18, our pledges and one-time donations total \$733,961 with so many more of our Nativity families participating. That's the most of just about all parishes in the Diocese! Your support for BLA greatly helps the many charities, ministries, and programs throughout the Diocese and so much here at Nativity. Thank you once again and may God bless you for your sacrificial gift.

A FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

Will be said during the month of June for all Fathers, living and deceased. Spiritual Bouquet cards will be available at the Church entrance and the Parish office this weekend. Their names will be placed on the altar. The Novena of Masses Schedule will be as follows:



Sunday June 18	9:00AM
Sunday June 18	11:00AM
Sunday, June 18	5:30PM
Monday, June 19	7:30AM
Tuesday, June 20	12:00PM
Thursday, June 22	7:30AM
Friday, June 23	7:30AM
Saturday, June 24	9:00AM
Saturday, June 24	5:00PM

Women of Nativity Annual Baby Shower

JUNE 3 & 4



ALL MASSES

It's that time again. A chance for you to say "we support you before and after your baby is born" to the expectant mothers out there. To help, the Women of Nativity is holding its annual Baby Shower after all Masses on June 3rd and 4th. This year they will support: the MaRiH Center, Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services, A Woman's Choice, ECHO, Lorton Community Action Center, Stella Marina, Divine Mercy, Tepeyac and Hope In Northern Virginia. Your contributions will help ensure that these organizations can continue to support expectant mothers.

Donations may be placed in the Pack N' Play in the Narthex from May 27th - June 4th. If you prefer not to shop, you can drop a donation in the bucket in the Narthex after Masses on June 3rd and 4th.

Requested items (must be new unless otherwise mentioned): Disposable and Pre-folded cloth diapers, diaper pins, diaper bags, waterproof pads, wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, sleepers, hooded towels, wash cloths, bibs, socks, hats, pacifiers, boys and girls clothing/sweaters/jackets up to 3T, Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, Target, Uber), Similac Advance formula, bottles, baby lotion and wash, shampoo, rash ointment, Lovies, self-care/pampering items for new moms (like lotion, facial, nail, spa type things)
 Large items (can be gently used): Pack N' Plays, pack and play sheets, umbrella strollers, Boppy and nursing pillows.

If you have questions, please contact Angela Coghlan at acoghlan@verizon.net.



Cub Scout Pack 1101

Pack 1101 provides craft, skill, and family activities for Nativity's boys and girls in grades K-5. Dens meet once per month from September to May in order to work on advancement requirements, crafts, skills, skits, and songs. There is also one Pack meeting per month where Dens gather to share their activities and receive recognition for their accomplishments.

The highlights of the year include the Pinewood Derby where Scouts race their handmade cars and the Blue and Gold Banquet where the Pack celebrates the birthday of both Scouting and Pack 1101. Additionally, Scouts are afforded a number of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors on nature walks and family camping trips.

Meeting Time: Dens meet 1-2 times a month from September to May

Location: Nativity Cafeteria

Please contact Matt Hezel (Cub Master) at Matt.hezel@gmail.com or Josh Goldman (Pack Committee Chairman) at joshua.a.goldman@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.



Religious Education Registration for 2023-2024 classes

NOW OPEN

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

National Celebrate Life Day: June 24th

Join the first-ever National Celebrate Life Day Rally at the Lincoln Memorial from 10:30am-12:00pm ET on Saturday, June 24th in Washington, D.C. and hear from many leaders in the pro-life movement! Celebrate the anniversary of the Dobbs decision that put Roe on the ash heap of history. Sign up and get a free "Celebrate Life" Rally Pass in the mail! By being together, we will show America that the Post-Roe Generation is more committed to protecting the preborn and their moms with the truth more than ever before. We are on the right side of history, science, and human rights.

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

Rosary Ministry

We are happy to announce that the Rosary makers are gathering on Tuesday, June 13th, at 1:00 PM in the Fr. Ready Room. All are invited to learn about the World Mission Rosaries as encouraged by Bishop Fulton Sheen. These are beautiful rosaries of different colors and we enjoy sending them all over the world. For more information email us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org

Love Is Given Prayer Group

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

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!



June 4, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocesan priests dedicate their lives to serving and guiding us on our life-long journey of faith. They have administered the sacraments, preached the Gospel, encouraged and prayed for us and our families. They look forward to peace in their retirement years, while continuing to pray for our diocese and God's holy people. Many priests continue to minister and offer their priestly services in retirement.

Currently there are 195 diocesan priests serving in our diocese. Of these, 29 priests are retired, and over the next ten years, 18 additional priests will reach retirement age.

On *June 10-11*, at all Masses, the annual second collection for retired priests will take place in the parishes of our diocese.

This special collection will provide funds for clergy post-retirement health care, nursing home care, and the priests' pension fund. The collection also assists several specific needs, including the ongoing operational expenses of the *Saint Rose of Lima Priests Retirement Villa*, a residence for up to 15 priests.

I ask you to be as generous as possible so that our priests, who have faithfully served the People of God in our diocese, may be cared for in their retirement years.

May Our Risen Lord Jesus bless you with the gift of His peace and watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael F. Burbidge'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross above the first letter 'M'.

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Support Our Retired Diocesan Priests

"My retired brother priests and I are truly blessed to know of the care and compassion shown by parishioners through this special collection which helps to support us in our retirement years.
~Msgr. John Cregan

Special Collection
Next Weekend, June 10-11

St. Rose of Lima Retirement Villa



AREAS OF SUPPORT

- The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa
- Funds for future needs such as health care during retirement and Nursing Home Care
- The Priests' Pension Fund

OUR PRIESTS AT A GLANCE:

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- 29 are retired
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YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCH



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.

50th Anniversary: 10-11 June. Help set up the tents, clean up and direct traffic. You should check out the linktree.

Nativity End of School BBQ: Grillers needed on 9 June from 9:30am-2:00pm. Sign up on the linktree.

50th Anniversary: 10-11 June, help set up the tents, clean up and direct traffic. You should check out the linktree.

Yard Sale: ALL HANDS event! Brothers, please sign up for at least one day's work, or just show up during our 2 week yard sale. Families and friends welcome. We have huge amounts of treasures to sort and price. If you have a truck or van, sign up to help pick up furniture. Be a cashier on the day of. We need everyone available to assist June 15-24th. This is the council's second biggest charity fundraiser! Sign up on the linktree. Contact Br. Dave Zivich with any questions at davezivich@gmail.com.

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.

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](mailto:navy8@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.

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>

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WorkCamp 2023

The teens and adults of Nativity have been in formation since November, and our week away is just around the corner (June 17-23, 2023). Our hope is that you can start praying for us as we get ready to head to Winchester, Virginia for a week of intentional service and Christian community. If you would like to write any of the teens or adults notes, we would love that as well. Please drop them off at the Parish Front Office by Thursday, June 15, 2023. Thank you for your continued support and love as we venture out as disciples this summer.

Teens

- Dylan Aranibar
- Noah Beard
- Michael Birden
- Liam Caron
- Hannah Engdahl
- Jaren Riley Fontejon
- Charlotte Gaeta
- David Griffith
- Sebastian Haworth
- Gabriella Lazarte
- Alex Lazarte
- Noel Mazzola
- Noah Mazzola
- Austin Nguyen
- Rachel Pryor
- Sidney Resch
- Simon Resch
- Zach Smith
- Megan Smith

Adults

- Tom Svercl - Adult Leader
- Stephen Resch - Adult Leader
- Bill Birden - Homebase
- Beth Monroe - Homebase
- Mike Giardina - Contractor
- Bob Colella - Contractor
- Christine Birden - Nurse
- Sonia Garcia - Nurse
- Laura Laverdiere - Project's Office
- Wren Griffith - Security
- Camille Pryor - Security
- Marta Griffith - Security / Lunch Prep
- Hannah Griffith - Security
- Marc Laverdiere - Security
- Glen Caron - Security
- Rebecca Judge - Director of Youth Ministry
- Brigid Williams - Stakeholder / Project's Office

The Importance of Sunday Mass

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

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR

2023 GATHERING DATES

7pm | Art Room

February 1

April 19

June 14

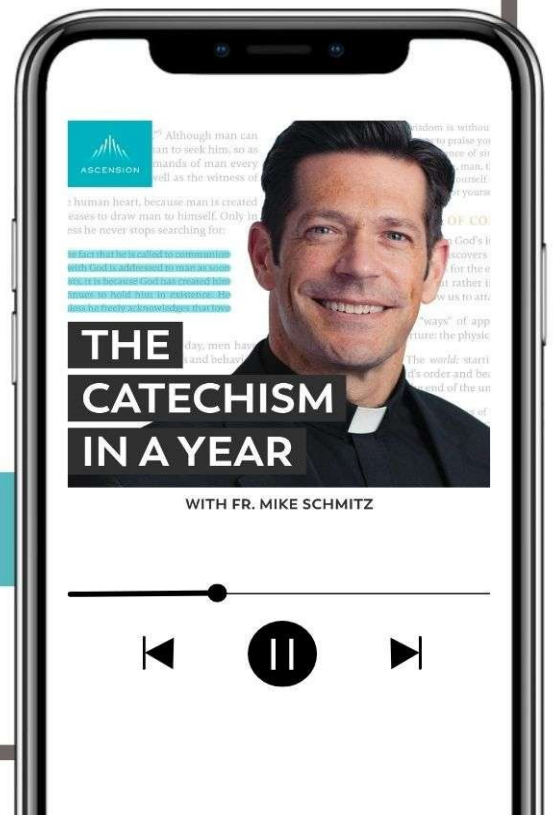
August 23

November 29

Celebration dinner

7pm | Teacher's Lounge

January 5





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**THURSDAY NIGHT
GATHERINGS**

**SUMMER
KICKBACK**

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JOHN.ALBERT.RUBINO@GMAIL.COM.

[http://nativityburke.org/
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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/>.

 **Follow Bishop Burbidge on Twitter!**
Bishop Burbidge has over 21,000 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him @BishopBurbidge.

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

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!

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

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ON THE
ARTS**

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FR. HAYES RECEIVES NEW ASSIGNMENT

 Last week the new priest assignments were announced in the Diocese of Arlington. Our Fr. Chris Hayes, after four years with us at Nativity, is moving to become the parochial Vicar at St. Timothy's in Chantilly, VA.

We are so grateful for his ministry of teaching and sanctifying, always reminding us of the presence of the divine in our lives. We wish Fr. Hayes many blessings as he begins his new assignment and will celebrate with him before he leaves on June 25th.

THE LIGHTNING THIEF

THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

BOOK BY
Joe Tracz

MUSIC & LYRICS BY
Rob Rokicki

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THE LIGHTNING THIEF BY
Rick Riordan

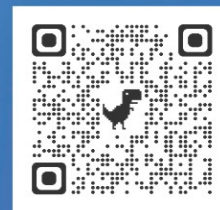
AUDITIONS: MAY 10-11

PERFORMANCES:

JULY 14 - 15, 2023

JULY 21 - 22, 2023

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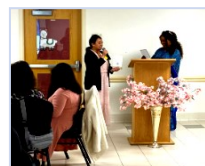


Come See All We Have To Offer. We look forward to meeting you! For School Year 2023-2024 Classroom Seats Available for 3rd, 4th, & 7th Graders!



Nativity Students Honor Mary

May is devoted to Mary and is when we engage in a special ceremony dedicated to the Mother of our Church: The May Crowning. Our Second Graders, who have just made their First Holy Communion, and our Eighth Graders, who have just received the Sacrament of Confirmation, together guided us in a prayerful ceremony to Crown our Mary



Tea Time!

Our PTO celebrated all the wonderful Mothers in our school community – including a special tribute to our Eighth Grade Mothers – with a ‘Mother’s High Tea,’ offering an assortment of teas and light refreshments.



Upcoming Dates At-A-Glance!

- June 5: Student Council Speeches & Voting
- June 5: Blessing of the Grotto Statues
- June 7: 11:00 a.m. Kinder Graduation
- June 7: 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Awards Banquet
- June 8: 9:00 a.m. Pass-It-On Ceremony
- June 8: 10:15 a.m. Walk Of Honor (8th Grade)
- June 8: 10:30 a.m. Parade of Cars
- June 8: 10:45 a.m. Move-Up (K-6th)
- June 8: 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation
- June 9: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal - Last Day of School
- June 9: 11:00 a.m. PTO End - Of -Year Celebration

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl meeting for this month will be held on Monday morning, June 12th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

cym@nativityburke.org

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm



Dinner

Fellowship

Prayer & Formation

2023 HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

Girls: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm | Weekly
Guys: Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm | 2x / month

EDGE: GRADES 6-8

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



Meet new friends

Play games

Explore your faith

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMPS

We are currently recruiting adult and teen volunteers for our two summer camp programs, Vacation Bible Camp and Camp on the Edge. Consider joining our team! Register to volunteer on the parish website.



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

Looking for a Project for Your Group or Family?

Holding a drive for things that ECHO needs is a great project for your group or for teaching generosity to your children. ECHO provides guidelines and tips on our website at echo-inc.org on how to do it. Click on “Donate Goods,” and choose “ECHO Donation Drive Guidelines.” You can hold a drive for things that won’t cost your donors any money such as gently used children's fall and winter clothing for Back to School, or large pots and pans or towels that the original owner no longer needs. If your intended collection audience is willing to purchase things for ECHO, remember that we will be gathering new school supplies for our Backpack Program this summer, and we can always use non-perishable food and personal hygiene supplies.



Nativity Religious Education Program

Needs volunteers
for the 2023-2024
RE School year!

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

- Catechists
- Assistant Catechists
- Office Assistants
- High School Catechist Assistants
- SPRED Volunteers
- Substitutes (catechists)

There is a 50% RE tuition discount for catechists for their year commitment.

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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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Sunday June 4

Ex 34:4b-6,8-9
Daniel 3:52-56 (52b)
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Monday June 5

St. Boniface
Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8
Ps 112:1b-2,3b-6
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday June 6

Tb 2:9-14
Ps 112:1-2,7-9
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday June 7

Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a
Ps 25:2-5b,6,7b-9
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday June 8

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,9-17;
8:4-9a
Ps 128:1-5
Mark 12:28-34

Friday June 9

Tb 11:5-17
Ps 146:1b-2,6c-10
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday June 10

Tb 12:1,5-15,20
Tb 13:2,6efgh,7-8
Mark 12:38-44

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate and honor God's character as the Most Holy Trinity.

The first reading shows us the Father parenting the baby nation of Israel. We see that he is merciful and gracious, "slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness" – the Perfect Father.

If we have difficulty seeing him this way, it's because we've never experienced a human father-figure who showed us what perfect fatherhood looks like. Our spirits need healing. We've been projecting human imperfections onto our image of God. Even the best parents and teachers fall short of the wonderfulness of God's fatherhood. We need to consciously differentiate him from our human dads and other human authorities.

The second reading shows us the entire Trinity: the grace of Jesus, the love of the Father, and our friendly partnership with the Holy Spirit. In this and because of this, we are to rejoice, mend our ways, and live in

peace with one another.

In other words, because Jesus bore our sins as he died on the cross and then conquered death, he provides us with grace so that we can resist sin, and he provides us with the Father's love so that we can love one another no matter what, and he provides us with the Holy Spirit, who fellowships with us and empowers us so that we can continually live as holy Christians.

The Gospel reading shows us the depth of the Father's love. He doesn't condemn us for our sins; he gives us



his Son to rescue us from the destructive results of our sins.

Our sins condemn us and sentence us to eternal death, but Jesus saves us from this by taking us to eternal life – *if we want him to!*

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Which Person of the Trinity do you know the least? Or feel distant from? Or fear?
- † How have human relationships interfered with your ability to feel God's closeness?
- † Which Person of the Trinity do you know best? Why?
- † How is the Trinity the perfect example of a good, loving, healthy relationship?

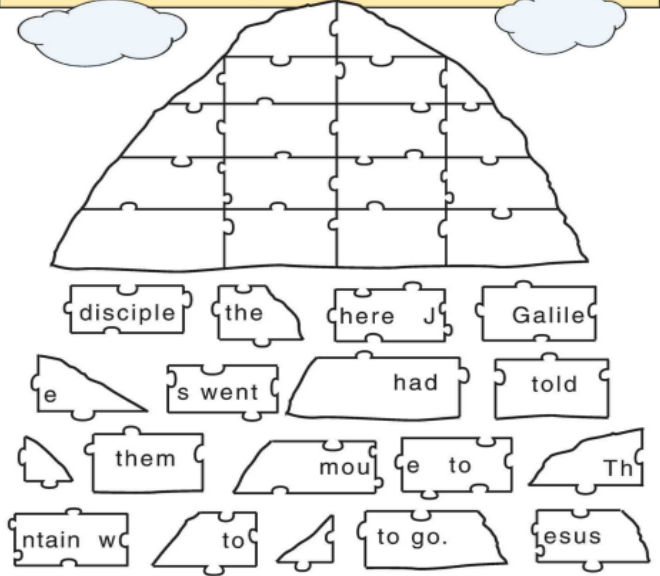


Jesus told His followers something important.

The Great Commission

After the Resurrection, the disciples did what Jesus told them to do.

Fit the pieces in the mountain.



+ **-** Solve the math problems. Then use this code to find out what Jesus said.

23 = A 29 = E 28 = I 32 = M 16 = Q 17 = U 13 = Y
 30 = B 18 = F 34 = J 12 = N 24 = R 25 = V 21 = Z
 27 = C 11 = G 26 = K 15 = O 22 = S 31 = W
 19 = D 14 = H 36 = L 35 = P 33 = T 20 = X

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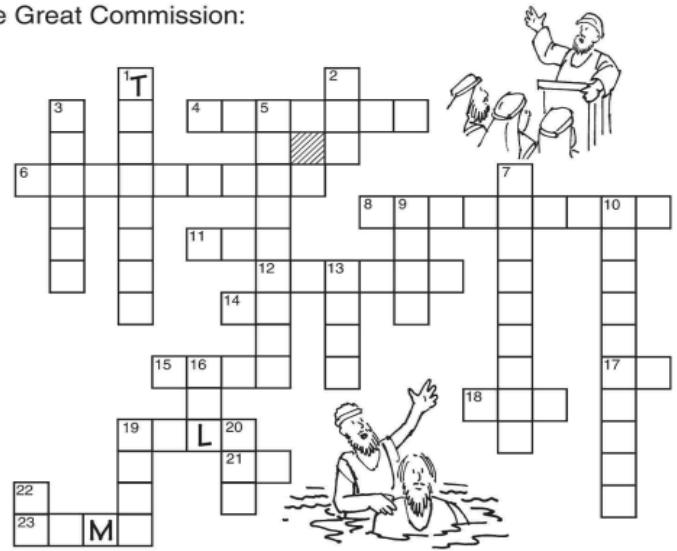
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Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission:

Fit these words into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the words from the puzzle to the lines below.

GO AND YOU HOLY FATHER BAPTIZING
 OF ALL MAKE OBEY NATIONS COMMANDED
 IN THE THEM HAVE TEACHING THEREFORE
 TO SON NAME SPIRIT DISCIPLES EVERYTHING



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_____ 1 _____ 13 _____ 17 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ I _____ 19 Down _____

_____ 8 _____ 20 _____"

Day of Prayer & Healing

Post-Abortion Retreat for Women

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Día de Oración Y Sanación

Retiro después del Aborto Provocado
para Mujeres:

sábado 29 de julio del 2023

sábado 30 de septiembre del 2023

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La Santísima Trinidad

El siguiente domingo después de Pentecostés. 22 de mayo de 2016

Por: Tere Fernandez del Castillo | Fuente: Catholic.net

Un solo Dios en tres Personas: El Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo.



La Iglesia dedica el siguiente domingo después de Pentecostés a la celebración del día de la Santísima Trinidad,

Un misterio es todo aquello que no podemos entender con la razón. Es algo que sólo podemos comprender cuando Dios nos lo revela.

El misterio de la Santísima Trinidad -Un sólo Dios en tres Personas distintas-, es el misterio central de la fe y de la vida cristiana, pues es el misterio de Dios en Sí mismo.

Aunque es un dogma difícil de entender, fue el primero que entendieron los Apóstoles. Después de la Resurrección, comprendieron que Jesús era el Salvador enviado por el Padre. Y, cuando experimentaron la acción del Espíritu Santo dentro de sus corazones en Pentecostés, comprendieron que el único Dios era Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

Los católicos creemos que la Trinidad es Una. No creemos en tres dioses, sino en un sólo Dios en tres Personas distintas. No es que Dios esté dividido en tres, pues cada una de las tres Personas es enteramente Dios.

Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo tienen la misma naturaleza, la misma divinidad, la misma eternidad, el mismo poder, la misma perfección; son un sólo Dios. Además, sabemos que cada una de las Personas de la Santísima Trinidad está totalmente contenida en las otras dos, pues hay una comunión perfecta entre ellas.

Con todo, las personas de la Santísima Trinidad son distintas entre sí, dada la diversidad de su misión: Dios Hijo-por quien son todas las cosas- es enviado por Dios Padre, es nuestro Salvador. Dios Espíritu Santo-en quien son todas las cosas- es el enviado por el Padre y por el Hijo, es nuestro Santificador.

Lo vemos claramente en la Creación, en la Encarnación y en Pentecostés. En la Creación, Dios Padre está como principio de todo lo que existe.

En la Encarnación, Dios se encarna, por amor a nosotros, en Jesús, para liberarnos del pecado y llevarnos a la vida eterna. En Pentecostés, el Padre y el Hijo se hacen presentes en la vida del hombre en la Persona del Espíritu Santo, cuya misión es santificarnos, iluminándonos y ayudándonos con sus dones a alcanzar la vida eterna.

Para explicar este gran misterio, existen ciertos símbolos que son entendibles a nuestra razón: La Santísima Trinidad es simbolizada como un triángulo.

Cada uno de los vértices es parte del mismo triángulo y sin embargo cada uno es distinto

También podemos simbolizar a la Santísima Trinidad como una vela encendida: La vela en sí misma simboliza al Padre, la cera que escurre es el Hijo, que procede del Padre y la llama encendida es el Espíritu Santo. Los tres son "vela", pero son distintos entre sí. Hay quienes simbolizan a la Santísima Trinidad en forma de trébol. Cada una de las hojas es "trébol" pero son distintas entre sí.

¿Que hacemos al persignarnos? "En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo" Es costumbre de los católicos repetir frecuentemente estas palabras, principalmente al principio y al fin de nuestras acciones.

Cada vez que hacemos la Señal de la Cruz sobre nuestro cuerpo, recordamos el misterio de la Santísima Trinidad.

- En el nombre del Padre: Ponemos la mano sobre la frente, señalando el cerebro que controla todo nuestro cuerpo, recordando en forma simbólica que Dios es la fuente de nuestra vida.

...y del Hijo: Colocamos la mano en el pecho, donde está el corazón, que simboliza al amor. Recordamos con ello que por amor a los hombres, Jesucristo se encarnó, murió y resucitó para librarnos del pecado y llevarnos a la vida eterna.

...Y del Espíritu Santo: Colocamos la mano en el hombre izquierdo y luego en el derecho, recordando que el Espíritu Santo nos ayuda a cargar con el peso de nuestra vida, el que nos ilumina y nos da la gracia para vivir de acuerdo a los mandatos de Jesucristo.

Fiesta, Santísima Trinidad - A Evangelio de la Misa: Jn 3,16-18 - Un Padre y un Amigo

Hoy la Liturgia cristiana celebra y contempla el misterio de Dios Uno y Trino. De ese Dios tal como nos lo reveló Jesucristo, que aparentemente es un misterio tan profundo como incomprendible de descifrar, pero que en la vida práctica es tan conmovedor como asequible para quien, con humildad y ansias de amor, se acerca a esta verdad de nuestra fe cristiana.

La Santísima Trinidad más que un misterio incomprendible es un libro abierto lleno de tesoros espirituales a descubrir y a gozar.

Oración para cada día de la semana

Señor, Jesús, que te has mostrado como el Hijo de Dios Padre, que nos envías el Espíritu Santo, para que, en unidad de naturaleza divina, y en la Trinidad de personas podamos entenderos y sobre todo trataros mejor. Sé que no puedo comprenderlo del todo, pero dame la humildad suficiente para reconocer mis limitaciones y mi pequeñez humana. Solo desde la humildad se puede llegar a la verdad. Esa verdad, que salva y libera, que consuela y compromete.

Por supuesto, Señor, necesito ser humilde, pero también instruido, para descubrir la verdad de tu misterio en mi vida de caridad y entrega, de santidad y solidez.

Señor, te veo como un Padre bueno y misericordioso, que nos ha creado y nos gobierna, que nos mimó y nos perdona con amor paternal. Considerándome hijo tuyo, me siento especialmente confiado, y más obligado a corresponder como un buen hijo en mi trabajo de cada día.

Que jamás pierda este sentimiento de hijo en mis oraciones y sacrificios, en mis alegrías y mis penas. Al encarnarte en las entrañas de María te hiciste uno de nosotros, y desde entonces te podemos llamar y tratar también como hermano y como amigo. Así lo quisiste desde que nos dijiste que eras el Hijo de Dios, hecho hombre. Pues con esta confianza que me ofreces te pido, Señor, que nunca me dejes solo en el camino de la vida.

También nos ofreces tu Espíritu Santo, que nos ilumina, nos fortalece, nos perdona, nos transforma y compromete a una mayor santidad.

Dame, Señor fidelidad a tu Espíritu, para que mi santidad sea auténtica y más apostólica, y también alegre y atractiva.

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez

Iglesia de la Natividad
Venta de patio parroquial para caridad
Sábado, 24 de junio—8:00 AM a 2:00 PM

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

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6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23
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Para obtener más información, llame al: **Dave Zivich 703-598-0698**

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- Electrónica (en funcionamiento; ver lista no aceptable)
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- Muebles (limpios / sin daños; ver lista no aceptable)
- Libros/DVDs/CDs
- Televisores: ¡solo pantalla plana!
- Herramientas
- Joyería

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- Ropa interior (boxers/calzoncillos/bragas/sujetadores, etc.)
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Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

Juan 3, 16-18: La Trinidad, escuela de relación

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La Trinidad, escuela de relación

¿Por qué los cristianos creen en la Trinidad? ¿No es ya bastante difícil creer que existe Dios como para añadirnos el enigma de que es «uno y trino»? A diario aparece quien no estaría a disgusto con dejar aparte la Trinidad, también para poder así dialogar mejor con judíos y musulmanes que profesan la fe en un Dios rígidamente único.

La respuesta es que los cristianos creen que Dios es trino porque creen que Dios es amor! Si Dios es amor debe amar a alguien. No existe un amor al vacío, sin dirigirlo a nadie. Nos interrogamos: ¿a quién ama Dios para ser definido amor? Una primera respuesta podría ser: ¡ama a los hombres! Pero los hombres existen desde hace algunos millones de años, no más. Entonces, antes, ¿a quién amaba Dios? No puede haber empezado a ser amor desde cierto momento, porque Dios no puede cambiar. Segunda respuesta: antes de entonces amaba el cosmos, el universo. Pero el universo existe desde hace algunos miles de millones de años. Antes de entonces, ¿a quién amaba Dios para poderse definir amor? No podemos decir: se amaba a sí mismo, porque amarse a uno mismo no es amor, sino egoísmo, o como dicen los psicólogos, narcisismo.

He aquí la respuesta de la revelación cristiana. Dios es amor en sí mismo, antes del tiempo, porque desde siempre tiene en sí mismo un Hijo, el Verbo, a quien ama con amor infinito, que es el Espíritu Santo. En todo amor hay siempre tres realidades o sujetos: uno que ama, uno que es amado y el amor que les une. Allí donde Dios es concebido como poder absoluto, no existe necesidad de más personas, porque el poder puede ejercerlo uno solo; no así si Dios es concebido como amor absoluto.

La teología se ha servido del término naturaleza, o sustancia, para indicar en Dios la unidad, y del término persona para indicar la distinción. Por esto decimos que nuestro Dios es un Dios único en tres personas. La doctrina cristiana de la Trinidad no es un retroceso, un pacto entre monoteísmo y politeísmo. Al contrario: es un paso adelante que sólo el propio Dios podía hacer que lo diera la mente humana.

La contemplación de la Trinidad puede tener un precioso impacto en nuestra vida humana. Es un misterio de relación. Las personas divinas son definidas por la teología «relaciones subsistentes». Significa que las personas divinas no tienen relaciones, sino que son relaciones. Los seres humanos tenemos relaciones -entre padre e hijo, entre esposa y esposo, etcétera--, pero no nos agotamos en esas relaciones; existimos también fuera y sin ellas. No así el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo.

La felicidad y la infelicidad en la tierra dependen en gran medida, lo sabemos, de la calidad de nuestras relaciones. La Trinidad nos revela el secreto para tener relaciones bellas. Lo que hace bella, libre y gratificante una relación es el amor en sus diferentes expresiones. Aquí se ve cuán importante es que se contemple a Dios ante todo como amor, no como poder: el amor dona, el poder domina. Lo que envenena una relación es querer dominar al otro, poseerle, instrumentalizarlo, en vez de acogerle y entregarse.

Debo añadir una observación importante. ¡El Dios cristiano es uno y trino! Ésta es, por lo tanto, asimismo la solemnidad de la unidad de Dios, no sólo de su trinidad. Los cristianos también creemos «en un solo Dios», sólo que la unidad en la que creemos no es una unidad de número, sino de naturaleza. Se parece más a la unidad de la familia que a la del individuo, más a la unidad de la célula que a la del átomo.

La primera lectura de la Solemnidad nos presenta al Dios bíblico como «misericordioso y clemente, tardo a la cólera y rico en amor y fidelidad». Éste es el rasgo que reúne más al Dios de la Biblia, al Dios del Islam y al Dios (mejor dicho, la religión) budista, y que se presta más, por ello, a un diálogo y a una colaboración entre las grandes religiones. Cada sura del Corán empieza con la invocación: «En el nombre de Dios, el Misericordioso, el Compasivo». En el budismo, que desconoce la idea de un Dios personal y creador, el fundamento es antropológico y cósmico: el hombre debe ser misericordioso por la solidaridad y la responsabilidad que le liga a todos los vivientes. Las guerras santas del pasado y el terrorismo religioso del presente son una traición, no una apología, de la propia fe. ¿Cómo se puede matar en nombre de un Dios al que se continúa proclamando «el Misericordioso y el Compasivo»? Es la tarea más urgente del diálogo interreligioso que juntos, los creyentes de todas las religiones, deben perseguir por la paz y el bien de la humanidad.



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