



Come to Me

all you who labor & are burdened
& I will give you rest
MATTHEW 11:28



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

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

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

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

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

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

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" - Matt: 11:29

My dear parishioners,

Since 1886, the Statue of Liberty has stood in New York Harbor as a symbol of our country and its ideals. Graven on a tablet within the pedestal upon which the statue stands is a poem composed by Emma Lazarus which reads in part *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these the homeless, tempest- tossed to me."* These words are symbolic of open arms and loving hearts.

This weekend we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of our country with the signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776. We are reminded that the freedom we enjoy has been won and preserved by a lot of sacrifice and it carries with it a great responsibility.

That statement changed world history. It declared new freedom not only of the human person, but of the human soul. It was a dream and lofty goal. Imperfections and flaws existed from the very beginning. But July 4th, 1776 created a starting point. That dream and hope has been a beacon for waves of immigrants since its founding. We are a nation of immigrants seeking this dream and hope.

Today we rejoice and give thanks to God for blessing our land with abundant blessings. *"America the beautiful,"* we hold these truths. We have not always lived them perfectly, but we hold them dearly. There always has been and will be room to do better and there is still much work to be done. *"America, America, God mend thy every flaw."*

The American dream still lives on in us. May God bless you this holiday and bless the United States of America, the country that we love.

Love and blessings,
Msgr. Bob Cilinski

Monthly Sensory Mass Sunday, July 12th at 1:00pm

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend! A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations. A sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload. We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass please email Tracey Hulén, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.



Fr. Sikora Council Yard Sale Thank You!

Wow, what a yard sale!!! First, the Knights of Fr. Sikora Council would like to thank all the parishioners that took the time to donate their precious treasures.

Your generous donations have made the Nativity yard sale once again a premier community event in Burke.

Be assured many of your donated items have found new homes and will be put to good use. A special thanks to all the Fr. Sikora Council family members, fellow parishioners and friends who dedicated many volunteer hours to collecting, sorting, pricing, and assisting with the sale to make this year's event our most successful ever.

The funds raised will go to support many of the Council's charitable programs throughout the coming year.

A big thank you to the Creation Care Ministry for their untiring repurpose and recycling efforts to ensure nothing went to waste.

Last, thank you to Msgr. Bob for allowing the Council to hold the yard sale once again this year and the sisters who, through their prayers from afar, ensured the weather cooperated on the day of the sale.



Nativity Religious Education Program

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help!

Classes
start Sept.
20th



FOR THE GRADES BELOW:

Session	Day	Primary Catechist (Grade)	Assistant Catechist (Grade)
1	Sundays 3:45pm-5:00pm	1, 3	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8
2	Sundays 7:00pm-8:15pm	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8	K, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
3	Mondays 4:45pm-6:00pm	K, 1, 4, 5, 6	K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
4	Mondays 7:00pm-8:15pm	1	K, OCIC
5	Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:00pm	1, 4	4, 5, 8
6	Tuesdays 7:00pm-8:15pm	N/A	K, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

Scan the QR-Code
to Sign-up!



We also in need of office volunteers for all sessions



All volunteers working with children need to submit Diocesan paperwork for a background check and complete a Virtus training

nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org



A Message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Creation Care Ministry wishes to acknowledge the Knights for an amazing yard sale! Community members both within and outside the parish found needed or wanted items in reusable condition at great prices. Charities supported by the Knights will benefit from the outstanding financial results of the sale. Organizations who received unsold items such as Echo, Helpsy, Gracing Spaces, Savers and Project B Green to name just a few will sell, repurpose and recycle donated goods so that little is wasted. Creation Care team members who collaborated with the yard sale circulated and assisted during the collections, set-up and sale day to help keep up with recycling, plastic film collection, and movement of donated goods. Items that could not be sold were evaluated for best options for repurpose and donation. The Knights' Yard Sale is a great example of the circular economy.

Let's all be great stewards of our resources and possessions: rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, repair, repurpose, rot (compost), recycle. AND, perhaps reconsider our relationship with consumption of resources on a daily basis in prayer. Thank you Knights and other volunteers for a great collaboration!

Mornings of MERCY

for Divorced Catholics

Hurting after divorce? Want to enter into fellowship with Catholics in similar situations and to grow more deeply in your relationship with Jesus?

FEBRUARY 21
St. Luke
McLean, VA

MAY 16
Good Shepherd
Alexandria, VA

AUGUST 8
St. Timothy
Chantilly, VA

NOVEMBER 14
St. Veronica
Chantilly, VA

The event is free, but please register at
arlingtondiocese.org/event/morningsofmercy



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Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

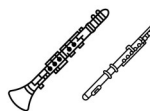


JULY 10 | 6:30-8:30 PM
SCHOOL TEACHERS' LOUNGE

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

— Acts 2:42

RSVP to Anna Lisa:
marriage@nativityburke.org



19th Annual Pops Camp For rising 5th-9th graders

**Monday – Thursday,
August 3-6, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**



For rising 5th - 9th strings and music students
with at least one year of instruction



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

Mass of Remembrance for Families of Child Loss

All parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of child loss, from pregnancy loss to adulthood, are welcome to join us for a Mass of Remembrance, hosted by the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life and Red Bird Ministries, Saturday, August 15th, at 10:30 am at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington.

Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, who will also serve as the homilist. A light reception will follow Mass.

This event is completely free, but please RSVP by going to Mass of Remembrance Registration at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/mass-of-remembrance-for-families-of-child-loss/>

ECHO Collection this weekend, July 4/5 Food Room Most Needed

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. The USDA calculates that a meal for one persons is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. With all of the charitable donations the weekend of June 6/7, we still collected 794 lbs of food. What a generous parish we have!!

ECHO's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!

Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils, Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal (low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Canned Milk, Shelf stable milk, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.) Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-salt spices, Masa Corn Flour, Granulated Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Canned Meat, , Paper boxes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand lotion, Band Aids, Diapers. (sizes 2, 4, 5, 6), Sanitary Napkins.

The Knights of Columbus - Dames Auxiliary

Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism.

We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased.

Our fellowship and informational meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room.

Contact brzivich@aim.com for information or to be added to our email distro.



Nativity Players Theatre Ministry Presents *Hello, Dolly!*

July 23–25 & July 30–August 1!

Tickets are on sale now
at tickets.nativitytheatreministry.org.

Put on your Sunday clothes and join us for one of Broadway's most beloved musicals! Hello, Dolly! is a heartwarming, hilarious, and spectacular musical filled with unforgettable songs, dazzling dancing, larger-than-life characters, and plenty of laughter.

Featuring a talented cast of local performers, beautiful period costumes, and lively choreography, this summer's production promises to be an event you won't want to miss!



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

"We are God's People"

1 Peter 2:10

Monday, July 6

7:30 am † Carmela Merulla
12:00 pm † The Bavota Family

Tuesday, July 7

7:30 am † Ann and Louis Gigliotti
12:00 pm † John Frazee

Wednesday, July 8

7:30 am † Catherine Cuomo

Thursday, July 9

7:30 am † Jeanne Horvat
12:00 pm † Delia Paraguya

Friday, July 10

7:30 am † Victor Yau

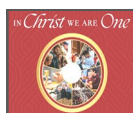
Saturday, July 11

9:00 am † Victor Solano
5:00 pm † Wade Kirdahhi Jr.
7:00 pm † Oralia Hernandez Reyes (Spanish)

Sunday, July 12

7:00 am † Gerald Winston Carter
9:00 am † Raul Perez
11:00 am † Sharon McHale
1:00 pm Nativity Parishioners (Sensory)
5:30 pm † Robert "Bob" Orr

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



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



Can you help get us to our Bishop's Lenten Appeal dollar goal? We are so near our goal, but we need the help of parishioners who have not yet contributed to our BLA campaign. As of June 16, our pledges and donations amount to \$826,74, but with only about 16 percent of registered families pledging. If you have not yet participated, there is still time.

Any dollar amount helps reach our \$840,000 goal. See www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA, scan the QR code for easy access, or use one of the BLA envelopes at Church. Your support helps so many charities, ministries, and programs throughout the Diocese and right here at Nativity. May God bless you dearly for your generosity.

Mary's Comfort, a local maternity shelter in Springfield, VA, is a volunteer-driven nonprofit providing an enriching home for women facing a crisis pregnancy, along with supportive help and guidance for mother and baby. Since opening our first home in 2024 we have assisted six pregnant women. With your support, we can grow our services and expand our programs. If you'd like to join our team of dedicated volunteers or make donation, please visit our website <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/> or email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com. If you know a mother who could use our help, please refer her to us. Thank you and God bless!



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!
When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass
Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA.

Join Nativity in praying the Pro-Life Rosary for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Your peaceful presence outside on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility makes a difference by increasing awareness, and for parents who find themselves in unplanned/crisis pregnancies. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com.

DIOCESAN CAR MINISTRY

The Car Ministry accepts vehicles, reconditions them and then provides them as a gift to low-income families referred by pastors and social agencies. Click on the "Donate your Car" link on the Car Ministry's website, www.carministry.org, or contact the charity's Director, Larry Gordon at 703.237.8479 for more info.

Invitation to Join the Young Adult Ministry

The Lord is Risen . . . and so is Young Adult ministry at Nativity! Fr. Jordan is inviting all Young Adults, ages 18-35, to join him in launching the ministry this summer. We are looking to plan formal and informal social events throughout the summer and launch men's and women's small group bible studies. If you are interested in joining us (even if you are just home for the summer from college!) email Fr. Jordan at frevans@nativityburke.org or come find him after Mass.

Walk Humbly
Bishop Burbidge

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

arlingtondiocese.org/walkhumbly

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS
~ SUMMER CAMPS ~

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

CELEBRATING 22 YEARS!

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

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

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SpotlightSummerCamps.com

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE INVITED TO...

COLLEGE NIGHTS

Kick off college with faith, friendships, and meaningful connections! Meet fellow Catholics from your college (and beyond) before the semester begins. All events begin at 7PM. Pizza dinner included!

- JUNE 30** Holy Spirit, Annandale
- JULY 9** St. Theresa, Ashburn
- JULY 14** Holy Trinity, Gainesville
- JULY 21** Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria
- JULY 28** St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg

Recruit 5 friends and receive a \$50 gift card!

ASSOCIATES of
SAINT JOHN — BOSCO —

To register for **FREE**, visit ASJB.org or scan the QR code:

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Fridays twice a month

6:30-8:00 p.m.

See website for full schedule



YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS

Signups are now available for Vacation Bible Camp and Camp On The Edge. VBC and COTE run Tuesday June 30th-Friday July 3rd. Registration is required. Visit the parish website for more information!

[See website for full schedule](#)

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

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



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Catholic Charities - Pregnancy and Adoption Services

Catholic Charities is "Licensed. Ethical. Reputable. Since 1947, Pregnancy and Adoption support has served communities in Northern Virginia and surrounding areas. We are committed to providing transformative services to individuals, couples and families whose lives are impacted by unplanned pregnancy, parenting in a crisis situation and/or whose lives have been touched by adoption.

Unplanned Pregnancy Options

"Learning about the options and resources available to you before you decide is critical because whatever choice you make will impact you for the rest of your life! The good news is you don't have to figure this out alone – You can call or text one of our friendly, certified pregnancy counselors anytime at 703-973-0129 and visit our page to learn more about the options and resources in Northern Virginia that are available to help you before you decide. Since 1947 we have been providing pregnancy and adoption services in Northern Virginia. We are available 24/7 to assist you as you consider your options, obtain support and make a plan. We will meet you at times and locations that are easiest for you.

Adopt a Child

"Making the decision to grow your family through adoption is a big step! Take some time to learn more about the options available to you and the pros and cons of each option. We can help you explore your options so that you can make an informed decision about which path is best for your family.

Adoption is a lifelong journey and likely one you are deciding if you will take. Our adoption program has been licensed by the state of Virginia since 1947. We serve all members of the adoption triad- birth family, adoptive family and adoptee. When you decide to adopt a child, adoption is interwoven into your identity and into your child's identity. We seek to equip and empower adoptive families with all of the support and information they need to give them a solid foundation in all of our adoption programs." If interested in adoption, complete the information in the link below and a professional will respond.

https://ccda.mysamdb.com/SAM/Fm SimpleInquiryForm_Edt.aspx. For more details, go to <https://ccda.net/find-help/pregnancy-adoption/>, 703.841.3830.

The National Catholic Bioethics Center: Provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church. <https://www.ncbcenter.org>
Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN: Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN restoring integrity of human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. tepeyacobgyn.com, 703.273.9440.
Gabriel Project: Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers. Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer "Angel" support. helpforpregnantwomen.org. 866.444.3553.

Mary's Comfort of VA: Ensuring Expectant Mothers Shelter, Support and New Beginnings. Provides full support, including training in parenting and life skills, career coaching and educational advancement. maryscomfortva.org, 703.455.4500



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
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***Nativity School: Now accepting applications
for Preschool 3, and 1st through 6th grades for
this 2026-27 School Year
Classes begin Wednesday, August 19!***



**For details, visit the school website:
www.nativityschool.org/application-process/
or contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300**

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.

Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider subbing at Nativity School! Please Join Us!

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- ⇒ 2-plus years of college
- ⇒ Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
- ⇒ Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills
- ⇒ Diocesan-compliant
- ⇒ Successful background check



For more information, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146; or you can contact Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

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Sign up here: arlingtondiocese.org/email



Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
The first meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation.
Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows.
Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at <https://www.kofc.org/joinus>. As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Stephen Resch, at dkg7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Vince Augelli at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.

Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter? If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up.

Widow Support: **Updated** We need drivers to support rides to appointments. See SUG for details!

for our June 27th day of sale. Please support this annual event!

18 JULY: First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class for the Nativity Security Team, 12:00 - 3:00pm. Advance registration is required. Contact Br. Joe Tiago for questions and training at SecurityMinistry@nativityburke.org.

18 JUL - End of Year Dinner 6:15 PM in cafeteria - Knights and spouses are invited to join together to celebrate the recently completed fraternal year, recognize award recipients, and congratulate our outgoing GK. Mark the date; SUG is live!

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.coella.86@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support. <https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfRnYEU8s5>

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.

Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

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

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: Participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria. 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator John Lathrop at fn2996@vakofc.org.

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.



Camps are available for students in (rising) grades 2 through 9. There are various camps this summer, including baseball, basketball, theatre, football, field hockey, lacrosse, pops band, soccer, tennis, and more.



42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA



Faith & Science

FROM WONDER TO HUMAN GENIUS

August 8, 2026

Conference with Optional 3-Day VIP Experience

Christendom College invites you to a weekend of intellectual renewal, where leading Catholic thinkers will explore the profound harmony between faith and science. Together, we'll contemplate the wonder of creation and consider how human genius, rightly ordered, can serve truth, culture, and the dignity of the human person.

**CHRISTENDOM
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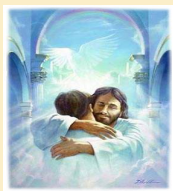
View speaker bios and ticket info at
conference.christendom.edu
or scan the QR code to register.



¡Somos unos privilegiados!

XIV Domingo T.O.

Javier Leoz



Sí, a nosotros: aunque a veces nos las demos de entendidos en todo; aunque presumamos de ser más listos que nadie; aunque, lejos de la sencillez, nos confundamos y nos perdamos en las telarañas de mil y una complicaciones que nos salen a nuestro encuentro. A nosotros; sí, a nosotros se nos revela Dios con toda su fuerza. ¿Qué tenemos para que, Dios, se nos manifieste una y otra vez, sabiendo de antemano que hoy le diremos “sí” y mañana, a la vuelta de la esquina “no”?

El evangelio no puede quedarse escondido. Menos aún, quien lo ha conocido, puede concluir que: a Dios lo he descubierto y los demás allá cuidado. Cuando el Señor, con toda su fuerza, se acerca a nosotros, como lo hizo a Pedro –a orillas del Tiberiades - o a San Pablo, camino de Damasco, lo hace por dos razones: porque confía y porque nos necesita para llevar adelante su obra. ¿Somos conscientes de ello?

Alguien, con cierto humor, afirmó recientemente en un programa que “*la gente está cansada de creer en Dios; que eso son antigualla, producto de otras épocas pasadas*”. ¡Qué va! ¡Al contrario! Quien está cansado es quien no ha descubierto el descanso que es creer y esperar en Dios.

-Se cansa, quien desespera

-Se agota, quien mira por sí mismo

-Cae en la extenuación quien, lejos de buscar espacios para el silencio, para la contemplación o para la oración, se deja arrollar por el ruido, el sinsentido, el vacío o el simple impulso de hacer por hacer o de trabajar por trabajar.

¡Venid a mí los cansados y agobiados! Y, ante estas invitación, no podemos menos que reflexionar sobre aquellos aspectos que producen dolor, hastío, desencanto, desilusión o apatía en nuestro camino.

Con Dios, los acontecimientos se llevan mejor

Con el Señor, las cargas, se hacen más ligeras

Con Jesús, los problemas –aún existiendo- se toman y hasta resuelven de otra manera. Porque, apoyarse en el hombro de Cristo, es dar la vuelta a las cosas. Es esperar contra toda esperanza. Es dejar que, la tormenta que nos sacude, se aleje de nosotros sabiendo que, Dios, pondrá todo en su lugar.

2. En la actualidad, no hay más que asomarse a las pantallas de la televisión o escuchar las voces de los que se consideran grandes sabios en el mundo de la cultura o del poder, presumen de ser agnósticos. Incluso, algunos de ellos, propugnan un laicismo desmesurado. También, Jesús, se sintió decepcionado de aquellos entendidos y sabios que no comprendían ni acogían su mensaje y que, además, intentaban imponer su modo de ver y entender la sociedad y el mundo, a los demás.

No nos tiene que asustar la coyuntura actual: en el mundo opulento, caprichoso, materialista y excesivamente permisivo, no necesita de Dios. Pero ¿hasta cuando? ¿Qué ocurrirá cuando, las generaciones del futuro, vuelvan a sentir la necesidad, el hambre o la sed de algo más que pan o fútbol, disfrute o placer, relativismo o falsa felicidad? Ocurrirá lo que tiene que ocurrir: habrá un retorno a Dios. Porque entonces, no lo olvidemos, seguirán existiendo cristianos, hombres y mujeres, que serán un recordatorio vivo de lo que Jesús

en el evangelio de este día proclama: “*venid a mí los que estáis cansados y agobiados y yo os aliviaré*”. ¡Cuántos yugos estamos poniendo en los hombros de muchas personas! ¿Quién aliviará ese peso?

¡Cuántas falsas esperanzas estamos dejando en una sociedad maquillada por el camino fácil y el todo vale! ¿Quién resolverá las grandes soledades?

Comienza este mes de julio. Que, el cansancio que podamos sentir, lo pongamos a los pies del Señor. Y, Jesús, sabrá recomponer nuestras fuerzas gastadas día a día por El y por su Reino.

¡CANSADO ESTOY, SEÑOR!

Javier Leoz

De la vida que llevo;
porque siento que se me escapa
entre mis manos, y no la disfruto.

De muchas palabras;
porque veo que son verdades a medias
y, por lo que sea, me fío más que de las tuyas.

De mis actitudes;
porque no son reflejo del amor que te tengo
porque se quedan de la sencillez que me pides

¡CANSADO ESTOY, SEÑOR!

¡Dame vida con tu Palabra!

Para que descubra el sendero verdadero

¡Dame luz con tu mirada!

Para que no me confundan

los que pregonan el mundo a su manera

¡Dame alegría con tu Espíritu!

Y no me quede con cara larga
ante tanto suceso trágico o triste
que sacuden lo más hondo de nuestra tierra

¡CANSADO ESTOY, SEÑOR!

Haz que me sienta débil;

para que Tú seas el fuerte

Haz que sea sencillo;

para que descubra tu belleza

Haz que recupere el brillo de la fe;

para que nunca diga “¡basta!”

Gracias, Señor;

porque, siendo como soy,
acercas tu hombro a mis fuerzas
asaeteadas por las prisas y los agobios,
los vacíos y los fracasos de mi existencia

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Jesus called people to Him.
Whom did He call?

Find the letter that is in the first word, but not the second.
Write the letters on the lines and then fill in the blanks below.



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share / rash _____
taste / test _____
drink / kind _____
daisy / said _____

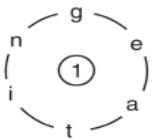
②
burn / run _____
ounce / cone _____
horse / shoe _____
down / won _____
note / not _____
near / are _____
bread / drab _____
devil / live _____

"Come to Me, all you who are

_____ and _____, and
1 2
I will give you rest."

What else did Jesus say?

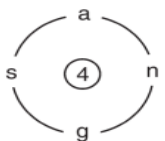
Each of these circles contains a word that completes the sentences below. Words can start anywhere and go clockwise or counter clockwise. Can you figure them out and put them on the lines below?



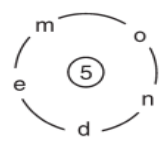
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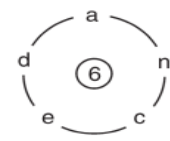
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6. _____

"We _____ the _____

for you, and you did not _____;

we _____ a dirge, and you did not

mourn." For John came neither _____

nor drinking, and they say, "He has a _____."



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Jesus said, "To what can I compare this generation?"
How did He answer His own question?

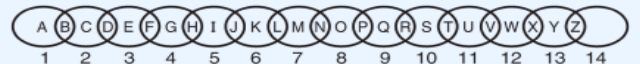
Find the children in the picture below. Each has a letter.
Use these letters to fill in the blanks.



"_hey are li_e c_ild_en sittin__ in the
_arket__laces and __alling out to other__."

Jesus said wisdom is proved right through actions!

Use the code below to learn more from Jesus.



Jesus said,

"_ 5 8,9 9,10 1 5 10 3 _

13 8 11, 3,4 1 10,11 4,5 3 9,10, 6,7 8 9,10 2,3

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3 1 9,10 10,11 4,5, 1,2 3 2 1 11 10 3

13 8 11 4,5 1 11,12 3

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