

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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. Tuesday and Thursday
 9:00 a.m. on Saturday

ADORATION: 5:00 p.m. - 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
must be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on
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 deadline can change due to holiday office closings.
 You may email submissions to
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
 from the Sacristy staff at all services**

"Go on your way;
 behold, I am
 sending you like
 lambs among
 wolves."

Luke 10:3



A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Rejoice because your name is written in heaven"
Luke 10:17

My dear parishioners,

We spend an entire week each year reflecting on the passion of Jesus which took place the last week of His life. Only the first day, Palm Sunday, was a joyful experience. The rest of the week things got really tough.

The disciples did not follow Jesus originally because of the way He died. The first disciples were drawn in by the way He lived. He backed up His words with healing actions. He spoke of Justice and treated the poor with dignity and tenderness. The day to day story of Jesus was a story of joy for those who followed Him. We should not forget joy as we follow Him today.

Let's make room for joy in the practice of our faith. Attend Mass like you are really celebrating. Smile in church. Let them know you are Christians by your laugh..... and your love. Bring joy to others daily too.

I look forward to attending the summer musical *"Fiddler on the Roof"* in the Fr. Martin Center in July with parishioners. It's going to be an amazing show!!!!

Love and Blessings,

Bob Cilinski
Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor



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 your donated items have found new homes and will be put to good use!

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 perfect weather on the day of the sale.



Greetings, brothers and sisters!

My name is Fr. Jordan Evans, I am a newly ordained priest for the diocese of Arlington and have just begun my first priestly assignment here at Nativity Parish.

My first week in the parish has already been incredible and I have felt welcomed with open arms. While I look forward to getting to know each other as I begin my time here at Nativity, I wanted to share with you a little bit about my life and journey to the priesthood.

I was born in Colorado Springs and lived there with my parents and three brothers (I am the 2nd oldest) for fifteen years before we moved to Warrenton, Virginia in 2010. I went to college at Virginia Tech and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 2017.

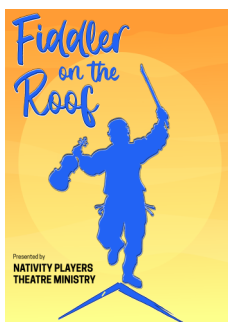
It was during my time in college where I grew deeply in my faith and when God planted the thought of becoming a priest in my heart – the first stirrings of a vocation. I became a FOCUS missionary upon graduating and served two years in Massachusetts (at UMass Amherst) and Florida (at UNF). During my time as a missionary, I went on an 8-day silent retreat where the Lord inspired within me a deep desire to be a priest. After months of discernment following the retreat, I finally took the leap of faith and began to apply to seminary. I entered the following year in 2019 and was blessed to pursue this great desire for the priesthood while in formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

My journey to the priesthood was a tremendous blessing in my life and I know that many blessings lie ahead of me in my life as a priest. Please pray for me as I begin my priestly ministry here at Nativity and know of my prayers for you. May God bless you all abundantly!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jordan

UPCOMING SCHEDULE CHANGE & NEW MASS

Adoration on Tuesdays will be moved to Wednesdays starting this Wednesday, July 9th. Nativity will be offering an additional daily Mass every Monday at Noon starting Monday, September 8th.



Tickets for Nativity Players Theatre Ministry's Summer Musical, *Fiddler on the Roof* are on sale now!

Join Tevye the dairy man as he navigates love, faith, and upheaval in a small Russian village – with humor and heart. This timeless musical about tradition, family, and change includes unforgettable songs like *"If I Were a Rich Man"* and *"Sunrise, Sunset."*

Performances are:
July 17-19 and 25, 26
For ticket prices and times
visit tickets.nativitytheatre.org



Peace in the Storm Chronic Pain & Illness Support Group

July 8, Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
July 10, Thursday, 12:15 -2:15 pm
in the Fr. Ready Room

Nativity Catholic Church is aware of the many challenges that chronic pain and illness pose in the lives of our parishioners. We understand how these conditions can lead to questions of faith, too, and want you to know that you are not alone!

All adult parishioners who have chronic pain or illness to participate in a parish-based, small, faith fellowship group developed by the national ministry called The Peace in the Storm Project. We meet to reflect, pray, and deepen our understanding of God's love, presence, and purpose with and through health challenges within the context of our Catholic faith and parish community.

Group participants will receive The Peace in the Storm Project **Discussion Guide** at no cost.



If you are interested in joining the group, or for more information, please see the parish website or email Anna Lisa Licud alicud@nativityburke.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.

Girl Scout Troop 52007 - Silver Award Project

A team from Girl Scout Troop 52007 is partnering with the *No Hands But Yours Ministry* to complete their Silver Award Project. The girls are gathering backpacks, tote bags, and toiletries to donate to the homeless in Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia.

The girls will be collecting donations and talking about their project in the Narthex of the church after all Masses the weekend of July 12 -13. There will also be a donation box in the back of the church to drop off donations for the duration of the week.

For ideas and suggestions for what to donate please check out our amazon wish list at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/246TX22K70JFL?ref_=wl_share or scan the QR code.

For more information about the *No Hands But Yours Ministry* please visit their website at: <https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/>.



Nativity Ecumenical Ministry

Mental Health Response Training

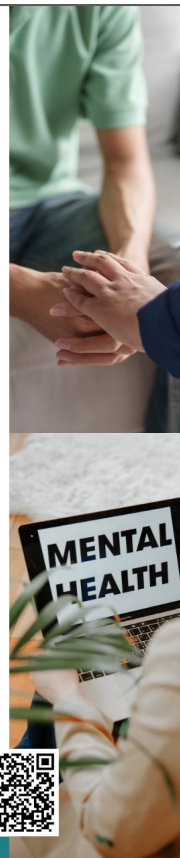
Monday, July 21 | 6:30 pm

Nativity School Cafeteria

Msgr. Bob invites all interested parishioners to participate in a Mental Health Response Training on Monday, July 21, at 6:30 pm in the Nativity School Cafeteria.

The training is sponsored by Nativity's Ecumenical Ministry and conducted by the Fairfax County Police Department Crisis Intervention Team. Attendees will receive helpful guidance on how to assist someone in crisis, how to communicate effectively, and what steps to take before First Responders arrive. Please RSVP online:

nativityburke.org/mental-health-response-training/



Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!



When: Usually Fridays after Nativity's 7:30am Mass.
Where: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com to join us!

NATIVITY FALL FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE!
SEPT 27, 2025

We're IN NEED of Committee Members

To help plan and organize the fall festival. If you love fun, fellowship, and serving, we would love to have you on board!

E-mail fallfestival@nativityburke.org to be involved!





BE NOT AFRAID

COURAGE is a confidential Apostolate that assists men and women with same-sex attractions (SSA) who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. Through our Apostolate, members receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer, and fellowship.

To learn more about Courage, please contact the chaplain at courage@arlingtondiocese.org.

To learn more about EnCourage, an Apostolate that provides support to parents of SSA children, please contact the chaplain at encourage@arlingtondiocese.org.

LEARN MORE AT COURAGERC.ORG



Come join the Nativity Dames!

We are the wives, sisters, daughters, mothers of the men in the Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to support and assist our Fr. Vincent Sikora council. Our fellowship and information meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 pm, in the Fr. Ready room. The next meeting is August 3. For more info, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at brzivich@aim.com.

Where is Deacon Kelly?

You may (or may not) have noticed my absence in the last few weeks from assisting at Mass during the week and on weekends. No, the deacon has not retired! But I am preparing for rotator cuff surgery on my left shoulder on July 1st which is likely to lead to further absence through much of July. I'll be fine but my pitching career is over. I ask for your prayers and well-wishes for me and Joyce (who is great at caring for me). I'll give you an update in mid-July. Thank you especially to Msgr. Bob for his support and caring as we go through this.

Peace, Deacon Dick Kelly

IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS A Group for Widows

We are a group of women who share the experience of the loss of our beloved husbands and join together in faith and fellowship. We have gathered for lunches or dinners out, retreats at the Benedictine Monastery, museum tours, etc. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, July 14th at 11:00am in the Father Ready room. For further information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org. May God bless you!

Church of the Nativity, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire a Full Time Receptionist/Baptism coordinator /Assistant Compliance Liaison

Duties are to assist the front desk receptionist with greeting and helping parishioners. This job primarily schedules baptisms, answers questions about baptism procedures/godparent requirements, etc. Job will also provide baptism certificates and register baptisms in sacramental records.

The job includes preparing marriage certificate as requested by the priest celebrating the marriage, recording the names and other information in the marriage register book, preparing Notification of marriage forms for the Catholic bride and/or groom, and mailing the notifications to the Catholic Church of their baptism. The position is also the assistant liaison for Arlington Diocese Child Protection.

Requirements:

- Proven experience as front desk representative
- Familiarity with office machines (e.g., fax, printer, etc.)
- Proficient in English (oral and written)
- Bilingual Spanish-English a plus
- Knowledge of MS office – including Excel, Word, and Microsoft Office
- Strong communication and people skills
- Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- Customer service orientation

Competitive salary based on experience.

Submit cover letter and resume NLT July 31, 2025, to Fr. Bob Cilinski c/o Ann Benson at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015, or via email to abenson@nativityburke.org.

Monthly Sensory Mass | Sunday - July 13 At 1:00 pm - Nativity Catholic Church

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. The Mass will include softer music, dimmer lighting, pictorial resources, and self-regulation tools for those with special needs. Families are encouraged to bring any regulation tool (noise reduction items, quiet fidgets, flexible seating items, weighted objects, etc.) that can support focused attention and provide comfort to a person so they can feel safe in their environment and they can better participate in the Holy Mass.



#StandWithAfrica
#1Church1Mission

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"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER" - Pope Saint John Paul II

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming experiences are:

September 12-14, 2025 - Richmond VA

October 24-26, 2025 - Jessup MD

November 7-9, 2025 - Rehoboth Beach DE

For more info call 757-690-1369 or to register visit WWME.org.



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, July 7th

7:30 am Special Intention for the Valentine Family

Tuesday, July 8th

7:30 am Baby Middleton
12:00 pm † Catherine Cuomo

Wednesday, July 9th

7:30 am † William Garzke
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration moved to Wednesdays starting July 9th

Thursday, July 10th

7:30 am Special Intention for the Valentine Family
12:00 pm † Dolores Marrella

Friday, July 11th

9:00 am † Lucas Balberchak

Saturday, July 12th

9:00 am † Bertha Fisher
5:00 pm Special Intention for a Friend
7:00 pm † Carlos Victor Iriarte Noya (Spanish Mass)

Sunday, July 13th

7:00 am † Joan Kowalski
9:00 am Parishioners
11:00 am † Vinny Ward
1:00 pm † Geraldine Hofler (Sensory Mass)
5:30 pm † Conner McGowan

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

Mass and Healing Prayer Service Tuesday, July 22

Is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel, George Mason University Catholic Campus Ministry, 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax. 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 Richard Schaad at 703-455-6131.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

Adriana Rupert
In Loving Memory of
My Brother
Francesco Barbariol



Employment Opportunities in the Diocese

Find the perfect Opportunity at:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>

FREE ULTRASOUND EXAM COUPON

Pregnant (or think you might be) and considering abortion?

Please call or text (703) 946-3077

ABC Women's Health
& Ultrasound Center



Schedule your free ultrasound today!

Need a ride? Our mobile unit can come to you or we'll help you come to us.

Visit us at abcwomenshealth.com Se habla español.

This coupon valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.

ECHO Collection THIS weekend

(Please note: the wrong date was inadvertently published last weekend, collection this weekend!)

Food Room Most Needed Items

The ECHO's Food Room continues to break records. We collected 723lbs on May 31/June 1.

- Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four.
- Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items.
- We are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below.

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

Protein Items, e.g., can chicken, Spam, chili, Tin Fish (tuna, sardines, salmon, etc.), Canned Fruit, Bagged Beans (black, red, or garbanzo preferred), Lentils, Spaghetti (pasta and sauce) Instant and Ground Coffee, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato (paste and Tomato Sauce), Baked Beans, Bagged Rice (white, jasmine or basmati), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Crackers, Ramen, Can milk, shelf stable milk, Boxed Pasta, Juice (Bottles or box), Tea (Green, Herbal or Black), Healthy Snacks, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Masa (Corn) Flour, Boxed cereal, Lemon or Lime Juice, Jelly and Honey, Tortillas, Cooking Oil, Brown Paper Bags, Reusable Grocery Bags. Children's Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Paper Towels Body/Hand Lotion, Band Aids, Shaving Cream/Razors, Diapers.

**CALLING ALL THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS!
COMPLETE YOUR FAITH JOURNEY.
STEP UP TO THE PATRIOTIC
FOURTH DEGREE. SERVICE TO GOD
AND COUNTRY AS A SIR KNIGHT.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR MURRAY
RUPERT AT MRUPERT800@AOL.COM

Nativity Catholic Church



EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT

Nativity parishioners, please be aware of email scammers posing as Nativity priests. If you receive an email from any Nativity clergy urgently asking you for favors, money, gift cards or if you have a "moment", this is a scam. Please ignore and block the sender.

If you have any questions, please contact the

Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400

FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF OR LEAVE USED CLOTHING OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS IN OUR NARTHEX OR AT ANY OF OUR EXITS

If you have items to donate, please call the Parish Office at 703 455 2400 first to find out if there is a need. You can also always contact ECHO at 703 569 9160 or visit them to drop off donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry

PETERSON'S ICE CREAM & YARD GAMES & PLAYGROUND



Join for a relaxed summer gathering for couples and families. Enjoy Peterson's famous ice cream and the park for a picnic, yard games, basketball, and a playground for the kids. Bring your own picnic lunch, and come ready for fun and fellowship!

**PETERSONS: 7148 MAIN ST, CLIFTON
CLIFTON TOWN PARK: 7154 MAIN ST. CLIFTON**

"In God we live and move and have our being"
Women's 159th Arlington Cursillo Retreat
September 18 - 21, 2025
Missionhurst Retreat Center, Arlington, VA



The Cursillo Weekend is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the Catholic community.

You will:

- Grow spiritually
- Make new friends
- Experience Christ's unlimited love

For more information visit: <https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/>
 If you are interested and would like to learn more feel free to contact lauralaverdiere@msn.com.

Share Your Heart- Teach a Child



Our Religious Education Program Needs Volunteers! Will You Answer the Call?

What does it mean to volunteer your time to teach a child?

- It means being the reason a child smiles with pride after learning something new.
- It means lighting a spark that could grow into a lifelong passion.
- It means showing a child that they matter—that someone believes in their future.

**When you volunteer to teach, you're not just giving your time—
 You're giving love, faith, and the priceless gift of learning about
 God's love.**

Our Religious Education Program is in need of caring, committed volunteers

to teach religious education and help guide children in their faith journey. You don't need to be a theologian—just someone with a kind heart, a little patience, and a love for sharing God's Word.

★ **Your presence could be the turning point in a child's spiritual life.
 Are you ready to be that someone?**

Sign up today to join our program and inspire young hearts in faith and love at: <https://nativityburke.org/re/> For Questions, email us at: nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

**NOTE: All volunteers working with children
 must complete Diocesan Paperwork
 and pass a background check.**

We need:

- Lead Catechists
- Assistant Catechists
- Office Volunteers
- SPRED Volunteers



Upper Room Theatre Presents Shrek the Musical: July 15-20

Prepare to be entertained as Upper Room Theatre brings Broadway's hit Shrek the Musical to life on stage, at the All Saints Performing Arts Center (9310 Stonewall Road, Manassas). This theatrical adventure follows an unlikely hero named Shrek who finds himself on a quest to rescue a feisty princess alongside a hilarious talking Donkey. Along the way, he faces a short-tempered villain, a cookie with an attitude, and a dozen wacky fairy tale misfits in a journey that celebrates how everyone is created with dignity and purpose. Featuring stunning sets, magical special effects, dynamic choreography, and a professional live orchestra. A spectacular custom-built 13-foot animatronic dragon puppet adds to the magical atmosphere of this production that combines professional-caliber artistry with a powerful message about self-acceptance and discovering that true beauty is found within. Reserve your seats now at UpperRoomTickets.com.



18th Annual Pops Camp For rising 5th-9th graders

Monday - Friday, August 4-8, 2025

Friday - 11 a.m. concert/potluck

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

- **Pops \$150: 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Daily itinerary includes full group and sectional rehearsals plus snack.**
- **Jazz Studies \$50: 8:30–9:30 a.m. Quite popular secondary offering that introduces improvisational techniques while preparing music for concert.**

Register using the QR code.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Jan Siegfried at jsiegfried@paulvi.net



St. Paul VI Catholic High School
 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA 20152



A message from the 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 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 (<https://www.epa.gov/circulareconomy/what-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!

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



KINGS DOMINION

RIISING 9TH - RECENTLY GRADUATED 12TH GRADERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

COST: \$50

Transportation provided

Register on the parish website by July 20

CONTACT: CYM@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



Mary's Comfort, an all-volunteer non-profit maternity shelter in Northern Virginia, has volunteer opportunities available

We are in need of an experienced accountant or bookkeeper to assist our current accounting team; the commitment of time is flexible and is completely remote. We are also looking for a Shelter Director to help manage our direct care team; this role can also be flexible and revolve around your skills and time availability. Please provide a brief summary of your interests or experience to: maryscomfortva@gmail.com. For more information, visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>. Your support will make a long-term positive impact on the lives of pregnant mothers and their children.

Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God's Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times.

Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.

Retreat for Person's Facing Serious Illness

Hosted by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington
October 3 - 5, San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post

Seeking Rest and Renewal?

Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for person's facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence.

For questions or to register, email retreat@ccda.net, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call (703) 841-3830. Space is limited.

Pro-Life Corner:

Bishop Burbidge Mass Followed by Rosary at new Tysons Abortion Facility

40 Days for Life reported, "Bishop Burbidge is celebrating a Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church on July 12th at 8:30 am. Immediately following Mass, the Bishop will then lead the Rosary on the public sidewalk at the new abortion facility in Tysons." * *Correction from 40 Days for Life* The abortion facility in Tysons is at 1749 Old Meadow Rd., McLean, Virginia; *not 1949** <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/mass-in-thanksgiving-for-the-gift-of-human-life/>

Please prayerfully consider joining us, let's show the Bishop our immense appreciation for his courageous leadership! This location was chosen primarily to "service" people from out of state (which is why it's near the metro) and is run by an abortionist who moved here from Texas. This event is a great opportunity to rally support for what will be another struggle for the right to life in our state and diocese.

Sean Carney, President of 40 Days for Life, recently went to the White House to discuss defunding Planned Parenthood.

"As we pray for the defunding of Planned Parenthood and the many lives that this would save, we wanted to let you know that pro-lifers in coordination with Live Action will be standing outside Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church, VA Saturday, June 28 at 10am. We will unite pro-life Americans across the country for a single, coordinated day of demonstrations at Planned Parenthood facilities..." thousands will gather at over 100 locations to **demand Congress defund the abortion and cross-sex hormone giant Planned Parenthood and expose the organization's ongoing abuse: abortion, child sterilization, and sexual indoctrination.**

"The U.S. Senate is set to vote on a bill that would strip Planned Parenthood of potentially hundreds of millions in forced taxpayer funding. Our nation's leadership needs to hear from you. Send a message to your elected representatives and urge them to defund America's largest abortion chain"

The above quotes are excerpted from the June 23 email from local 40 Days for Life representative, Joe Flaherty.

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

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End of Year Dinner: Saturday, July 12 6:00-8:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Come celebrate with us and recognize the Council's work. See SUG on LinkTree.

Exemplification: Come welcome our newest Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council Knights! Dress is suit / coat and tie or business casual. Tuesday, July 22 at 7 PM in the church.

Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings.

For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkm7992@verizon.net. 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.colella.86@gmail.com.

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Sitio Web: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap

Isaías 66, 10-14c; Gálatas 6, 14-18; Lucas 10, 1-12.17-20

«El Reino de Dios está cerca de vosotros»

También esta vez comentamos el evangelio con la ayuda del libro del Papa Benedicto XVI sobre Jesús. Antes, sin embargo, desearía hacer una observación de carácter general. La crítica hecha al libro del Papa desde algunos sectores es que se atenga a lo que dicen los evangelios sin tener en cuenta los resultados de la investigación histórica moderna, la cual llevaría, según aquellos, a conclusiones muy distintas. Se trata de una idea muy difundida que está alimentando toda una literatura del tipo El código da Vinci de Dan Brown y obras de divulgación histórica basadas en el mismo presupuesto.

Creo que es urgente aclarar un equívoco fundamental presente en todo ello. La idea de una investigación histórica sobre Jesús unitaria, rectilínea, que procede imparable hacia una plena luz sobre Él es un puro mito que se intenta hacer creer a la gente, pero en el que ningún historiador serio de hoy cree ya. Cito a una de las más conocidas representantes de la investigación histórica sobre Jesús, la americana Paula Fredriksen: «Los libros se multiplican -escribe-. En la investigación científica reciente Jesús ha sido presentado como la figura de un santón del siglo primero, como un filósofo cínico itinerante, como un visionario radical y un reformador social que predica una ética igualitaria a favor de los últimos, como un regionalista galileo que lucha contra la convenciones religiosas de la élite de Judea (como el templo y la Torah), como un campeón de la liberación nacional o, al contrario, como su opositor y crítico, y así sucesivamente. Todas estas figuras han sido presentadas con argumentos académicos rigurosos y metodología; todas han sido defendidas apelando a datos antiguos. Los debates continúan a rienda suelta y el consenso –incluso sobre puntos tan básicos como qué constituye evidencia y cómo interpretarla- parece una remota esperanza» [1].

A menudo se apela a los nuevos datos y a los descubrimientos recientes que por fin habrían situado la investigación histórica en una posición de ventaja respecto al pasado. Pero lo abiertas que son las consecuencias derivadas de estas nuevas fuentes históricas se desprende del hecho de que éstas han dado lugar a dos imágenes de Cristo opuestas e inconciliables entre sí, aún presentes en este contexto. Por un lado, un Jesús «judío de pies a cabeza»; por otro, un Jesús hijo de la Galilea helenizada de su tiempo, impregnado de filosofía cínica.

A la luz de este dato de hecho, me pregunto: ¿qué debería haber hecho el Papa? ¿Escribir la enésima reconstrucción histórica para debatir y rebatir todas las objeciones contrarias? Lo que el Papa ha optado por hacer ha sido presentar en positivo la figura y la enseñanza de Jesús como es entendido por la Iglesia, partiendo de la convicción de que el Cristo de los evangelios es, también desde el punto de vista histórico, la figura más creíble y segura.

Tras esta aclaración, pasemos al evangelio del domingo. Se trata del episodio del envío en misión de los setenta y dos discípulos. Después de haberles dicho cómo deben ir (de dos en dos, como corderos, sin llevar dinero...), Jesús les explica también qué deben anunciar: «Decidles: "El Reino de Dios está cerca de vosotros..."».

Se sabe que la frase «Ha llegado a vosotros el Reino de Dios» es el corazón de la predicación de Jesús y la premisa implícita de toda su enseñanza. El Reino de Dios ha llegado entre vosotros, por eso amad a vuestros enemigos; «el Reino de Dios ha llevado entre vosotros», por eso si tu mano te escandaliza córtala: es mejor entrar manco en el Reino de Dios que con las dos manos quedarse fuera... Todo toma sentido del Reino.

Siempre se ha discutido sobre qué entendía precisamente Jesús con la expresión «Reino de Dios». Para algunos sería un reino puramente interior que consiste en una vida conforme a la ley de Dios; para otros sería, al contrario, un reino social y político que debe realizar el hombre, si es necesario también con la lucha y la revolución. El Papa pasa revista a estas interpretaciones del pasado y observa lo que tienen en común: el centro del interés se traslada de Dios al hombre; ya no se trata de un Reino de Dios, sino de un reino del hombre, del que el hombre es el artífice principal. Ésta es una idea de reino compatible, en última instancia, también con el ateísmo.

En la predicación de Jesús la venida del Reino de Dios indica que, enviando en el mundo a Su Hijo, Dios ha decidido –por así decirlo- tomar personalmente en su mano la suerte del mundo, comprometerse con él, actuar desde su interior. Es más fácil intuir qué significa Reino de Dios que explicarlo, porque es una realidad que sobrepasa toda explicación.

Sigue aún muy difundida la idea de que Jesús esperaba un inminente fin del mundo y de que, por lo tanto, el Reino de Dios por Él predicado no se realizaría en este mundo, sino en lo que nosotros llamamos «el más allá». Los evangelios contienen, en efecto, algunas afirmaciones que se prestan a esta interpretación. Pero ésta no se tiene en pie si se mira el conjunto de las palabras de Cristo: «La enseñanza de Jesús no es una ética para aquellos que esperan un rápido fin del mundo, sino para aquellos que han experimentado el fin de este mundo y la llegada en él del Reino de Dios: para aquellos que saben que "las cosas viejas han pasado" y el mundo se ha convertido en una "nueva creación", dado que Dios ha venido como rey» (Ch. Dodd). En otras palabras: Jesús no ha anunciado el fin del mundo, sino el fin de un mundo, y en ello los hechos no le han desmentido.

Pero también Juan Bautista predicaba este cambio, hablando de un inminente juicio de Dios. ¿Entonces dónde está la novedad de Cristo? La novedad se contiene del todo en un adverbio de tiempo: «ahora», «ya». Con Jesús el Reino de Dios ya no es algo sólo «inminente», sino presente. «El aspecto nuevo y exclusivo del mensaje de Jesús –escribe el Papa- consiste en el hecho de que Él nos dice: Dios actúa ahora –es ésta la hora en la que Dios, de una forma que va más allá de cualquier otra modalidad precedente, se revela en la historia como su mismo Señor, como el Dios viviente».

De aquí surge ese sentido de urgencia que se trasluce en todas las parábolas de Jesús, especialmente en las llamadas «parábolas del Reino». Ha sonado la hora decisiva de la historia, ahora es el momento de tomar la decisión que salva; el banquete está preparado: rechazar entrar porque se acaba de tomar esposa o se acaba de comprar un par de bueyes o por otro motivo, significa estar excluidos para siempre y ver el propio lugar ocupado por otros.

Partamos de esta última reflexión para una aplicación práctica y actual del mensaje escuchado. Lo que Jesús decía a sus contemporáneos sirve también para nosotros hoy. Ese «ahora» y «hoy» permanecerá invariable hasta el fin del mundo (Hb 3,13). Esto significa que la persona que escucha hoy, tal vez por casualidad, la palabra de Cristo: «El tiempo de Dios se ha cumplido y el Reino de Dios está cerca; convertíos y creed en el Evangelio» (Mc 1,15), se encuentra ante la misma elección que aquellos que la escuchaban hace dos mil años en una aldea de Galilea: o creer y entrar en el Reino, o rechazar creer y quedarse fuera.

Lamentablemente, la de creer parece en cambio la última de las preocupaciones para muchos que leen hoy el Evangelio o escriben libros sobre él. En lugar de someterse al juicio de Cristo, muchos se erigen en sus jueces. Jesús está más que nunca bajo proceso. Se trata de una especie de «juicio universal» al revés. Sobre todo los estudiosos corren este peligro. El estudioso debe «dominar» el objeto de la ciencia que cultiva y permanecer neutral ante él; ¿pero cómo «dominar» o ser neutrales ante el objeto, cuando se trata de Jesucristo? En este caso, más que «dominar» cuenta «dejarse dominar».

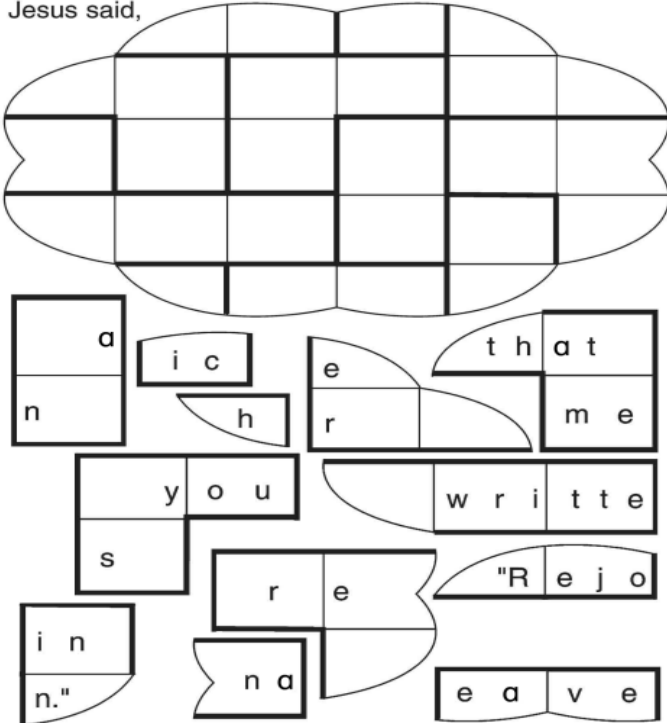
El Reino de Dios era tan importante para Jesús que nos enseñó a orar cada día por su venida. Nos dirigimos a Dios diciendo: «Venga tu Reino»; pero también Dios se dirige a nosotros y dice por boca de Jesús: «El Reino de Dios ha venido entre vosotros; no esperéis, ¡entrad en él!».



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Fit the pieces in the puzzle.

Jesus said,



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Jesus said,

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Jesus Sends Out His Followers

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Write a word to fit each definition.
Enter the letters in the correct boxes.

a handbag

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a long jacket

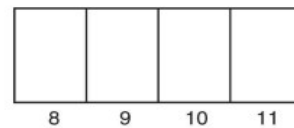
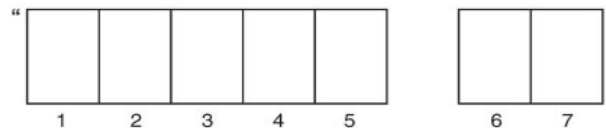
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