

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**6400 Nativity Lane,  
Burke, Virginia 22015  
nativityburke.org**

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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 - 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  
Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this  
deadline can change due to holiday office closings.  
You may email submissions to  
[bulletin@nativityburke.org](mailto:bulletin@nativityburke.org).

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

"You shall love  
the Lord, your  
God, with all your  
heart, with all  
your being, with  
all your strength,  
and with all your  
mind, and your  
neighbor as  
yourself."

Luke 10:27





### A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



*A beautiful reflection by Anne Osdieck.  
Love and Blessings, Msgr. Bob Cilinski.*

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37:**  
He said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Lord,  
we love you.  
Expand our hearts.  
Let us love our neighbors.

Make us brave enough to cleanse wounds,  
to give shelter when it is needed,  
to help pay the bills and  
give our helping  
hands.

When we love you  
in our neighbor,  
let us find  
you  
in  
ourselves.

**THE FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:10-14:**  
This command is not too mysterious and remote for you.  
Where can we find your commandment, O Lord?

Could it be hidden in the sky? Who will go up  
and get it there and explain it to us?

Is it across the sea? Who will  
cross the sea and get it for  
us so we can ponder  
it and attempt to  
understand  
it?

"The  
command  
that I gave you is  
not remote or mysterious.

Look no farther than your heart.

My law, the law of love, is written there,  
on your heart, in your mouth, in your very being.  
I created you in my image. You love because I love."

Lord,  
you are as near to us as our skin  
help us always find you  
in our loves.

**THE SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20:**  
All things were created through him and for him.

Christ: the  
powers, and dominions, all things in heaven, earth,  
were created through you and for you.

Yet you reached far down to us  
and hollowed us out,  
put within us  
your own  
Image.

Beyond our knowing,  
but not beyond  
our love,  
let us find you  
in all you have crafted.

## Fiddler on the Roof



July 17-19, 25 & 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
July 19 & 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Info & Tickets:  
[tickets.nativitytheatre.org](https://tickets.nativitytheatre.org)

The Father Martin Center  
Nativity Catholic Church  
6400 Nativity Way, Burke, VA

Presented by  
**NATIVITY PLAYERS  
THEATRE MINISTRY**



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](https://tickets.nativitytheatre.org)**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR OUR HONDURAS TRIP!



Our group of nine will return from Honduras on Friday and are appreciative of all of the prayers from our parish family.

We will have many stories to share with you about our time with the community of El Colirio Clinic as well as the other places we visited. We encountered Christ again and again in the people we met.

We're making plans to share our experiences with you in the coming weeks. You'll see those details soon!

Photos of our trip are on Nativity's social media accounts.



@nativityparishburke\_



@Nativity Parish Burke

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).

### 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](mailto:csands@nativityburke.org). May God bless you!

Happy Birthday to  
Fr. Jonathan Bennett  
July 15th



### 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.

### 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](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/>.



### Bishop Michael F. Burbidge Calls for Prayer and Aid for Victims of Central Texas Flash Floods

I join the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington in fervent prayer for all the victims, for those who are still missing, and all those whose lives have been affected by the catastrophic flash floods that took place in Central Texas over Independence Day weekend. Although heroic rescue efforts by first responders have saved many, the floodwaters from the Guadalupe River claimed the lives of more than 100 persons, including many children at Camp Mystic, a Christian summer camp.

Pope Leo XIV has conveyed his condolences to all those families who have lost loved ones in this tragedy. In moments of profound crisis and tragedy such as this one for the people of Central Texas, we take consolation in the knowledge of God's infinite love for every human person. In this time of sorrow may God bring comfort, healing, and strength to the entire community.

I encourage those in the Diocese of Arlington and all people of goodwill to offer financial assistance through Catholic Charities USA and the variety of organizations and relief efforts locally active in Central Texas.

***Nativity Parish will have a second collection next weekend, 19/20 July. Please make checks payable to Nativity Catholic Church and annotate on the memo line: TEXAS FLASH FLOODING RELIEF***

### Nativity Catholic Church, 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](mailto:abenson@nativityburke.org).





*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/](https://nativityburke.org/mental-health-response-training/)





**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](mailto:fallfestival@nativityburke.org)  
to be involved!

Come join the Nativity Dames! We are the wives, widows, sisters, daughters, nieces 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 5. For more information, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at [brzivich@aim.com](mailto:brzivich@aim.com).



**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](mailto:MRUPERT800@AOL.COM)**

**"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](http://WWME.org).



## MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

### Monday, July 14th

7:30 am † Carlos Antonio Barrios

### Tuesday, July 15th

7:30 am † Oscar A. Barrios

12:00 pm † Allen Fisher

### Wednesday, July 16th

7:30 am † Lucille McNally

3:00 pm † Roger Drury (*Burke Healthcare*)

### Thursday, July 17th

7:30 am † Peter Leone

12:00 pm † Gustavo Llerna

### Friday, July 18th

9:00 am Special Intention for Chris Boyle

### Saturday, July 19th

9:00 am † Conchita Cosgayon

5:00 pm † Celine Zimmerman

7:00 pm Special Intention for the Quispe Family

### Sunday, July 20th

7:00 am † Ramon and Angela Vega

9:00 am † Mary Anne Hayes

11:00 am Parishioners

1:00 pm † Ronald Bevilacqua

5:30 pm † Ashley Jean Stone

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

### **Mass and Healing Prayer Service Tuesday, July 22 at the George Mason Chapel**

The next Mass and Healing Service 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**

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### **Employment Opportunities in the Diocese**

Find the perfect Opportunity at:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>





Religious  
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#### Session Schedule

Session	Day	Time	Grades
1	Sunday	3:45 - 5:00 pm	K-8
2	Sunday	7:00- 8:15 pm	K-8
3	Monday	4:45 - 6:00 pm	K-8
4	Monday	7:00- 8:15 pm	K-8, RCIC, RCIA
5	Tuesday	4:45 - 6:00 pm	K-8
6	Tuesday	7:00- 8:15 pm	K-8, HS(Confirmation)

Scan QR-Code to register



**Early tuition discount  
ends on August 1st!**

#### Available Opportunities:

- **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.**

#### We Need Volunteers!

It is a Diocesan and Parish requirement that we perform background checks on all our volunteers working with children. We also ensure compliance with USSCB child protection guidelines under the Charter of the Protection of Children through an annual audit.

**To register to volunteer,  
please visit our page or  
scan QR-Code**



**SCAN ME**

#### Get in Touch

📞 703-455-0372

✉️ [nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org](mailto:nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org)

🌐 [nativityburke.org/re/](http://nativityburke.org/re/)

**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](http://abcwomenshealth.com) Se habla español.

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

**PILGRIMAGE  
HOPE of****Masses offered for those who are suffering.  
All are welcome to join in prayer for those in need.****Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria  
310 S. Royal St., Alexandria VA 22314  
Saturday, July 19 • 8:30am****The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More  
Arlington, VA****St. Paul Mission, Hague  
Hague VA****Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls  
Sat. August 16 | 8:30am****St. John Bosco, Woodstock  
Mon. August 25 | 6:00pm****Corpus Christi, Aldie  
Sat. September 27 | 8:30am****St. John Evangelist, Warrenton  
Sat. October 18 | 8:30am****St. Patrick, Fredericksburg  
Tues. October 28 | 9:00am**Reception to follow/fellowship and  
refreshments following Mass[CLICK HERE](#) for more information**A message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry**

Plastic Free July™ is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Eliminating single-use plastic water bottles from your life is a great place to start! Planning ahead and bringing a reusable water bottle when on the go is a healthier and cost-effective way to stay hydrated and avoid single-use plastic water bottles. Choosing a reusable bottle that suits your lifestyle can be a great way to get into the reusable routine. Bottles don't need to be fancy. If you do purchase a bottle, consider its lifespan. Durable materials such as stainless steel are a great option and avoid the risk of microplastics ingestion. Most people keep their bottle in a handy location so they remember it. If you accidentally forget, you can always: drink from a water fountain, ask a cafe for a glass of water or make do in the workplace with a mug or clean jar. Reusable water bottles reduce marine debris, protect our wildlife from the dangers of plastic water bottles and caps, remove rubbish on the beach and create a new normal. Despite many people making the switch, plastic beverage bottles and plastic bottle caps were in the top five items collected globally through beach cleanups and other initiatives as recorded in Ocean Conservancy's 2022 annual report.

**"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](mailto:lauralaverdiere@msn.com).

**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](http://UpperRoomTickets.com).



## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

# SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

We live our Catholic faith with a deep understanding of ourselves as pilgrims walking together and helping one another through life. From biblical times to our present day, Catholics have always visited holy sites, shrines, and other places significant in the history and life of the Church. In walking and praying together at these sites, Catholic pilgrims experience unity with Christ, with one another, and with the Church today and throughout history in a deeper way.

During the first week of Lent, in early March 2024, approximately 1,000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Gbarnga in Liberia in west Africa went on a pilgrimage to the site of the people's first encounter with Catholic missionaries in the town of Sadepea, Liberia. By retracing the footsteps of those 19th-century missionaries, these pilgrims connected with their history while also deepening their call to build upon this legacy today.

This special event was made possible by a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, which helped provide food and accommodations for the pilgrims and liturgical furnishings for Masses and confessions. Throughout Africa, your donations to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, help African Catholics continue the work of evangelization and building up the Church that began with those first missionaries.

Please be generous through the offertory collection envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).



## 2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

PERCENTAGES HAVE BEEN ROUNDED OFF TO THE NEAREST ONE HUNDREDTH AND SO MAY NOT TOTAL EXACTLY 100%.

**Total Grants: 75**

**Total Granted: \$2,108,250**

PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Construction/Renovation	10	\$412,600	19.57%
Leadership Formation	16	\$380,850	18.06%
Church Capacity Support	14	\$301,300	14.29%
Vocations	4	\$170,000	8.06%
Communications	5	\$169,100	8.02%
Evangelization	7	\$157,000	7.45%
Justice and Peace	6	\$155,300	7.37%
Religious Education and Catholic Schools	4	\$116,000	5.50%
Child Protection	4	\$103,100	4.89%
Clergy/Religious			
Continuing Education	3	\$94,000	4.46%
Youth Ministry	2	\$49,000	2.32%

\*CONSTRUCTION GRANTS PRIMARILY FUND REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF EXISTING, DETERIORATED STRUCTURES.

## EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	\$2,110,175	73.39%
Program Costs	\$510,169	17.74%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$158,843	5.52%
Administrative Expenses	\$95,998	3.34%

**Total Expenses**

**\$2,875,185**



**SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA**

OFFICE OF NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

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## 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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:rickloffredo@outlook.com) to join us!

### **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](mailto: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:**



**Students for Life of America (SFLA):** "Exists to recruit, train, and mobilize the pro-life generation to abolish abortion. Headquartered in Fredericksburg, Virginia, SFLA creates strategy, policy, and programming to equip those most targeted for abortion to change minds of their peers, transform communities by connecting women and families in crisis with non-violent support, and advocate for public policy that protects both mother and child from the predatory abortion industry. SFLA has more conversations with those most targeted by the abortion industry than any other pro-life outreach in the world, reaching more than 2 million people across social media platforms each week and engaging in approximately 100,000 digital conversations per month.

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**The National Catholic Bioethics Center:** Are you facing tough ethical decisions in health care and biomedical research? Free Personal Ethics Consultation for real-life decisions. <https://www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form>,  
**Marian Homes** - Purchases and maintains affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. [marianhomes.org/](http://marianhomes.org/)  
**Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN** - Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN: restoring human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. [tepeyacobgyn.com](http://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](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org) or 866.444.3553,

**Mary's Comfort of VA** - Ensuring Expectant Mothers Shelter, Support and New Beginnings: Provides training in parenting and life skills, career coaching and educational advancement. [maryscomfortva.org](http://maryscomfortva.org), 703.455.4500.

**Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services** - Provides transformative services to those impacted by unplanned pregnancy. <https://www.ccda.net/need-help/pregnancy-and-adoption-services/>, 703.841.3830.

**A Woman's Choice Center - Providing Compassionate Support** - Free pregnancy, medical, educational, and support services for women and families. [awomanschoicecenter.com](http://awomanschoicecenter.com), 703.538.4305  
**Project Rachel** - Help after Abortion: A safe place to share your emotions and work toward healing. [helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org), 703.841.2504.



# *Peace in the Storm*

## *Chronic Pain and Illness Support Group*

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Thursday, August 14, 2025 - 12:15 -2:15 pm**  
**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 are invited 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](mailto:alicud@nativityburke.org).





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### The Plant Watering Ministry – Needs Volunteers!

Do you enjoy taking care of potted flowers and plants? Nativity’s Plant Watering Ministry is looking for more parishioners to be part of a team to water the plants two times a week, every four to five weeks.

If interested in helping to care for the plants, please contact Art & Environment Ministry Chair Vickie Sands at: [artandenvironment@nativityburke.org](mailto:artandenvironment@nativityburke.org).



**Linktree Universal Sign-up Link - Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all event.** [https://linktr.ee/fr\\_sikora\\_council\\_7992](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992).

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

#### Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events. [https://linktr.ee/fr\\_sikora\\_council\\_7992](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992)

**Blood Drive:** Saturday, Aug 9 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the cafeteria, in coordination with INOVA Blood Service, our council will host a blood drive. Currently less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood. If you are eligible to donate blood signup online at:

[https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/35170](https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35170) or after Mass in the narthex on July 26-27 or Aug 2-3. Looking for at least one worthy Knight after each Mass on these weekends to encourage donations. On Friday, Aug 8, we need 1-2 Knights to help set up (less than 1 hour). On Saturday Aug 9, we need 1 Knight for sign-ins (two 3 hours shifts) from 6:30 until 12:00 and 1-2 Knights to help clean up at 12:00 (1 hour). See SUGs on LinkTree. The blood banks need our help, please consider giving the gift of life.

**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](mailto:sawyerkc7992@verizon.net). For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at [mstock\\_w@yahoo.com](mailto:mstock_w@yahoo.com). Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella [robert.colella.86@gmail.com](mailto:robert.colella.86@gmail.com).

**Name Tags:** If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Robert Myers, at [warden7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:warden7992@nativityburke.org).

**Exemplification:** Come welcome our newest Fr. Vincent S. Sikora Council Knights! Dress is suit / coat and tie or business casual. Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 PM in the church.

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**Nativity Ushers assist at collections:** Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree for a database of potential helpers!

**Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies:** We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See 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.”

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**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](mailto:navy8@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 Navigato Murray Rupert at [fn2996@vakofc.org](mailto:fn2996@vakofc.org).

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Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at [dgk7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:dgk7992@nativityburke.org) or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at [gk7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:gk7992@nativityburke.org) with any questions.



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**XV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Ciclo C.****El buen samaritano****Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Sitio Web: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap****Deuteronomio 30, 10-14;****Colosenses 1, 15-20;****Lucas 10, 25-37****El buen samaritano**

Nos hemos propuesto, decía, comentar algunos evangelios dominicales inspirándonos en el libro de Joseph Ratzinger-Benedicto XVI sobre Jesús de Nazaret. A la parábola del buen samaritano se dedican varias páginas del libro. La parábola no se comprende si no se tiene en cuenta la pregunta a la que, con aquella, Jesús intentaba responder: «¿Quién es mi prójimo?».

A este interrogante de un doctor de la ley, Jesús responde narrando una parábola. En la música y en la literatura mundial, hay comienzos que se han hecho célebres. Cuatro notas, en determinada secuencia, y cualquier entendido exclama inmediatamente, por ejemplo: «Quinta sinfonía de Beethoven: ¡el destino llama a la puerta!». Muchas parábolas de Jesús comparten esta característica: «Bajaba un hombre de Jerusalén a Jericó...», y todos entienden inmediatamente: ¡la parábola del buen samaritano!

En el ambiente judaico de aquel tiempo se discutía sobre quién debía ser considerado, para un israelita, el propio prójimo. Se llegaba en general a comprender, en la categoría de prójimo, a todos los compatriotas y a los prosélitos, esto es, a los gentiles que se habían adherido al judaísmo. Con la elección de los personajes (¡un samaritano que socorre a un judío!) Jesús viene a decir que la categoría de prójimo es universal, no particular. Tiene como horizonte el hombre, no el círculo familiar, étnico o religioso. ¡Prójimo es también el enemigo! Se sabe que de hecho los judíos «no tenían buenas relaciones con los samaritanos» (cfr. Jn 4, 9).

La parábola enseña que el amor al prójimo debe ser no sólo universal, sino también concreto y activo. ¿Cómo se comporta el samaritano de la parábola? Si el samaritano se hubiera contentado con acercarse y decir a ese desdichado que yacía en su propia sangre: «¡Pobrecito! ¡Cuánto lo siento! ¿Qué ha pasado? ¡Ánimo!», o palabras así, y después se hubiera marchado, ¿no habría sido todo ello una ironía y un insulto? Hizo otra cosa: «Acercándosele, vendó sus heridas, echando en ellas aceite y vino; y montándole sobre su propia cabalgadura, le llevó a una posada y cuidó de él. A día siguiente, sacando dos denarios, se los dio al posadero y dijo: "Cuida de él y, si gastas algo más, te lo pagaré cuando vuelva"».

Pero lo verdaderamente nuevo, en la parábola del buen samaritano, no es que en ella Jesús exija un amor universal y concreto. La auténtica novedad, observa el Papa en su libro, está en otro punto. Después de narrar la parábola, Jesús pregunta al doctor de la ley que le había interrogado: «¿Quién de estos tres [el levita, el sacerdote, el samaritano] te parece que fue prójimo del que cayó en manos de los salteadores?». Jesús opera una inversión inesperada respecto al concepto tradicional de prójimo. Prójimo es el samaritano, no el herido, como nos habríamos esperado. Esto significa que no hay que esperar pasivamente a que el prójimo se cruce en nuestro camino, tal vez con luces de emergencia y alarmas. Nos toca a nosotros estar dispuestos a percibir quién es, a descubrirle. ¡Prójimo es aquello a lo que cada uno de nosotros está llamado a convertirse! El problema del doctor de la ley aparece derribado; de problema abstracto y académico, se hace problema concreto y operativo. La cuestión que hay que plantearse no es: «¿Quién es mi prójimo?», sino: «¿De quién me puedo hacer prójimo, ahora, aquí?».

En su libro, el Papa realiza una aplicación actual de la parábola del buen samaritano. Ve a todo el continente africano simbolizado en el desventurado que ha sido despojado, herido y dejado medio muerto en la cuneta, y ve en nosotros, los de los países ricos del hemisferio norte, a los dos personajes que pasan de largo, si no incluso a los salteadores que le han dejado en esas condiciones.

Desearía apuntar otra posible actualización de la parábola. Estoy convencido de que si Jesús viviera hoy en Israel, y un doctor de la ley le preguntara de nuevo: «¿Quién es mi prójimo?», cambiaría ligeramente la parábola, ¡y en el lugar de un samaritano pondría a un palestino! Si después le interrogara un palestino, ¡en el lugar del samaritano encontraríamos a un judío!

Pero es muy cómodo limitar el tema a África o a Oriente Medio. Si fuéramos uno de nosotros el que le preguntara a Jesús: «¿quién es mi prójimo?», ¿qué respondería? Nos recordaría ciertamente que nuestro prójimo no es sólo el compatriota, sino también el extracomunitario; no sólo el cristiano, sino también el musulmán; no sólo el católico, sino también el protestante. Pero añadiría enseguida que no es esto lo más importante; lo más importante no es saber quién es mi prójimo, sino ver de quién me puedo hacer yo prójimo, ahora, aquí; para quién puedo ser yo el buen samaritano.

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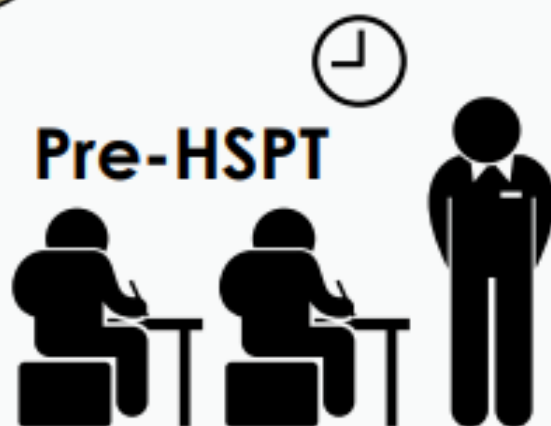






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**Who:** Students entering 8th grade in the 2025–2026 school year

**When:** Monday, July 28, 2025 from 9 a.m. - noon  
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**Where:** St. Paul VI Catholic High School  
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The man asked, "Who is my neighbor?"

Fit the words into the crossword puzzle.

Then transfer them to the numbered lines. Read the parable.

PUT	ROAD	CARED	STOPPED
MAN	CAME	ALONG	JERICO
SAW	DOWN	OTHER	INJURED
INN	SIDE	PRIEST	ATTACKED
LEFT	TOOK	WALKED	TRAVELING
HALF	HELP	LEVITE	JERUSALEM
DEAD	TAKE	DONKEY	SAMARITAN

A \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 He was \_\_\_\_\_ by robbers and \_\_\_\_\_  
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 and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him. He \_\_\_\_\_ for his wounds, \_\_\_\_\_ him on his \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ him to an \_\_\_\_\_. The next morning he gave the innkeeper money to care for the \_\_\_\_\_  
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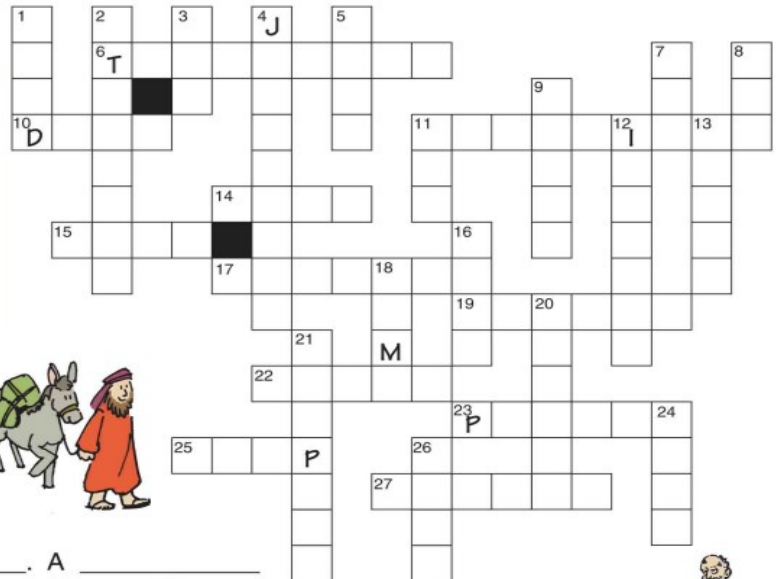
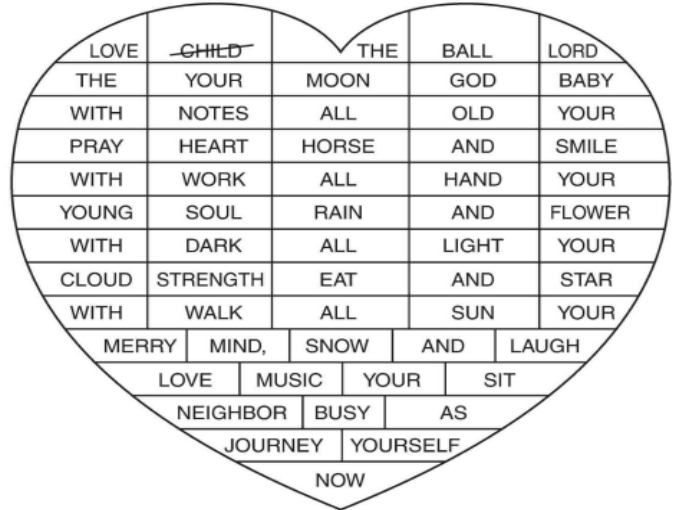
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