

Some seed fell on rich
soil & produced
FRUIT
MATTHEW 13:8



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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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from the Sacristy staff at all services**

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"A Sower went out to sow some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit" - Matt 13:3-5

My dear parishioners,

The Sower in the parable that Jesus told was a wild farmer. Instead of plowing fertile ground and responsibly planting it like a normal farmer, he wanders down an unlikely path and throws seed everywhere in the most random way imaginable. Fistfuls of seed land on the path, and rocks, and thorns. Only by some chance does the seed end up on some rich soil that produces a yield.

Surprisingly Jesus doesn't say "Don't be like this careless farmer." Instead Jesus compares himself to the Sower! It is His will that the gospel be shared not just in Cathedrals but in prisons and rehab centers, in hospitals, the marketplace and in back alleys. What unlikely places have you taken this good news?

Love and Summer blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

The First Reading, Isaiah 55: 10-11

My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Lord of the fertile land,
tend our souls.
Render them
fruitful.

Please
send us out
to plant your Word
within the whole world.

The Second Reading, Romans 8:18-23

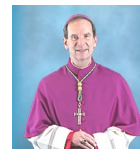
For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God.

All
creation
doth groan,
laboring within itself,
eagerly looking for the growth
you will give it through your Spirit.

Oh let us see all the way into the
soul of this troubled world,
so as to be your help
in saving it.

By Anne Osdieck

June 29, 2026



Dear Msgr. Cilinski and Nativity Parishioners,

Congratulations! I am delighted to learn that Nativity Parish has achieved its 2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal goal of \$840,000.

I am grateful for your efforts and leadership throughout this BLA process. Your parishioners have been inspired to share their gifts, bringing help to thousands across the diocese. Please express my appreciation to your staff, lay leaders, and all your parishioners who were instrumental in enabling your parish to reach its goal. The generosity of your parishioners is a reflection of their confidence in you and desire to support our diocesan ministries and services.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you, your priestly ministry, and pastoral leadership. May our Lord Jesus bless you and keep you ever close to his Sacred Heart.

Fraternally in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



Please PRAY

- FOR OUR -

Missionaries

HEADING TO

HONDURAS

Praying for safety, open doors and lives changed.



Please keep our Operation Starfish missionaries in your prayers as they travel to Honduras this week. May the Lord grant them safe travels, open hearts, and the grace to serve with compassion and joy. We also pray for the people they will encounter and for the lasting fruits of this mission.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Fr. Jonathan Bennett
July 15



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

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

Scan the QR-Code to Sign-up!



nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

Nativity Catholic Church Columbarium Survey

This survey is intended to help Nativity Catholic Church assess parish interest in a proposed columbarium project, estimate potential demand, understand preferences for features and pricing, and identify parishioners who would like additional information. Responses will be used for planning purposes only as the parish considers whether to continue exploring the project and its permitting requirements. Completing this survey does not represent a purchase commitment.



"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

A Columbarium Niche is a Catholic option to house the cremated remains of parishioners.

Note: The pictures are for illustration only and do not represent a commitment to any specific type of Columbarium at Nativity. If there is sufficient interest, we will explore obtaining Diocesan approval and County permits and move forward carefully with planning.



Please scan the QR Code below to complete the survey by August 11, 2026. Printed copies of the survey can also be picked up and dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you for your participation.



The Importance of Sunday Mass

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

WOMEN OF NATIVITY BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

It may be 90 degrees out, but the new school year will be here before we know it! The Women of Nativity will once again be collecting school supplies at all Masses during the weekend of July 25th and July 26th.

These supplies will be provided to the Nativity School, Nativity's Hispanic Outreach Program, Nativity's Appalachia Home Building Project as well as, Catholic Charities, Echo, and the Lorton Community Action Center.

Needed items include (please new only):

backpacks, loose-leaf paper, spiral and composition notebooks, pens, #2 pencils, pencil cases, Fiskar scissors, glue sticks, index cards, Crayola brand thin and broad markers, Crayola brand crayons, 12 inch rulers, highlighters, dry erase markers and 3x3 post it notes . Supplies will only be collected on July 25th and July 26th so that they can be properly distributed to the various organizations.



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

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 Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.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!



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!

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



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | [@arlingtonfamily](https://twitter.com/arlingtonfamily)

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 13th at 11:00 am in the Father Ready room. For further information, please contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org.

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner,

MS, LPC visits Nativity to counsel clients in-person on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm. She is available to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling.

To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.

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/>

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. Competitive salary based on experience - \$20-28/hour plus benefits which includes sick and vacation leave, holidays, pension plan, health.

Requirements:

- *Proven experience as a 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

Submit cover letter and resume NLT August 31, 2026, to Msgr. Bob Cilinski c/o Ann Benson at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015, or via email to abenson@nativityburke.org.



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, July 13

7:30 am † Joan C. Kowalski
12:00 pm † Pat Irving

Tuesday, July 14

7:30 am † Angela Merulla
12:00 pm Special Intention for Megan Ogborn

Wednesday, July 15

7:30 am † Samson Paraguya
3:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory (*Burke Health*)

Thursday, July 16

7:30 am † Rizalino Zamora
12:00 pm † Mary Anne Catherine Hayes

Friday, July 17

7:30 am † Quy Thi Dinh

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am † Sylvia Cheng
5:00 pm † JoAnn Kovarovic
7:00 pm † Martha Hernandez Reyes (*Spanish*)

Sunday, July 19

7:00 am † Greg Nalepa
9:00 am † Dorita Murro
11:00 am † Kerry Gorton
1:00 pm † Charles Hutchison
5:30 pm Nativity Parishioners

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Married Couples: If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage. It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. And, it is now Vatican Approved! Space is limited so make your reservation now! Upcoming experiences are:

- August 28-30, 2026 - Bristow, VA (*lodging is on your own — couples return home each night*)
- October 23-25, 2026 - Hampton, VA (*lodging provided*)
- November 6-8, 2026 - Emerald Isle, NC (*lodging provided*)
- February 12-14, 2027 - Waynesboro, VA (*lodging provided*)

For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "**Apply**" and search for your desired location.

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

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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.

EMAIL 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 or money, this is a scam. Please ignore and block the sender. If you have any questions, please call the Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400

Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously!

To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Questions: contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819.

Walk Humbly
Bishop Burbidge

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

arlingtondiocese.org/walkhumbly

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.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

SUPPORT THE
Solidarity Fund for the
**CHURCH IN
AFRICA**

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



[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

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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.

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center-Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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. ***This month only, the second meeting has been cancelled.***

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 dgk7992@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: knights@nativityburke.org 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 available on the Linktree!

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.colella.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/LiPCRMzfyRnYEU8s5>

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 navvy8@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.



Mass & Rosary

*in Thanksgiving for the
Gift of Human Life*

Saturday, July 18

8:30 am

St. James
Catholic Church

Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge
Celebrant & Homilist

Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | @arlingtonfamily

Pilgrimage of Grace: Masses offered for interior Peace for those in need



The Office of Victim Assistance of the Diocese of Arlington warmly invites all to attend the Pilgrimage of Grace Mass on
Saturday, August 1, at 9:00 a.m.
at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke

This special Mass offers an opportunity to encounter Christ's healing presence and to pray for the gift of interior peace. Whether you are carrying grief, past hurts, or simply seeking spiritual renewal, you are welcome to join us in prayer.
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¿Qué tal va la cosecha? Preguntaba un turista a un viejo labriego. Bien..pero podía ir mejor. Contestó el propietario. Uno siembra... pero no siempre recoge lo que espera.

1.En estos tres próximos domingos, incluido el de hoy, vamos a meditar tres impresionantes parábolas conocidas como las parábolas del Reino.

¿Qué pretenden? Ni más ni menos que sensibilizarnos, interpelarnos seriamente en el cómo vivimos nuestra fe y si hacemos algo por transmitirla a los demás.

¡Cuántas cosas recibimos de Dios! Hay algunos que dicen que no; que todo lo que son, adquieren, mueven y disfrutan, es fruto de la casualidad o del propio esfuerzo.

Los creyentes, sin embargo, sabemos que Dios dirige como nadie esta complicada maquinaria del mundo y que, nada de lo que acontece en él, ocurre sin su consentimiento.

Qué bueno sería que saboreásemos la parábola de este domingo. Salió el sembrador a sembrar y, encontró a gente como nosotros. Y por si no nos hemos dado cuenta, nosotros, somos campo y sembradores a la vez. ¿Qué cómo puede ser? ¿Que es imposible? ¡Somos siembra y sembrador!

Desde el día de nuestro Bautismo, el Señor, puso en nosotros la semilla de la fe. A continuación, con el paso de los años, en el campo de nuestra vida espiritual, el Señor ha ido depositando, una y otra vez, simientes de su amor, de su Eucaristía, del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. ¿O es que, los sacramentos, no son pepitas de las buenas, de esas que crecen y nos hacen fuertes frente a tantas adversidades?

Pero, como en los campos castigados por la sequía o por la cizaña, también con nosotros ocurre algo parecido: o queremos y no podemos, o dejamos malograr aquello que Dios depositó en lo más hondo de nuestras entrañas.

2.¿Qué tal va la cosecha? Nos pregunta el Señor en este domingo. Que ¿qué tal va, Señor? ¡Aquí nos tienes! Lo intentamos; queremos ser de los tuyos, pero somos muy nuestros; queremos dar la cara por ti, pero tenemos miedo a que nos lastimen; nos gustaría anunciar tu Reino, pero preferimos sentarnos frente al televisor y dejarnos seducir por los anuncios de bienes pasajeros.

Es así, amigos; nuestra vida cristiana ha estado muy acostumbrada a recibir. ¿Y cuando vamos a dar? ¿Cuándo nos vamos a sentir comprometidos, y ya que estamos en el Año Paulino, a dar razón de nuestra esperanza? ¿Como San Pablo, sabemos de quién nos hemos fiado? Un campo, como el de los cristianos, no puede estar en permanente vacación. Mejor dicho; una vida, como la de los cristianos, no puede conformarse con mirar hacia el cielo; con esperar a que todo se nos dé hecho. Hemos recibido mucho y, en justicia y por contraprestación, por amor a Dios y por coherencia, hemos de brindar algo de lo mucho que Dios nos da. ¿Lo intentamos?

-Los que sois padres ¿por qué no os involucráis un poco más en la educación cristiana de vuestros hijos? ¿Estáis dando el tanto por ciento que Dios espera de vosotros?

-Los que somos sacerdotes ¿anunciamos el Reino con todas las consecuencias o...lo hacemos de una forma dulce y descafeinada para no herir sensibilidades?

-Los que sois políticos o tenéis algún cargo de responsabilidad ¿Lo hacéis para todos o sólo para algunos?

-Los que sois jóvenes ¿sentís, en vuestra vida, algo más que la pura apariencia, las prisas, el disfrute o la fiesta?

-Los que sois niños ¿os dais cuenta de lo mucho que otros hacen por vosotros?

Un campo, el espiritual, que no se cuida, el día de mañana nos pasa factura.

3.Sí; es verdad. Tenemos que hacer todos algo más. ¡Hemos recibido tanto! ¡No podemos guardar, el tesoro de la fe, en el banco de nuestros propios intereses. No podemos consentir que, la semilla de la fe, se pierda por falta de interés, por timidez, por falsas vergüenzas o, simplemente, porque ya no nos hemos preocupado de regalarla con el abono de la oración, la Palabra de Dios, la caridad o la Eucaristía dominical.

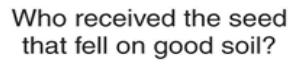
Por cierto, hoy más que nunca, el sembrador sigue mirando y saliendo a sus campos. El Señor, sigue observando a los creyentes y ¡cuánto espera de ellos! ¡Cuánto espera de nosotros!

¿Estamos dispuestos hacer algo por Cristo?

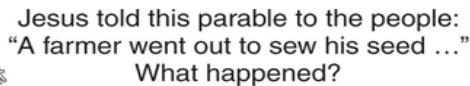
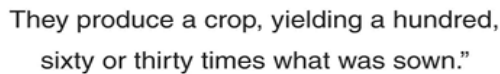
Para muestra un botón; miremos a nuestro alrededor. ¡Cuántas almas secas! ¡Cuántos corazones que palpitan con todo y de todo, menos con Dios! ¡Cuánto maligno disfrazado de bienestar aparente!

Sí, amigos; a tiempos difíciles....cristianos valientes y convencidos. En tiempos de incredulidad; hombres y mujeres que sepan en quién creen, por qué y para qué. Hay que huir del “cristiano bajo mínimos” y lanzarnos con todas las consecuencias, con audacia y entusiasmo, a la siembra de Cristo en el mundo.

Y es que, un domingo más, sale el sembrador....y malo será que nos encuentre al “0” por ciento.



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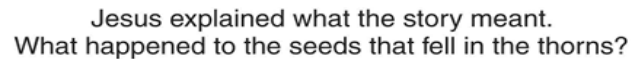
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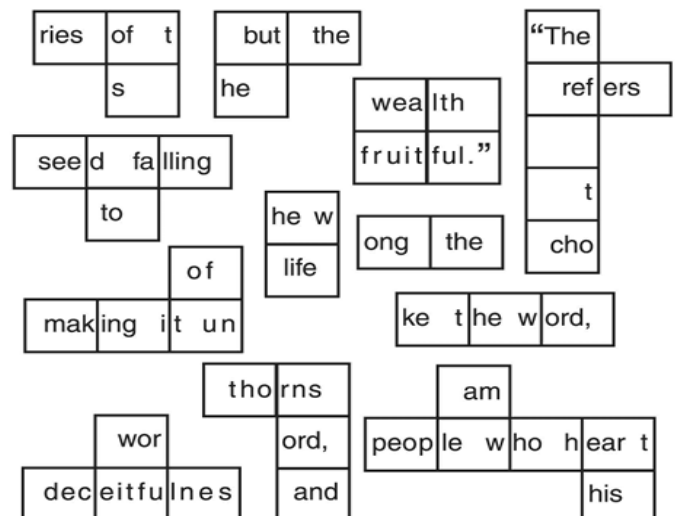
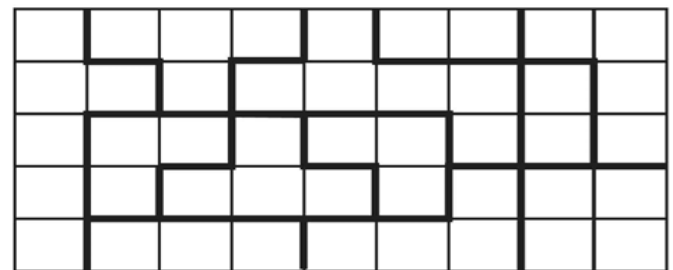

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