

16th 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. 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
**must be submitted in writing by 11:00 AM on
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed" - Mt. 13-31

My dear parishioners,

The parable of the weeds and the wheat tells us about our world and the patience of God. The weeds and the wheat grow together. There is evil in the world and if left unchecked, it can and does destroy lives. But grace also has power. It too is present and growing like a mustard seed that has humble beginnings but blossoms to provide for all. It is every act of goodness that should encourage us. Despite the weeds, in every generation and in every parish, there is still a harvest of people who want to know God, love God, and serve God in this world.

So do not be distracted by the weeds that we forget the wheat among us. The Christian harvest is the sign of Christ's final triumph. The wheat, the goodness within us and in our world, gives us assurance that there will be a rich harvest in the Kingdom of God.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cast and Crew of the *"Hello Dolly"* musical, directed by Barbara Schwartz, as it comes to the stage of the Fr. Martin Center with music, song and laughter. Blessings on this week's performances!

Love and Summer Blessings,

Bob Cilinski
Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor



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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

EARLY TUITION DISCOUNT ENDS JULY 31ST

To Register visit our page or scan QR-Code

nativityburke.org



nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

703-455-0372

Nativity Catholic Church will take up a second collection this weekend, July 18-19, for emergency humanitarian relief for the devastation wrought by the earthquake in Venezuela

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Catholic Church to deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected. CRS is also accepting direct donations on their website at <https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake>.

As a reminder, parishioners donating by check, should make them payable to Nativity, (not the Catholic Diocese of Arlington or Catholic Relief Services). Please note on the memo line **"Venezuela Earthquake"**.



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!



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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 in the Narthex and at the parish office. Thank you for your participation.



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.

<https://nativityburke.org/won-school-supplies/>

Tech Tutoring for Seniors



Provides supportive programs and services, personal enrichment, and volunteer engagement that enable our senior neighbors to live full and productive lives while aging in place.

Do you ever feel like your phone or computer has a mind of its own? You're not alone!

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- How to better use your cell phone
- What "Talk to Text" means
- How to send emails
- How to set up online payments
- How to download and use apps
- What social media is — and more!

Monthly Tech Tutoring Sessions

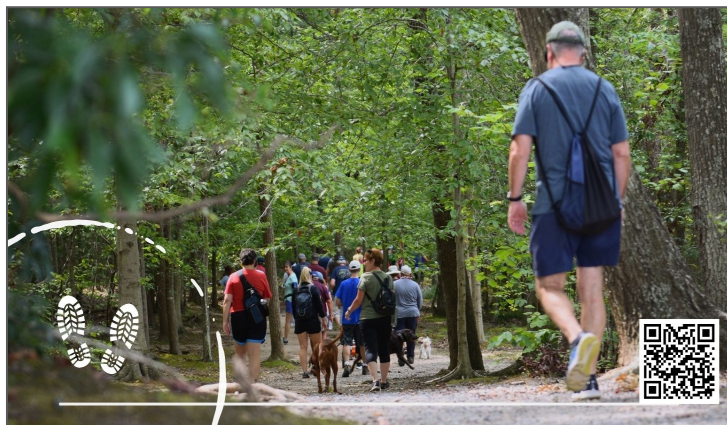
This event is **free** and open to all older adults.

When: July 29, 2026

Location: Providence Presbyterian Church
9019 Little River Turnpike
Fairfax, VA 22031

How to Register

Reserve your spot by contacting the **Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke**, 703-323-4788. Leave your name, phone number, and note that you'd like to attend. Or **register online** at our website, www.scfbva.org



Marriage Enrichment Ministry & Creation Care Ministry

7th Annual

HEROES HIKE

with Msgr. Bob Cilinski

September 12th | 10:30 am | Heroes Hike at Lake Mercer

Adults of the parish are invited to this fellowship hike that is about 5 miles.

For more information and to register visit:

www.nativityburke.org/heroes-hike/

Contact Anna Lisa Licud:

marriage@nativityburke.org | (571) 208-2821

Mass of Remembrance for Families of Child Loss

All Parents, Grandparents, relatives, and friends of child loss, from pregnancy loss through adulthood are welcome.

August 15th | 10:30 am

St. Agnes Catholic Church

1910 N. Randolph St., Arlington, VA

A light reception will follow the Mass

Celebrant & Homilist:

Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

Bishop of Arlington



Scan the
QR Code
to Register

For more information:

familylife@arlingtondiocese.org

703.841.2550

Haven is a non-profit, non-sectarian community organization of trained volunteers that offers grief support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying and to their families and friends.

Please check out our website <https://havenofnova.org/> for a listing of upcoming activities.

Notably, there is a Journey Through Grief Community Presentation on August 8, 2026 at Haven's Annandale home.

If you have an interest in attending or in becoming a Haven volunteer, please call 703-941-7000.



A Message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Creation Care Ministry thanks Claire, Grace, Father Evans and all the Camp on the Edge volunteers (COTE) and campers for a fun afternoon in early July as we shared Catholic Social Teaching related to Creation Care.

Because of the heat, the young teens rotated between 2 indoor stations, supported by four Creation Care Ministry members. The first rotation gave the teens an opportunity to create tote bags from tee shirts. The tee shirts used were those that were not salable at the Nativity Yard Sale on June 28. The campers each made one tee shirt bag which will either be donated to ECHO food distribution mission or used at the Fair Trade Market in November. The second rotation also escaped the heat. We sorted, prepared, cleaned and packed medicine bottles that are collected by the ministry. Along with other medical supplies, these bottles are then sent to international locations where clean medication containers are needed.

The group packed 10 boxes (45 pounds) to mail to Matthew 25: Ministries. Creation Care members look forward each year to spending time with our Nativity campers learning, creating or contributing to support God's creation.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry

7th Annual POTLUCK Gathering

You're invited to our potluck gathering, where the table will be laden with a scrumptious spread. Bring a dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. Everyone pays for their own drinks.



September 12 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Bunnyman Brewing

5583 Guinea Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

Register here:

<https://nativityburke.org/heroes-hike/>



For more information, contact Anna
Lisa at 571-208-2821 or
marriage@nativityburke.org



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 20

7:30 am † Ashley Jean Stone
12:00 pm † Mimette Yousif

Tuesday, July 21

7:30 am † Henrietta T. Critelli
12:00 pm † Alberto Heymann

Wednesday, July 22

7:30 am † Lucy Klimkos
10:00 am Special Intention for William & Natasha Hines
(Heatherwood)

Thursday, July 23

7:30 am † Silvia Cheng
12:00 pm Special Intention for Paul Perkinson

Friday, July 24

7:30 am † Janos and Gizella Dekany

Saturday, July 25

9:00 am † Silvia Cheng
5:00 pm Nativity Parishioners
7:00 pm † Monica Plaza (Spanish)

Sunday, July 26

7:00 am † Raymond Paul Bosworth
9:00 am † Allen Fisher
11:00 am † Luis Alfonso Martinez
1:00 pm † Lucretia Rowley
5:30 pm † Meg Blair

**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

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

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In loving memory of
My beloved wife Henrietta



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.

**"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."
(Matthew 13:31)**

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Pilgrimage of Peace



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." (John 14:27)

The Office of Victim Assistance of the Diocese of Arlington warmly invites all to attend an upcoming Pilgrimage of Grace Healing Mass being offered to encounter Christ's healing presence and to pray for the gift of interior peace on:

Saturday, August 1 at 9:00 am
Nativity Catholic Church, Burke

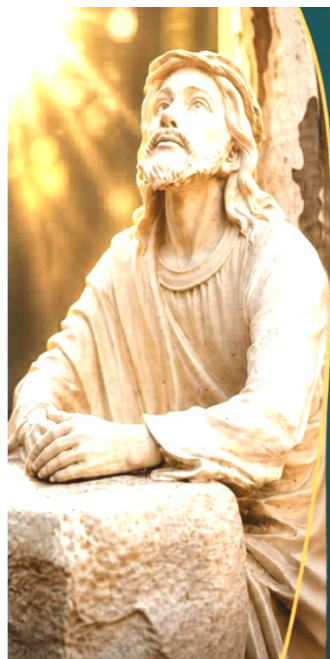
Whether you are carrying grief, past hurts, or simply seeking spiritual renewal, come join us in prayer.

farm gleaning



WWW.CBC-MISSIONS.ORG/LOCAL-MISSIONS

Help gather fresh produce for those in need through farm gleaning. One day of service can help feed hundreds of our neighbors. Commissioned by Christ will join Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project to glean crops at Parker Farms in the Northern Neck of Virginia (Westmoreland County). These crops have been donated by farmers and will be transported back to the St. Lucy Project warehouse and distributed to local, hungry residents within 48 hours of picking the produce. Visit www.cbc-missions.org/local-missions.



YOU ARE INVITED

Annual Catholic
Mental Health
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**"Grounded in Jesus
Truth: Lifestyles for
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**Nurturing Mind,
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With Holy Mass celebrated by
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Confession; lunch; small group sharing



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August 22, 2026



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University and the Saint
Labre Community


NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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nativityschool.org



Nativity School: Now accepting applications for Preschool 3, and 1st through 6th grades for this 2026-27 School Year

Classes begin Wednesday, August 19!

Learning About Lady Liberty Our First Graders ended the school year

Celebrating our country's Statue of Liberty, learning of her composition, her history, and her significance. Beginning their study with fiction and non-fiction selections from our EPIC subscription (a PTO Gift!), students next investigated why the Statue appears green, instead of its original copper color. Conducting a hands-on experiment using a penny, vinegar, and plenty of patience, each student placed the penny in a cup with vinegar and left it outside the classroom for the day, checking on it throughout the day to observe the changes. They were excited and amazed by the results as they connected the experiment to the statue's oxidation process. It wasn't always green?? WOW!! At the end of the unit, students created Statue of Liberty torches and crowns. See the photo!



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



**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 Thursdays or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyermark7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.coella.86@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support. <https://forms.gle/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 navyy8@yahoo.com.

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

Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: nativityburke.org and download one. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY: GRADES 9-12

Life Teen
August 23 | 6:30-8:30pm | Kickoff Event!

Diocesan King's Dominion Day
July 29 | 9am-9pm

Peterson's Ice Cream Outing
August 5 | 7pm-8:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY: GRADES 6-8

Edge
September 4 | 6:30pm-8pm

Blaze (Girl's Small Group)
September 4 | 5pm-6:15pm

CONTACT US!

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Claire Anderson, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
canderson@nativityburke.org

✉ **cym@nativityburke.org** 📷 **@nativitycym**

To protect human life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS VOTE NO
on the

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Mother of Mercy Clinics: A duty to serve the most vulnerable of God's people

"Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics, a fruit of the Year of Mercy, and named for the maternal care that is the Church, provides free health care services to adults from low income households with no or not enough health care insurance in Western Prince William County, Manassas City and Manassas Park.

"The Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington mission proclaims a "duty to serve the most vulnerable of God's people." Catholic Charities provides transformative services that offer hope and healing to those that operate in the peripheries of society – especially those in isolation and poverty.

"After an abortion clinic closed down, members of the community in Manassas bought the facility and approached Catholic Charities to see if it could offer a service of hope and transformation. Thus, Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic emerged. Three years later, in 2021 in the midst of a global pandemic, a second clinic was opened in Woodbridge.

"The clinic does not charge clients receiving basic medical care they could not otherwise obtain. All of the doctors and nurses who work at the clinics will volunteer their time to provide this free medical care."



For more information regarding volunteering, donations, or general inquiries call 703-335-2779 or email freeclinic@ccda.net. "[Above text and images from <https://ccda.net/find-help/medical-mental-healthcare/free-medical-care/>]

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (ccda.net) ***Catholic Charities is the main arm for practical help, serving those in need in diocese.***

- Annual Retreat for People with Serious Illness and their Caregivers (retreat@ccda.net)
- Medical & Mental Healthcare: Mother of Mercy Free Health Clinics (see above)
- Senior Services: St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (Alexandria) offers exercise, social activities, health presentations, meals, and referrals for seniors 60+ (helps reduce caregiver burden through community support). ccda.net/find-help/senior-services/
- Emergency Assistance & Other: Food, financial help, and referrals that can support caregivers (e.g., meals, housing aid). ccda.net/find-help/emergency-assistance/
- Hospital Ministry: www.arlingtondiocese.org/assistance/ministries/hospital-ministry/



Mary's Comfort of VA: Ensuring Expectant Mothers Shelter, Support and New Beginnings in Springfield. Provides full support, including training in parenting and life skills, career coaching and educational advancement. maryscomfortva.org in Springfield, VA. "We have a beautiful home, several current residents, and an opening for another expecting mother." (as of 7/14/2026). <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>. 703.455.4500)

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.



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Sí; ¡Qué más quisiéramos una sociedad limpia! La realidad, mirémosla por donde la miremos, tiene sus contrastes:

Paz y violencia

Verdad y mentira

Bienestar y diferencias sociales

Fe e incredulidad

Y es que, un estado puro –en todo y sobre todo- es difícil conseguir, vivir y el alcanzar. Por lo menos cristianamente hablando.

1. Mientras el mundo sea mundo. Mientras existan hombres y mujeres en él, nos tendremos que acostumbrar a nadar entre dos aguas: el bien y el mal.

Una vez más, para que este año paulino deje impronta en nuestras eucaristías, San Pablo nos recuerda que, frente a la debilidad, a los fracasos, a no ser lo que queremos o alcanzar lo que pretendemos, el Espíritu sale a nuestro encuentro. ¡Bendito sea el Señor! ¡Claro que sí! No tenemos derecho a la desesperanza. ¿Que todo no es orégano en nuestra vida? ¡Por supuesto! Pero tampoco tan malo ¿Que hay mucho de negativo a nuestro alrededor, en el campo que trabajamos (empresa, familia, política, economía, Iglesia, etc.) ¡Por supuesto! Pero también hay mucho de bueno y digno de admiración.

El ritmo, y los tiempos de Dios, son muy distintos a los nuestros. ¿Qué tenemos que hacer? ¿Hacia donde tirar? Para empezar tenemos que ser pacientes. El mal, es como el aire, va a estar a nuestro alrededor mientras respiremos. Pero, al mal, se hace frente con dos escudos: el de la fe y el de la constancia. Con el de la fe; porque sabemos que Dios sólo es perfecto y acudirá siempre al lado de aquellos que luchan en contra de todo lo que degrada a la humanidad

Con el escudo de la constancia; “*Roma no se hizo en un día*” dice el viejo proverbio. Y mientras esperamos la vuelta de Jesús de Nazaret, su definitivo retorno, a nosotros nos toca sembrar; depositar semillas de su Evangelio allá por donde pasemos. Uno de los grandes males de nuestra vida eclesial es precisamente ese: nos resignamos con frecuencia ante lo que concluimos son batallas perdidas (abandono de la fe, frialdad de muchas personas ante lo religioso, el desinterés por lo religioso, el ataque sistemático a la institución eclesial, etc) Lo cierto es que, un amigo de Jesús, ha de tener la cintura, hemos de tener la cintura necesaria para enfrentarnos a circunstancias difíciles. Nunca, el Señor, nos dijo que el bien, la suerte o el éxito nos fueran acompañar de por vida. También es verdad que, el Señor, nos aseguró que estaría con nosotros hasta el fin del mundo. ¿Cómo no ver los signos de su presencia en el aquí y ahora? ¿Qué no hay proporción entre lo que hacemos –a nivel evangelizador- y entre lo que recogemos? ¿Qué no merece la Iglesia tanta cizaña en los campos de la información o de la televisión? ¿Y nosotros? ¿Dónde está nuestra voz? ¿Dónde nuestra huella y la razón de nuestra fe?

2. No sé, si alguna vez, os habéis acercado a una panadería (normalmente preferimos acercarnos hasta ella simplemente para recoger el pan...pero ¡cuánto esfuerzo detrás de todo!). Pues bien; el panadero, dentro de la masa, pone una pequeña cantidad de levadura. Luego, pacientemente –en cámaras frigoríficas o a la intemperie y con una temperatura idónea- aguarda el momento en el que la masa esté lista para ser cocida en el horno. El panadero, lejos de desesperar, espera y confía en todo lo realizado.

También nosotros, en medio de la gran masa que es el mundo,



hemos de ser levadura. No podemos acostumbrarnos a ser salero, sino sal. No podemos pretender ser océano, sino gota de agua. No intentemos ser sol, sino rayos de luz. Y, esto, no es poesía. Es la vida

misma: la vida cristiana. Una vida cristiana que nos dice que, con Dios, todo llegará a cumplirse. Y se cumplirá, no cuando nosotros queramos, sino cuando, Dios, el gran panadero, vea el momento oportuno de recoger toda la masa de la humanidad y distanciar, definitivamente, lo bueno de lo malo.

Mientras tanto, ¡pues eso! A trabajar por Dios en donde haga falta y lo que haga falta

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Y, cuantas más veces me lo pregunto, Señor, otras tantas Tú me contestas:

¡Te necesito como sal, y no como salero!

¡Como rayo de luz, no como gran astro!

¡Como gota de agua que calme la sed, y no como torrente que inunde todo a su paso!

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Y, cuando veo lo que siembro y no recojo, siento, una y otra vez, que Tú me respondes:

no te toca a ti exigir, sino sembrar

no te corresponde a ti recoger, sino abonar

no mires hacia atrás, pues quien lo hace, corre el riesgo de no construir hacia delante.

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Y, la impaciencia, me invade, Jesús, y Tú lo sabes; cuando me esfuerzo, y no fructifica mi trabajo cuando hablo, y siento que pocos me escuchan cuando cuido tu campo,

y apenas siento un agradecimiento humano

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Lo intentaré por Ti, mi Señor;

porque, bien sé, que Tú eres el dueño del tiempo

porque, bien sé, que Tú eres el Señor de la historia

porque, bien sé, que Tú vences sobre el mal y la mentira porque, en lo invisible, sé que Tú sigues vivo y operante

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

¡Lo intentaré contigo, mi Señor!

Incluso en medio del combate y de la desesperanza

A pesar de las contradicciones y las resistencias

Frente al maligno que lo invade y lo confunde todo, te prometo, Señor, que intentaré ser levadura de tu Reino

Levadura que no se ve, pero hace crecer el pan de la fraternidad

Levadura que no se percibe,

pero sazona la dureza de los corazones

Levadura que, en justa medida,

haga que, mi mundo, tu mundo Señor,

sea un oasis de paz, de amor, de alegría y de fe.

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

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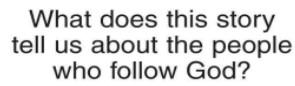
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Dame un poco de tu Evangelio...

y sé que llegaré, contigo, donde haga falta.

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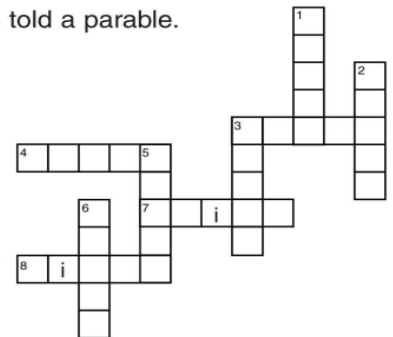
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July 19, 2026 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told a parable.

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What did Jesus say the parable of the wheat and the weeds was about?

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