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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
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You may email submissions to
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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



My dear parishioners,

The summertime offers many people a time to rest. Vacations offer a time to restore the spirit and just enjoy being together. Jesus wishes this time with us also.

Love and blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

Enjoy the following reflection

THE GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary.

Fussy Martha

readied the table,
readied the meal,
poured fine wine.

Resting Mary

sat herself down at his feet.
The sound of his voice
stilled her heart
and filled
her
soul.

O Jesus,
call us to rest at your feet and hear;
to share for a while with you
the one thing that is necessary.

Let us feast on it
as we bustle
about on
our
days!

Anne Osdieck

NEW NOON MASS ON MONDAYS

Nativity will be offering an additional daily Mass every Monday at 12:00 noon starting Monday, September 8th

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

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.”

Last Remaining Performances:
July 25 at 7:30pm & July 26 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm
For ticket prices and times
visit tickets.nativitytheatre.org

July 15, 2025

Operation Starfish continues to be an extraordinary blessing to so many. On behalf of all those that are so blessed by the parishioners of Nativity Catholic Church, we at FFTP again say “thank you” for your extraordinary generosity and prayers.

We gratefully receive the “awesome” gift of \$522,368.73 and acknowledge that this gift is added to the previous \$196,922.02 to total \$719,290.75 for this year’s overall gift to FFTP. Simply amazing!

In a year where there has been so much uncertainty and economic concerns, it is exceptional that this year’s gift is the largest gift to date. We look forward to completing the intended projects and programs in Haiti, Jamaica and Honduras.

We are so grateful to be blessed by your trust in us, and Food For The Poor will continue to work hard to be an excellent steward of your gifts. May God bless you and all the parishioners of Nativity.

We truly are United in God’s Work,
Ed Raine
President & CEO, Food For The Poor

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FOOD FOR THE POOR
United in God’s Work

Recap of Honduras Mission Trip with Operation Starfish

From July 7-11, a team of nine of us from Nativity traveled to Honduras to visit El Colirio and Monte Verde clinics - the two new locations supported by Nativity through Operation Starfish. If I had to describe the week in one word, it would be: unexpected. Our journey began with 48 hours of travel delays, but even that brought unexpected blessings - Fr. Bennett was able to anoint a parishioner who was very ill, and our group bonded through the crazy airport travel experience (and plenty of jokes about our time spent in Newark).

Meanwhile, Patty and Carlos, already in Honduras, represented Nativity by helping pack care packages at the CEPUDO warehouse. Food For The Poor partners with CEPUDO in Honduras so this was the perfect connection for us.

When we finally arrived Wednesday, we traveled three hours up a mountain to El Colirio Clinic. It felt like a homecoming. Fr. Bennett, Rebecca and I had been there last year. We reunited with familiar faces and introduced our young adults to the community.

As Rebecca shared, *"Wednesdays at the clinic serve mothers and children... we greeted the women and babies, passed out newborn kits, and heard firsthand how the clinic is changing lives... There were many emotions present - joy over seeing familiar faces that had grown healthier over the year, sorrow upon hearing of the declining health of the Mayor's father who provided the land for the clinic, and deep peace knowing that God had so beautifully aligned our paths in that moment."*

An early departure due to weather gave us a glimpse of the hardships locals face daily - and an unexpected chance to visit the CEPUDO warehouse, where we loaded the care packages Patty and Carlos had prepared.

Our final day took us to the remote Monte Verde Clinic in Santa Barbara, soon to be the site of a second building funded by this year's Operation Starfish. What was meant to be a 3.5-hour drive turned into a six hour drive each way due to recent rains, including three hours off-roading in pickup trucks. As Carlos from CEPUDO said, *"We go where no one else wants to go to help those most in need."* It also gave us insight into what it must be like for the many locals who have to walk up the mountain for medical care without access to an air-conditioned vehicle.

When we finally arrived, the Lenca people welcomed us with open arms. They are an indigenous community who have lived on that mountain for generations. Their one small clinic currently serves 36 communities - clearly in need of renovation and resources. Though our time was short, we all felt a deep connection and a strong desire to return. We promised to bring back their stories and their needs to share with our Nativity family. Meanwhile, one member of our group, too motion sick to make the mountain trip, spent the day at a local school for orphaned children. A teacher herself, it turned out to be the perfect fit - a detour that was clearly God's plan for her that day.

In summary, it was an honor for us to represent Nativity in Honduras. As we greeted mothers and babies and shook hands with mayors and doctors, we did so through the impact of Nativity's Operation Starfish and its partnership with Food For The Poor. This was made possible through your prayers, support, and generosity. From coins donated by children to Lenten offertory gifts, your contributions have made a real, lasting impact. Please continue to pray for the communities at El Colirio and Monte Verde Clinics. In the coming weeks, we'll share more reflections from our team, and we look forward to seeing you at the Fall Festival in September, where we'll have Honduras coffee, stories, and photos to share!

Alison



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/





DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

Saturday - August 9

**FROM 7:00 am TO 12:00 pm
NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

In conjunction with INOVA Blood Service
If you are eligible to donate blood
signup online at:

https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35170

**SIGN UP AFTER MASS IN THE NARTHEX
ON JULY 26-27 AND AUGUST 3-4**

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.

Pro-Life Corner:

Enjoying an Inspiring Pro-Life Morning with Bishop Burbidge – Last Saturday a number of Nativity parishioners had the privilege of participating in Bishop Burbidge's Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church. He quoted St. JPII in saying that "every person is unique, unrepeatable; someone who was thought of and chosen through from all eternity"... and he homed in on the value and sacredness of all human life through Ps 139's "Lord, I praise you, because I am wonderfully made!" and that it is to be celebrated, cherished and protected; and how important it is for us to go forth in Christ's name, trusting in God, and courageously advocating for the most vulnerable amongst us, God's precious unborn children, and through the Holy Spirit, transform the hearts of those considering abortion.



This segued nicely into us witnessing along with the bishop and about 200 other concerned advocates for the Right to Life at the nearby Planned Parenthood Tysons Corner abortion facility.

Parishioners pictured (*compliments of Bill Canavan*) include: Darren Randall, Rick and Linda Loffredo, and Dan Thomas as Rick led the first Joyful Mystery with the *Priests for Life's* introductory meditation "The Annunciation: Mary is troubled by the angel's greeting, yet rejoices to do God's will. Let us pray that those who are troubled by their pregnancy may have the grace to trust in God's will." (Parishioners not pictured: Bill Canavan, Neil Krukar, and James Maushart.)

LiveAction – reported last week that over the last two decades, they have uncovered numerous shocking, abusive, and unethical practices by Planned Parenthood, which up until now, have been funded by our tax dollars, such as recorded phone calls capture Planned Parenthood staff accepting donations specifically to target Black babies for abortion; videos reveal multiple cases of Planned Parenthood workers covering up and failing to report statutory rape by adult men; and footage shows Planned Parenthood staff willingly assisting a supposed sex trafficker in securing abortions for minor girls. Go to LiveAction.org/ for a comprehensive report.

Defunding Planned Parenthood — even for just one year — is a crucial milestone for the pro-life movement that has been decades in the making. However, [w]e cannot rest until Planned Parenthood is not only fully and permanently defunded but shut down. We must abolish abortion nationwide and ensure that the lives of preborn babies are fully protected under the 14th Amendment... Although Congress has begun to recognize the truth, there are many people throughout this country who still don't realize the full extent of the horror, which is why we must remain steadfast in our efforts to expose Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry as whole for what they are: mass murderers bent on maximizing their profits regardless of who they harm. [Above text was excerpted from the 7/10/2025 LiveAction email, What it took to get here.]



NATIVITY FALL FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPT 27, 2025

We're IN NEED of Committee Members
To help plan and organize the fall festival.
If you love fun, fellowship, and serving,
we would love to have you on board!

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



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

**"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.

FAIRFAX MEMORIAL BURIAL PLOT FOR SALE

Burial plot private sale: new space at Fairfax Memorial Park, located at 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Premium location, behind the Crucifix Site, lot #259 - site B (near priests burials).

Price \$7,800.00 OBO, serious inquiries only. Please contact: fyelicie@gmail.com or myelicie@verizon.net.



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, July 21st

7:30 am † Henrietta Critelli

Tuesday, July 22nd

7:30 am † Valerie Murphy

12:00 pm † Robert DeVito

Wednesday, July 23rd

7:30 am † Lucy Klimkos

10:00 am † Kathy Ann Largo (*Heatherwood*)

Thursday, July 24th

7:30 am † Kathy Wheeler

12:00 pm † Kerry Gorton

Friday, July 25th

7:30 am † Richard J. O'Brien

Saturday, July 26th

9:00 am † Sergio Lince Restrepo

5:00 pm † Lucretia Ann Rowley

7:00 pm † Manuel and Julia Tepe

Sunday, July 27th

7:00 am † Gerald W. Carter

9:00 am † Roger Candelaria

11:00 am † Fermin Loyola Villar

1:00 pm Parishioners

5:30 pm † Mary Kelley

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

Mass and Healing Prayer Service Tuesday, July 22 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

Mr. Francis Critelli
In Loving Memory of
Henrietta Critelli

and

George and Francine Rhodes
With Special Intention for
Their 56th Wedding Anniversary





KINGS DOMINION

RIISING 9TH - RECENTLY GRADUATED 12TH GRADERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

COST: \$50

Transportation provided

Register on the parish website by July 21

CONTACT: CYM@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



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.

ASSOCIATES OF ST. JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE NIGHTS

Attention Class of 2025! The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in Northern Virginia, founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, will be hosting several free College Nights this summer for graduated seniors heading to college this fall.

Remaining 2025 College Night Dates & Locations:

July 22 - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)

July 29 - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

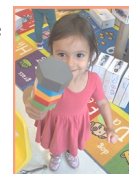
These events help rising college freshmen network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the transition from high school to college, keeping their Catholic faith strong. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. There are small groups divided by students' universities and students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books called the "Bosco Bundle" to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith while away at school.

The events come with a pizza dinner, too. Registration is FREE! For dates, locations, and more information, please visit: www.asjb.org/student-registration. Each night is capped at 50 students, so early registration is encouraged.

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.

	ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS	
<p>GMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY PRESENTS:</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">THURSDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS</h2>		
<p>THURSDAYS 7-9PM IN JUNE AND JULY</p> <p>St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel 4515 Roberts Rd Fairfax, VA 22032</p>		
<p>COME FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!</p> <p>gmuccm.org @catholic.patriot</p>		

Sick / Homebound Visits

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

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

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.



WOMEN OF NATIVITY BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

THE WOMEN OF NATIVITY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AFTER ALL MASSES DURING THE WEEKEND OF 2 AND 3 AUGUST. THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, ECHO, LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER, AS WELL AS THE NATIVITY SCHOOL, NATIVITY'S HISPANIC OUTREACH PROGRAM AND NATIVITY'S APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING PROJECT.

NEEDED ITEMS (NEW ONLY PLEASE) INCLUDE:

BACKPACKS, LOOSE-LEAF PAPER, 3-RING BINDERS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (SINGLE AND MULTIPLE SUBJECT), PENS, #2 PENCILS, PENCIL CASES, FISKAR SCISSORS, LARGE GLUE STICKS, THIN AND BROAD CRAYOLA MARKERS, INDEX CARDS, CRAYOLA CRAYONS, 12" RULERS, HIGHLIGHTERS, CALCULATORS, WATER BOTTLES AND LUNCH BOXES. SUPPLIES WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED ON THE SCHEDULED DATES OF 2 AND 3 AUGUST DUE TO DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL DEBBIE MAYER AT 703-440-8212 OR KATHY MCHUGH AT 703-608-0357. THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.

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

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

Pray the Pro-Life Rosary with Us!



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

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.



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

Monday - Friday, August 4-8, 2025

Friday - 11 a.m. concert/potluck

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

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

Register using the QR code.

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



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



"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.



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Have you visited the St. Fiacre Vegetable Garden in the back parking lot of Nativity lately? Under the tender care of parishioners from Creation Care Ministry and the Laurel Garden Club, the gardens are flourishing! We have harvested all the carrots, radishes, kale, spinach and swiss chard that we planted in the spring. Cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes are now coming in. We are donating primarily to No Hands But Yours and a local Fairfax County school teacher who has families she supports. In the St Kateri pollinator gardens, summer perennials such as Nodding Onion, Black-Eyed Susan, Mountain Mint and Goldenrod are in bloom and covered with pollinators. What would your home yard look like if transformed into a more productive ecosystem—a garden of vegetables and flowers instead of grass? For inspiration, visit the Catholic Garden Network website at catholicgarden.org and see the Arlington Catholic Herald article: <https://www.catholicherald.com/article/local/an-arlington-gardener-founds-the-catholic-garden-network/>. Generous God, Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for the blessings you provide with the fruits of the earth.

We praise you for the sun and rain that nourish the crops and we ask you to bless all who harvest the food we eat each day. Inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore the Farmer, that we may share our food and the resources of the earth with all who suffer from hunger and poverty.

And you, Saint Isidore, friend of the poor, pray for us—that we, too, may work alongside the angels to build a more just and fraternal world. Amen.

Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider becoming a Recess Monitor at Nativity School... Part-Time Recess Help Needed!

Monday - Friday from Approx. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. We are in need of responsible adults with the following minimum qualifications to monitor children while at recess:

- Ability to follow directions and communicate effectively.
- Proficiency in maintaining control in a group environment.
- Compliant within the Diocese.
- Successful background check.



To apply, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146. Thank you!



Religious
Education
Class
Registration

**NOW
OPEN!**

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**



Get in Touch

📞 703-455-0372

✉️ nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org

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NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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Nativity School is accepting applications for the following grades: 1st, 5th, & 7th, for the 2025-26 School Year
For details, contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

Nativity Students Have A Field Day!

Students engaged in a variety of games and sports events offered at 18 stations around a slightly muddy school campus on one of our very favorite days: Field Day!

From Scooters and the Sack Race, to the Cup Stacking Relay and Cross the River, from the Pizza Box Run to the Parachute, from Pickle Ball to Gaga Ball – so much laughter, fun, and music filled the air.

Our Eighth Grade students operated all of the stations, while the Seventh Graders led the small groups of students, each sorted into teams representing every grade level.

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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 sign up online at:

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.

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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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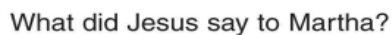
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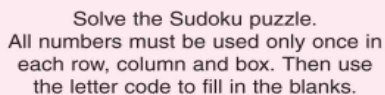
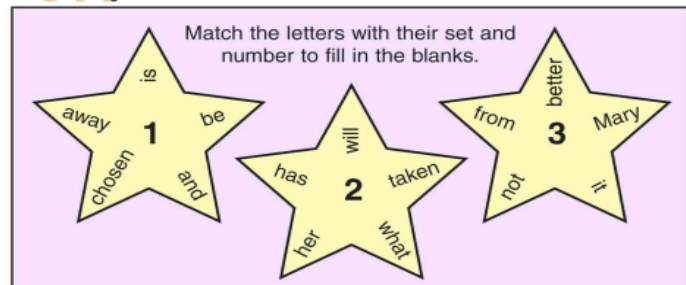
Jesus came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister named Mary. What did Mary do?

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

Mary sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what He said.



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¿Cómo está mi fe? La fe que es luz... se puede apagar cristiano de hoy

Pedirla cada día pues es un regalo de Dios y sostenerla y aumentarla, no es cosa fácil, pero tenemos un ejemplo a seguir.

Por: Ma Esther De Ariño | Fuente: Catholic.net



La puerta de la fe (cf. Hch, 14,27) que introduce en la vida de comunicación con Dios y permite la entrada en su Iglesia, está siempre abierta para nosotros. Se cruza ese umbral cuando la Palabra de Dios se anuncia y el corazón se despierta por la gracia que transforma. Atravesar esa puerta supone emprender un camino que dura toda la vida. Éste empieza con el Bautismo (cf. Rm 6,4), con el que podemos llamar a Dios con el nombre de Padre, y se concluye con el paso de la muerte a la vida eterna, fruto de la resurrección del Señor Jesús que, con el don del Espíritu Santo, ha querido unir en su misma gloria a cuantos creen en Él (cf. Jn 17,22). Profesar la fe en la Trinidad- Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo- equivale a creer en un solo Dios que es amor. (cf. Jn 4,8) El Padre, que en la plenitud de los tiempos envió a su Hijo para nuestra salvación; Jesucristo, que en el misterio de su muerte y resurrección redimió al mundo, y el Espíritu Santo, que guía a la Iglesia a través de los siglos en la espera del retorno glorioso del Señor. (Benedicto XVI para el Año de la fe)

Las virtudes teologales son tres: Fe, Esperanza y Caridad. Hoy ante la crisis de Fe en el mundo actual nos podemos preguntar: ¿cómo es mi fe?

Cuando nos sentimos plenos, alegres, felices o cuando hay sufrimiento, cuando hay enfermedad, cuando hay dolor de la índole que sea... ¿cómo está mi fe? La fe que es luz se puede apagar. El que conoce y ama a Cristo se identifica con Él, en cualquiera de esas circunstancias, y se convierte en apóstol, siendo parte de esa luz y esa fe.

Tener fe y vivir la fe es un riesgo. Un riesgo que nos obliga a dejar el egoísmo que ha hecho nido en el fondo de nuestro corazón, a dejar la pereza, el engaño, los gustos hedonistas, frívolos y llenos de vanidad. Una vida vacía solo llena de cosas perecederas. Sostener y aumentar la fe no es cosa fácil, pero tenemos un ejemplo a seguir. Jesús es el mejor ejemplo para ayudarnos pues Él vino por eso y para eso. En Él encontraremos todo lo que nuestro corazón nos pide y desea. La amistad con el Hijo de Dios, es el resultado de una vida sostenida, iluminada y confortada por nuestra fe en Él. Y ante todo tenemos que pedirla en la oración de cada día, porque la fe es un regalo de Dios.

Este mundo está necesitado de que seamos portadores de esa FE como miembros de la Iglesia, instituida por Cristo hace más de veinte siglos y tenemos y debemos dar testimonio al mundo de nuestra fe.

No podemos decir que vivimos esa fe si no pedimos perdón o si no sabemos perdonar. Esa humildad y ese perdonar nos identifican como personas de fe, de verdadera y auténtica FE.

El mensaje del Señor resuena en toda la tierra: Los cielos proclaman la gloria de Dios y el firmamento anuncia la obra de sus manos. Un día comunica su mensaje al otro día y una noche se lo transmite a la otra noche. Sin que pronuncien una palabra, sin que resuene su voz, a toda la tierra llega su sonido y su mensaje hasta el fin del mundo. El mensaje del Señor resuena en toda la tierra. (Salmo 18)

Venga tu Reino Señor ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Reflexiones Jesucristo

Un Reino que los hombres no entendemos porque lo que tú viniste a enseñar no está en el exterior sino en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón.

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Ante ti, Señor una vez más. Ante ti, que siempre estás en el Sagrario para escucharme, para infundir calor a mi corazón muchas veces indiferente y frío. Más frío que estas tardes del ya cercano invierno. Pero hoy quiero que hablemos, no del cercano invierno, sino del cercano día en que vamos a festejar Tu día, Señor, el DÍA DE CRISTO REY el próximo domingo. El Padre Eterno, como tú nos enseñaste a llamarle a Dios, es el Rey del Universo porque todo lo hizo de la nada. Es el Creador de todo lo visible y de lo invisible, pero... ¿cómo podía este Dios decirse a sus criaturas? ¿cómo podría hacer que esto fuese entendido?... pues simplemente mandando un emisario. No fue un ángel, no fue un profeta, fuiste tú, su propio Hijo, tu, Jesús.

Como nos dice San Pablo: Fue la propia imagen de Dios, mediador entre Dios y los hombres y la razón y meta de toda la Creación. Él existe antes que todas las cosas y todas tienen su consistencia en Él. Es también la cabeza del cuerpo, que es la Iglesia Católica. Es el principio, el primogénito, para que sea el primero en todo. Así se expresa San Pablo de ti, Jesús mío y en esa creencia maravillosa vivimos.

Cuando fuiste interpelado por Pilato diste tu respuesta clara y vertical: Mi reino no es de este mundo. Si mi reino fuera de este mundo mi gente habría combatido para que no fuese entregado a los judíos... PERO MI REINO NO ES DE AQUÍ. Entonces Pilato te dijo: Luego... ¿tú eres rey?. Y respondiste: Tú lo dices que soy rey. Para esto he nacido yo y para esto he venido al mundo, para dar testimonio de la verdad. Todo el que es de la Verdad, escucha mi voz. (Juan 18,36-37). Jesús, tú hablabas de un Reino donde no hay oro ni espadas, donde no hay ambiciones de riquezas y poder. Tu Reino es un reino de amor y de paz.

Un Reino que los hombres no entendieron y seguimos sin entender porque lo que tú viniste a enseñar no está en el exterior sino en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón. Pertenecer a este Reino nos hace libres de la esclavitud del pecado y de las pasiones.

Pertenecer a este Reino nos hace súbditos de un Rey que no usa la ley del poder y del mando sino del amor y la misericordia.

Diariamente pedimos "venga a nosotros tu Reino" y sabemos que en los hombres y mujeres de bien, ya está este Reino, pues el "Reino de Dios ya está con nosotros" (Lc. 17, 20-21. El domingo, la Iglesia celebra a CRISTO REY. A ti, Jesús, que pasaste por la Tierra para decirnos que REINAR ES PODER SERVIR Y NO SERVIRSE DEL PODER. Que viniste para ayudar al hombre y bajar hasta él, morir con él y por él, mostrándonos el camino hacia Dios.

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