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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**

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"We know that all things work for good for those who love God." - Rom 8.28

My dear parishioners,

Jesus tells us the story of the joy of unexpected discovery of a treasure in a field, which causes a person to sell everything and buy the field. A second parable is of a merchant who has been looking all his life for a precious pearl, and when he finds it, he sells all to buy it. These stories mirror people's experience of discovering God's love and compassion. Some find this "treasure" unexpectedly and others after a long search.

In our parish of Nativity, we need to always appreciate the invaluable treasure of Christ and the Church in which this treasure is hidden. We love the church and work together in the church because we know that it is in the church where one finds Christ. The treasure of Christ and the church is a "pearl of great price" and is of supreme value in our lives. No matter how we seek, we will never be able to contribute to anything greater than to the work of Christ and His Church.

Reflect on moments of joyful discovery of God's "treasures" and "pearls" in your own life. Finders, keepers!

Love and Summer Blessings,

Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor



Nativity Players Theatre Ministry Presents *Hello, Dolly!*

Remaining shows: July 30–August 1!

Tickets are on sale
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

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703-455-0372

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.

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 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 THIS 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!

You'll Learn:

- 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

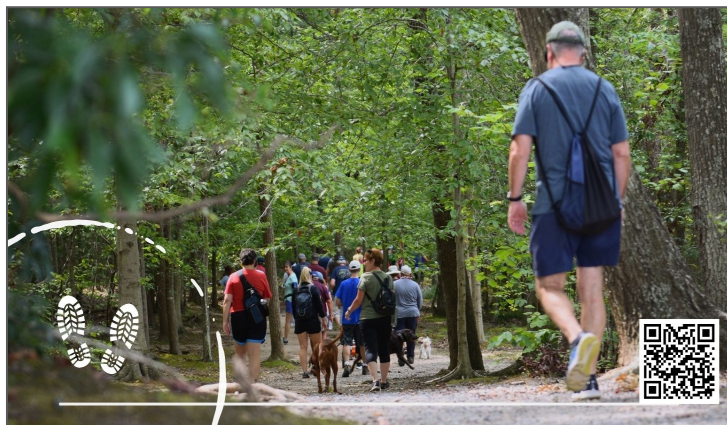
This event is **free** and open to all older adults.

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

ECHO Collection next weekend, August 1/2 Food Room Most Needed

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. The USDA calculates that a meal for one persons is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 610lbs on the weekend of July 4 and 5. Thank you!!

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

Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils, Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal (low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Canned Milk, Shelf stable milk, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.) Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-salt spices, Masa Corn Flour, Granulated Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Canned Meat, , Paper boxes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand lotion, Band Aids, Diapers. (sizes 2, 4, 5, 6), Sanitary Napkins.

**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 at:
www.nativityschool.org/application-process/
or contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300

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

Bunnymen 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.



A Message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Have you visited the St Fiace 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 are harvesting cucumbers, squash and tomatoes now. Green beans, tomatillos and peppers are beginning to come in. We are donating primarily to No Hands But Yours and a local Fairfax County Title I school teacher who has families she supports. In the St Kateri pollinator gardens, summer perennials such as Nodding Onion, Black-Eyed Susan, Wild Petunia, 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. The Laudato Si garden, planted last November during Diocesan Service Week is establishing well and we look forward to adding to this space during this year's Service Week. Stay tuned!



MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, July 27

7:30 am † Sara Matthews
12:00 pm Special intention for the Purchiaroni Family

Tuesday, July 28

7:30 am † Joan Rohr Minter
12:00 pm † Paul Ly

Wednesday, July 29

7:30 am Special Intention for Joan Fram
9:00 am † Donna Daugherty (Youth Ministry at K.D.)

Thursday, July 30

7:30 am † Donna Daugherty
12:00 pm † Denise Antoinette Quinn

Friday, July 31

7:30 am † Anna Trebatisky

Saturday, August 1

9:00 am Special Intention for Victims of Abuse (Healing Mass)
5:00 pm † Richard and Marion Greer
7:00 pm † Juventino Cardenas Vasquez

Sunday, August 2

7:00 am Nativity Parishioners
9:00 am † Jairo Gustavo Vargas
11:00 am † Emily Lopez Quenano
1:00 pm † Paul Stout
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**



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.

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

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: musical play "1776" (Aug 2); dining out in Alexandria (Aug 9); Thursday lunch (Aug 13); Museum of the Bible (Aug 18); Meadowlark Gardens (Aug 20); serving meal at Christ House (Aug 22); Nationals baseball game (Aug 27); picnic (Aug 30).

For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc.
With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



Inova Blood Donor Services

Church of the Nativity Blood Drive



Saturday, August 15, 2026

7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

6400 Nativity Ln., Burke, VA

Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Parish Hall.

Contact

Mark Altobelli

(571) 309-7194 | mark.altobelli@gmail.com

Donors will receive a special lifesaver T-shirt. *

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for your donation. *While supplies last. Colors and sizes may vary. Must complete screening process to receive giveaway.



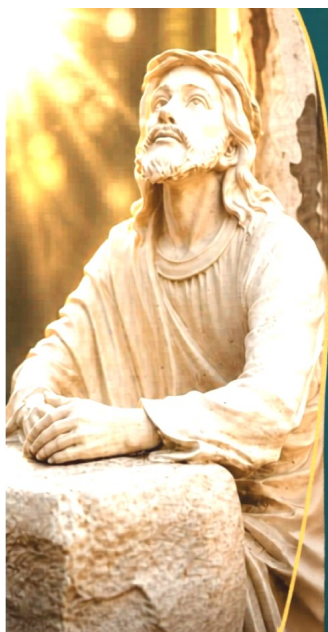
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
DEACON BRAD WATKINS :
FR. LINO

REGISTRATION:
\$25

✕ Confession; lunch; small group sharing

8:30-2:15
August 22, 2026

Good Shepherd Catholic
Church
8710 Mt. Vernon Hwy
Alexandria VA 22309

Hosted by the Diocese of
Arlington, Divine Mercy
University and the Saint
Labre Community

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.



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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!

Walking In Their Shoes

One of our most fun end-of-year activities is Principal/Teacher/Staff Member of the Day! It is offered each school year through the Nativity Auction, where families can bid on and buy Principal or Teacher or Staff Member of the Day, for nearly every grade level and specialty. This past school year, Principal Estela Harris began her term by giving the entire student body a dress-down day! All around the school, students served as classroom teachers and assistants, building engineer and lunchroom director – teaching lessons, conducting a fire drill, running classrooms, reading aloud, managing the lunchroom, leading prayer, and more!

We all had great fun – and learned a lot!



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.

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: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> 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!

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!

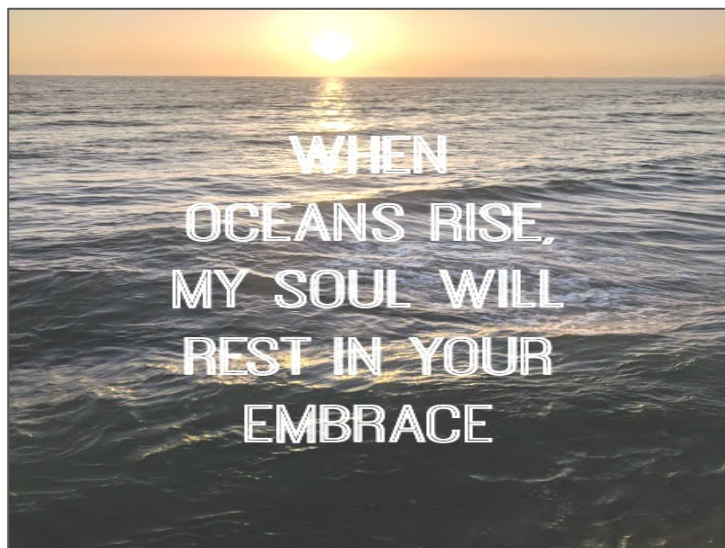
Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.

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.



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

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✉ cym@nativityburke.org 📱 [@nativitycym](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycym)

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/>

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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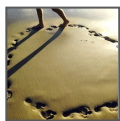
We also have weekly trips into designated areas bringing Panera bread donations along with help from local food banks. Through the blessings of God, we have grown through our Nativity community and continue to do so. For more details visit the Nativity Parish website at <https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/>. Families are also welcomed! If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/Sunday runs, please contact John Rubino at: john.albert.rubino@gmail.com.

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.



Cada ser humano escribe una historia imborrable
Cristiano de hoy
Cada opción crea un poco de bien en el mundo
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Juan tuvo un sueño profundo y muy vivo. Se encontraba en un valle inmenso. Desde todas las direcciones posibles, llegaban millones de personas: hombres y mujeres, adultos y niños, jóvenes y ancianos, trabajadores y desocupados, ricos y pobres, santos declarados, santos anónimos, pecadores convertidos y pecadores desalmados.

La muchedumbre crecía por minutos. Desde lo alto apareció un Cordero que dominaba con su presencia todo el valle. Un ángel tocó la trompeta, y se hizo un silencio dramático. Otro ángel llegó con una lista enorme, y empezó a leer nombres.

Algunos de esos nombres eran bien conocidos: Sócrates, Cicerón, Francisco de Asís, Adolf Hitler, Madre Teresa de Calcuta. Otros indicaban a personas desconocidas por la mayoría de los presentes.

Cuando se pronunciaba un nombre, el llamado pasaba al frente, a la vista de todos. Los que eran desconocidos avanzaban en medio de un silencio más o menos tenso. Los “famosos” suscitaban aplausos o gritos de condena entre grupos numerosos de personas.

El ángel de la lista gritó dos nombres: Adán y Eva. Se hizo un silencio sepulcral. Por la parte izquierda, de muy lejos, avanzaron dos figuras humanas. La multitud prorrumpió en un murmullo confuso y dividido. Unos querían aplaudir: “¡Son nuestros primeros padres!” Otros querían condenar: “¡Por vuestra culpa vino el pecado y todo tipo de males entre los hombres!” Otros querían abrazarlos: “¡Cristo vino al mundo porque Dios fue fiel al amor que os tenía y, en vosotros, a todos los hombres!”

Juan despertó. No había valle, ni multitud, ni Cordero, ni ángeles, ni trompetas. Sintió que estaba solo. Se preguntó, como pocas veces había hecho antes, qué diría él cuando tuviese la ocasión de encontrarse con Adán y con Eva.

Pero luego su mente se llenó de otras preguntas: “¿qué dirán los demás cuando escuchen mi nombre? ¿Cuántos no sentirán un poco de rabia al recordar todas las injusticias que cometí sobre ellos? ¿O habrá tal vez muchos que, agradecidos, empezarán a aplaudir, porque les ayudé, les serví, les acompañé en un momento difícil de sus vidas?”

Juan se daba cuenta de que ninguno de sus actos era indiferente. Cada ser humano escribe una historia imborrable. Cada opción crea un poco de bien en el mundo, o aumenta el mal que parece dominar en tantos corazones humanos y que hace sufrir a millones de niños hambrientos, pobres, abandonados.

Es fácil señalar a Adán y Eva y ver en ellos, en nuestros primeros padres, el origen del mucho mal que hace llorar al mundo. Es más correcto no condenar una historia que ya ha sido perdonada, para dedicarnos, desde el lugar de cada uno, a construir un mundo un poco mejor.

Juan ha llegado a la moraleja del sueño. Este día irá a trabajar con otro espíritu. Regañará a los hijos con más cariño (casi ni se sentirán regañados). Hará más feliz a la esposa al ayudar en los mil trabajos de la casa. Y en la noche, todos juntos, rezarán. Desde la casa de Juan (hay muchos juanes y juanas en el mundo) un poco de buena levadura está cambiando, sin que lo sepan muchos, la cara triste de un planeta necesitado de esperanza.

Recupera lo que te ha sido robado
Dios es tu aliado, Él te respaldará y peleará por ti si
permaneces junto a Él y le pides ayuda

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En el libro de Jim Cymbala, *Fresh Faith*, una de mis últimas lecturas, me pareció trascendente una reflexión sobre la manera en que el enemigo de Dios opera en contra nuestra y de todo aquello que Dios tiene para nosotros.

A Satanás no le interesa quitarnos nuestro dinero, otras posesiones, diversión, proyectos profesionales, fama, etc. De hecho, le conviene ofrecernos todo esto para atraernos y mantenernos ocupados, alejados de los propósitos eternos de nuestro Creador. Dios es omnipotente, omnipresente y omnisciente. El diablo tiene poder limitado, no puede estar en todos los lugares a la vez ni lo sabe todo, por ejemplo, no puede leer nuestro pensamiento. Él se basa en nuestras reacciones y debilidades para atacarnos y someternos. Su arma favorita es la seducción.

El propósito de Dios es darnos vida, y vida en abundancia; sanarnos; apartarnos del pecado y de la muerte; darnos sus bendiciones; cumplir su proyecto en nosotros; en una palabra: santificarnos. El propósito de Satanás es destruir todo eso, y su meta específica es robar, matar y destruir. Es importante notar que primero “roba”. Pero ¿qué es aquello que nos roba?

El quiere robarnos principalmente lo más valioso de nuestra vida: la fe en Dios. Asimismo, quiere robarnos el gozo, la paz, la salvación; quiere robarnos el futuro de nuestros hijos, el vínculo de nuestro matrimonio, el amor en nuestro corazón, la armonía con nuestros semejantes, nuestro llamado en el Reino de Dios, nuestro ministerio, nuestro crecimiento espiritual y nuestra consagración.

Una vez que lo ha logrado, entramos en un desequilibrio emocional, mental y físico, de modo que la muerte espiritual se apodera de nosotros, obedecemos a la carne y cometemos toda clase de pecados. Entonces, si no nos arrepentimos y nos volvemos a Dios en busca de su rescate, comienza la destrucción final: divorcio, hijos en y malos pasos, enfermedad, enemistad con familiares y amigos, aislamiento, desórdenes mentales y una vida completamente miserable, sin esperanza.

Si tu matrimonio está en crisis, si tus hijos se han vuelto imposibles, si en tu familia hay pleitos y divisiones, si tus emociones, reacciones y acciones están fuera de los límites normales, si sientes que el mundo se ha vuelto contra ti y todo se ha salido de control, detente. Haz una pausa, tómallo en serio y date cuenta de que el enemigo ya te ha robado muchas cosas.

Alguien tiene que poner un alto, y ese (a) eres tú. Pelea la buena batalla de la fe y levántate en oración contra el maligno.

Dios es tu aliado, Él te respaldará y peleará por ti si permaneces junto a Él y le pides ayuda. Ríndete a él, renuncia a tu carne y sigue al Espíritu. Dios te hará recuperar todo lo que Satanás te ha robado y ha empezado a matar. No permitas que destruya ningún área de tu vida. Tu vida le pertenece a quien te creó. Es la fe lo único que Él te pide: “El justo por la fe vivirá” (Romanos 1:17). El enemigo lo sabe, por eso ha intentado matar tu fe.

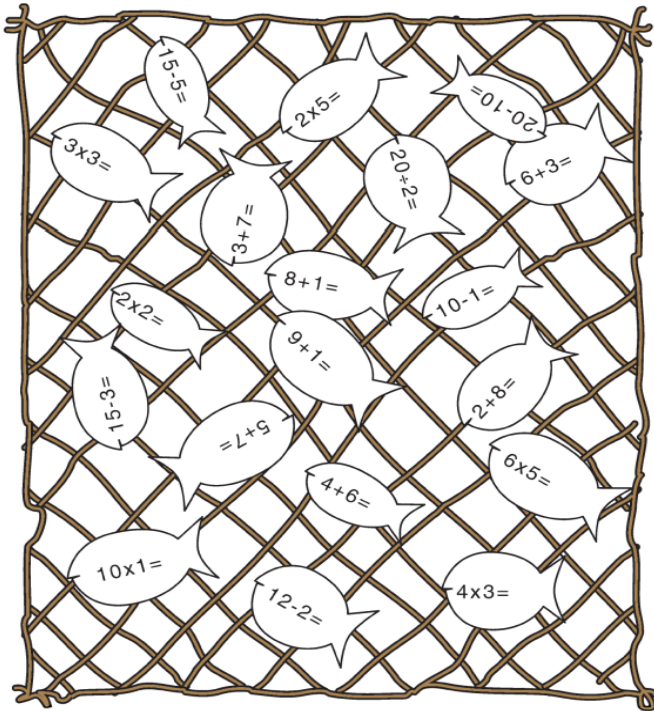
Levántate y lucha con todo tu corazón, de rodillas, Dios te devolverá la paz, el gozo, tu familia, tu matrimonio, tu ministerio, y mucho, mucho más.





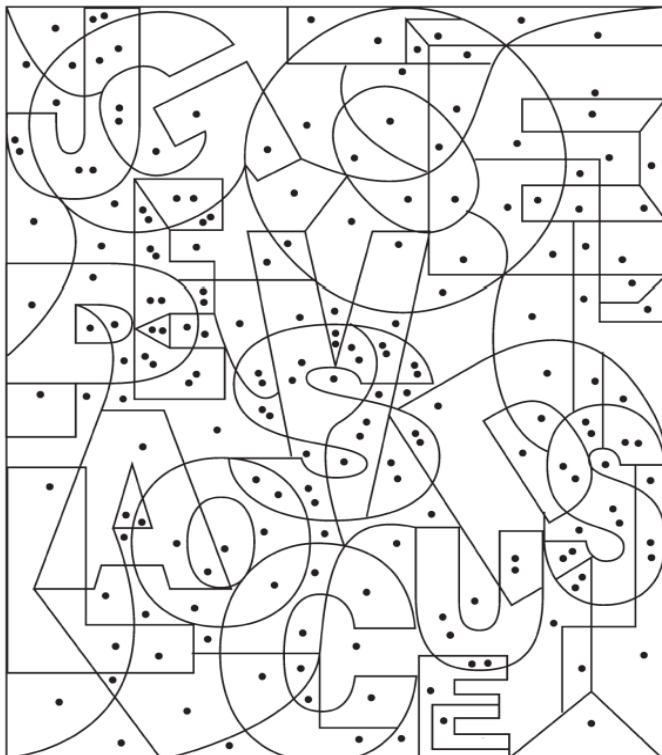
The kingdom of heaven is like a net let down into the lake. It caught all kinds of fish. The fishermen pulled it up on the shore. They collected the good fish in baskets and threw the bad fish away.

Find the fish whose answers match this one $5+5=$. Color them.



The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. A man found it and hid it again. He joyfully sold all he had and bought the field.

Find a hidden treasure here. Color the spaces with a ••.



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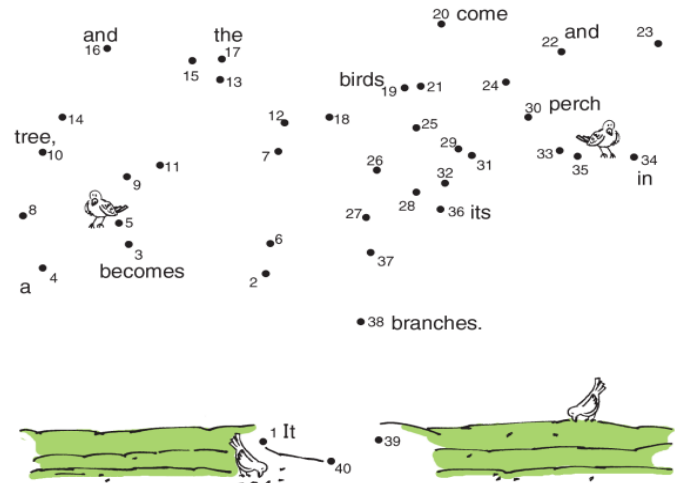
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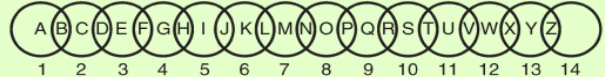
Jesus used parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds, but what happens to it?

Begin at the seed in the ground. Connect the dots and read the words along the way.



Use the code to fill in the blanks in this parable.

Use the code to find some words of Jesus.



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