

FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH

ARE ALL WE HAVE HERE

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Y DOS PESCADOS

18^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



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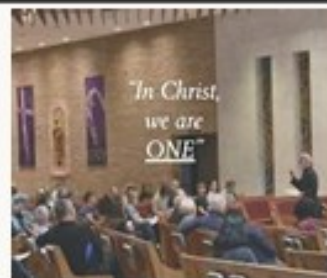
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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./
1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.
Monthly Sensory Mass on the
second Sunday of every month at
the 1:00pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday and 9:00 a.m. on
Saturday

ADORATION: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday
or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a
baptism, please visit our website:
<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

MARRIAGE POLICY: Please contact the Church as soon
as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

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from the Sacristy staff at all services**

A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Taking the loaves, Jesus said the blessing and gave them to the disciples" - Matthew 14:13-21

My dear parishioners,

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand by Jesus appears in all four gospels and is of great significance to the Christian community. Jesus feeds the human family with the word of God and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. All those who "Have no money"... all those who thirst come to the living water of the friendship that Jesus offers to us.

Often we find ourselves in need. It seems that we don't have enough. If we let Him, Jesus can multiply the gifts we give generously to His service. Jesus takes the little we think we have, couples it with God's grace... and suddenly there is more than enough.

We are the people of God. Mindful of the responsibilities of our baptism, we seek to use our resources (talent, time and money) in a holy and proper way. In our sharing at Nativity, we are part of something life giving and meaningful. As a people of faith, we are called to be courageous, prophetic, confident and faithful. We are called to live in a world of possibilities - to think big... and never give up.

In the miracle of the loaves and fishes, Jesus teaches us to "IMAGINE ABUNDANCE". There is always more to be given and received.

I will be going on vacation today for the next week to spend time with family at the beach with my siblings, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Enjoy the summer days of renewal and recreation. It's going to be an exciting new year of parish life that begins in September and God has great plans for us.

"When one lives attached to money, pride or power, it is impossible to be happy." - Pope Francis

Love and Summer Blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

OUR MISSION

We, the People of Nativity Catholic Church, by our baptism, are joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to love God, love others, and form new disciples. We celebrate Jesus Christ in Word, Sacrament and Service.



Monthly Sensory Mass: Next Sunday, August 9th at 1:00 pm

In an effort to embrace and welcome the neurodiverse members of our community, Nativity Catholic Church is hosting a monthly Sensory Mass on the second Sunday of every month at the 1:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend!

A special invitation is extended to any person in need of sensory accommodations. A sensory Mass requires a welcoming stigma-free environment and accommodations to help reduce over-stimulation and sensory overload.

We also invite you to join us after the Sensory Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the cafeteria.

If you would like to learn more about the Monthly Sensory Mass, please email Tracey Hulen, Disability Inclusion Coordinator at thulen@nativityburke.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 20TH!

NOTE: If a session is full, it will automatically show you other available options.

nativityburke.org

To register go our parish website or scan Qr Code



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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.



Book your appointment today!

Visit <https://bit.ly/CN0815>

Call **1.866.256.6372**, use code **6052**

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.



AUGUST 22, 2026

Join us for an afternoon full of joy, music, food and lots of foam-filled fun as we celebrate the start of a new school year together

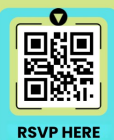
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

10:00 am – 10:30 am Welcome and Music

10:30 am – 11:30 am Foam Party

11:30 am – 12:30 am Picnic (BBQ Provided)

Please come ready to get wet. Bring a towel, lounge chair or picnic blanket and lots of energy! Parents are welcome to join the fun. (Supervision required)



RSVP HERE

[HTTPS://NATIVITYBURKE.ORG/BACK-TO-SCHOOL-PARTY/](https://nativityburke.org/back-to-school-party/)

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The Cursillo community invites you to join us for an Ultreya on Friday, August 7 at 6:30 PM at Nativity in the Fr. Ready Room

'Ultreya' means 'onward'. This is a time designed to share fellowship and prayer as we move onward in our faith journeys. There will be a witness talk and pot luck dinner. All are welcome!

If you've made a Cursillo in the past or are curious about Cursillo, we hope you will join us. For more information, contact Laura Laverdiere at lauralaverdiere@msn.com.

JOIN CUB SCOUTING!!

Pack 1101 invites all boys and girls K through 5th graders to join Cub Scouting. Learn new crafts, skills, and participate in fun activities such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, nature walks and family camp outs. Den meetings are once or twice per month from September to May at Nativity.

For more information, contact Dave Zivich at davezivich@gmail.com.

Sunday Evening Gatherings: 7pm-8:30pm

SEPT 27

OCT. 25

DEC. 6

JAN. 24

FEB. 28

APR. 25

Gatherings are at the same time but in different meeting spaces

PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO ATTEND.



LEARN MORE AT

[HTTPS://NATIVITYBURKE.ORG/DISABILITY-INCLUSION/](https://nativityburke.org/disability-inclusion/)



A faith-sharing ministry for:
young adults (ages 18-39)

that brings together individuals with and without disabilities to build meaningful friendships, encourage one another in faith, foster a true sense of belonging, and reflect Christ's call to inclusion.



Faithful Friends walk together in faith and life. Through shared experiences like attending Mass, participating in church events, and engaging in both spiritual and social gatherings, Faithful Friends builds meaningful, supportive relationships and these friendships deepen our Catholic Faith and create opportunities for spiritual growth and connection.



Caregivers Supporting Loved Ones with Disabilities (of all ages) are invited to join us for a time of *community, encouragement, and spiritual support*. This gathering will include small group conversations, a presentation from a fellow caregiver, and space to connect with

other parish families navigating similar journeys. Caregivers include those caring for family members with disabilities such as sensory processing challenges, ADHD, autism, or intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, etc. We consider caregivers to be any relative who is walking alongside a family member with special needs. Caregivers must register in advance to attend.



Nativity Religious Education Program



**VOLUNTEER
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RECEIVE 50% TUITION
DISCOUNT FOR A
SCHOOL YEAR
COMMITMENT**

Scan the QR-Code
to Sign-up!



**Classes
start Sept.
20th**

FOR THE GRADES BELOW:

Session	Day	Primary Catechist (Grade)	Assistant Catechist (Grade)
1	Sundays 3:45pm-5:00pm	3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
2	Sundays 7:00pm-8:15pm	K, 1, 2, 4, 6	K, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
3	Mondays 4:45pm-6:00pm	K, 1, 4, 6	1, 2, 4, 6
4	Mondays 7:00pm-8:15pm	1	K, OCIC, 4
5	Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:00pm	1, 4	4, 5, 8
6	Tuesdays 7:00pm-8:15pm	N/A	K, 3, 6, 7, 8

We also in need office volunteers for all sessions



All volunteers working with children need to submit Diocesan paperwork for a background check and complete a Virtus training



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MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, August 3

7:30 am Special Intention for Monica Shia
12:00 pm † Frances Michael Quinn

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 am † Donna Jean Daugherty
12:00 pm † Saul Edward Quinn

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 am † Javier O. Cueva
3:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory (*Sunrise*)

Thursday, August 6

7:30 am Special Intention for William Enzo Namata
12:00 pm † Joan C. Kowalski

Friday, August 7

7:30 am † Richard Ferraro

Saturday, August 8

9:00 am † Dennis Lacot
5:00 pm † Dan Herman
7:00 pm Nativity Parishioners

Sunday, August 9

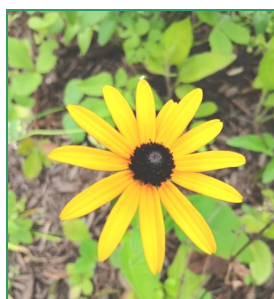
7:00 am † Rosario and Cesar U. Javier Jr.
9:00 am † Rose Mazon
11:00 am † Robert Devito
1:00 pm † Nancy Gogolkiewicz (*Sensory*)
5:30 pm † Bruno Gaspardo

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



A Message from the 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 1 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



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.

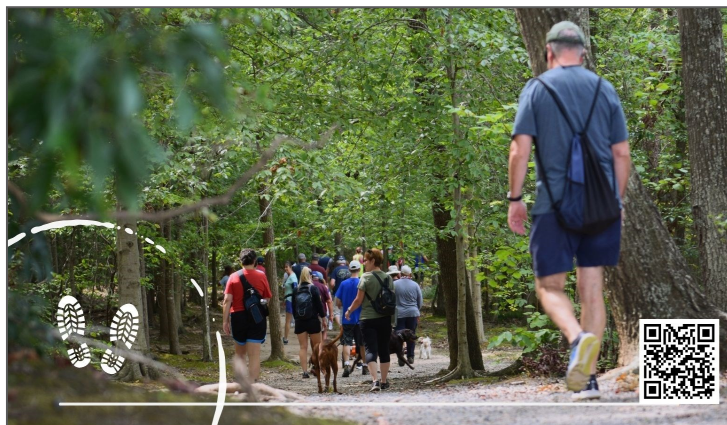
Interested in advertising in the bulletin? Call Mike Jurosky at 717-648-5996 or email: mjurosky@diocesan.com

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.



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

ECHO Collection this 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

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

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



For Rising 8th Graders- Pre-HSPT Testing at JP the Great (Potomac Shores, VA)

Do you have a rising 8th grader who is interested in John Paul? You are invited to a Practice High School Placement Test on Tuesday, August 4th! The official HSPT is a required piece of the John Paul Application. Taking a Pre-HSPT is a great way for students to feel confident and prepared for taking the official HSPT this fall! Use this link to Register:
<https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/8th-grade-test-prep>



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NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY



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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.

farm gleaning



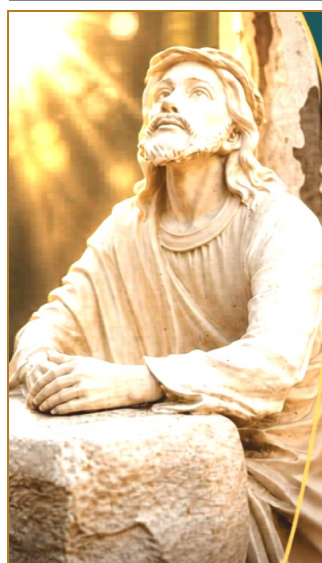
WWW.CBC-MISSIONS.ORG/LOCAL-MISSIONS

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.



Follow Bishop Burbidge on X!

Bishop Burbidge has over 28,800 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him [@BishopBurbidge](https://twitter.com/BishopBurbidge).



YOU ARE INVITED

**Annual Catholic
Mental Health
Day of Prayer**

**"Grounded in Jesus
Truth: Lifestyles for
Mental Health"**

**Nurturing Mind,
Body and Spirit**

With Holy Mass celebrated by
BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE

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
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Labre Community



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Classes begin Wednesday, August 19!

Historic Performance!

The Great History Challenge (GHC) is a fast-paced, game-show-style academic competition designed for middle school students to individually test their knowledge in US History, World History, and Civics at the classroom, regional, and national level. Our Eighth grade students participated in the GHC this school year on all three levels.

After all our middle school students tested in the classrooms here at Nativity, 9 students qualified to go to Regionals held in McLean, where each round is composed of 10 students with 20 questions.

Seven Nativity students emerged from the Regional competition qualified for Nationals. Two of those Nativity students traveled to Columbus, Ohio, over Memorial Day Weekend, to compete at the National level, against 110 other 7th graders from across the country: Gavin Hester and Miguel Melo.



Gavin finished in 24th place, and Miguel finished in the top 15. ***Congratulations, gentlemen, on representing yourselves and your school so very well.***

For details, visit the school website:

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

At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit! Join us to see how your child would spend his or her days here - learning, praying, sharing, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching! Contact us at www.nativityschool.org,



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.

13 August: Knights Night at Fairfax Memorial: Knights and wives are invited to an informative evening focused on advance funeral and cemetery planning. Enjoy a complimentary dinner while getting information needed to give your family peace of mind. Please sign up now so you can reserve your spot and help provide a head count. Linktree SUG: Fairfax Memorial Info Session.

15 August: Nativity Blood Drive from 7:00 am to Noon, Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Parish Hall. Donors will receive a special life-saver T-shirt while supplies last. Light breakfast will be served. Book your appointment at <https://bit.ly/CN0815>. Volunteers needed to assist in this drive, including signing up donors after Masses in August, setting up the night before, and serving breakfast! SUG available on the Linktree. Contact Mark Altobelli, at mark.altobelli@gmail.com.

16 August: Donut Sunday! Please consider serving donuts after each Mass on Sunday or at least stop by to enjoy a donut and a chat with a Knight!

20 August: Our next exemplification for new knights begins at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact our Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Resch at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Vince Augelli at gk7992@nativityburke.org.

22 August: Adopt-a-Highway event; volunteer to collect trash along Old Keane Mill Highway. SUG available on the Linktree!

22 August: Nativity's First Foam and Fun event still needs an event lead and volunteer grill masters to help grill and serve hamburgers and hot dogs. Foam and fun will be provided by Nativity Family and Marriage Ministries and parishioners! SUG available on the Linktree!

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/LiPCRmzfzRnYEU8s5>

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 navy8@yahoo.com.

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY: GRADES 9-12

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

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!

Grace Carroll, Director of Youth Ministry
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Claire Anderson, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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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/>

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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/



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Evangelio del XVIII domingo: Cuando declina el día CICLO A

Comentario del domingo 18.º del Tiempo Ordinario (Ciclo A). “Al desembarcar vio una gran muchedumbre y se llenó de compasión”. Al final de la jornada, cuando estemos cansados, acudamos a Jesús para cuidar de las personas que necesitan de nosotros en esas últimas horas del día.

Comentario

Dice el evangelio de san Mateo que, al oír Jesús que habían apresado a Juan el Bautista, “se alejó de allí en una barca hacia un lugar apartado él solo” (v. 13). Jesús busca un momento de soledad para su oración, como en otras ocasiones. Pero las gentes de los contornos deseaban tanto escuchar su palabra y beneficiarse de sus curaciones que no lo dejaban descansar. Jesús no se enfada ante su importunidad. Al contrario, se conmueve ante la fe sencilla de aquellas gentes y pasa toda la jornada con ellos. Cuando declina el día no quiere dejarlos marchar sin haberles ofrecido antes algo de comer, porque estaban lejos de sus casas y llevaban muchas horas sin tomar nada.

Llama la atención, en primer lugar, su paciencia y compasión. “Ante la multitud que lo seguía y –por decirlo así– ‘no lo dejaba en paz’ –comentaba el Papa Francisco–, Jesús no reacciona con irritación, no dice: ‘Esta gente me molesta’. No, no. Sino que reacciona con un sentimiento de compasión, porque sabe que no lo buscan por curiosidad, sino por necesidad. Pero estemos atentos: compasión –lo que siente Jesús– no es sencillamente sentir piedad; ¡es algo más! Significa com-patir, es decir, identificarse con el sufrimiento de los demás, hasta el punto de cargarlo sobre sí. Así es Jesús: sufre junto con nosotros, sufre con nosotros, sufre por nosotros”[1].

También los discípulos se dan cuenta de lo avanzado de la hora y de la urgencia de esas personas por alimentarse, pero se desentienden de las necesidades de esas gentes y piden a Jesús que los despida “para que vayan a las aldeas a comprarse alimentos” (v. 15). Sin embargo, el Maestro no mira para otro lado ni los abandona a su suerte, sino que reclama a los suyos que ofrezcan todo lo que tengan, aunque sea bien poco, para paliar el hambre de tantos hombres, mujeres y niños. ¡Qué modo tan distinto de reaccionar ante las necesidades de los demás!

Vale la pena observar, como lo hace san Josemaría, que Jesús podía sacar el pan de donde le pareciera..., pero busca la cooperación humana: “Necesita de un niño, de un muchacho, de unos trozos de pan y de unos peces. Le hacemos falta tú y yo, hijo mío: ¡y es Dios! Esto nos urge a ser generosos en nuestra correspondencia. No necesita para nada de ninguno de nosotros, y –al mismo tiempo– nos necesita a todos. ¡Qué maravilla! Lo poco que somos, lo poco que valemos, nuestros pocos talentos nos los pide, no se los podemos escatimar. Los dos peces, el pan: todo”[2].

Los discípulos fueron generosos y le ofrecieron la escasa comida de que disponían. Dice el Evangelio que Jesús “tomó los cinco panes y los dos peces, levantó los ojos al cielo, pronunció la bendición, partió los panes y los dio a los discípulos y los discípulos a la gente” (v. 19). Son expresiones análogas a las que emplean los evangelistas al narrar la institución de la Eucaristía en la última cena: “cuando estaban juntos a la mesa tomó el pan, lo bendijo, lo partió y se lo dio” (Lc 24,30). De este modo, en la magnitud con la que multiplica aquellos pocos panes y peces se prefigura “la sobreabundancia de este único pan de su Eucaristía”[3], como enseña el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.

La generosidad de Jesús que se nos ofrece como alimento en la Hostia santa manifiesta la grandeza de su amor. “Corresponder a tanto amor -invita a considerarlo san Josemaría- exige de nosotros una total entrega, del cuerpo y del alma: oímos a Dios, le hablamos, lo vemos, lo gustamos. Y cuando las palabras no son suficientes, cantamos, animando a nuestra lengua –Pange, lingua!– a que proclame, en presencia de toda la humanidad, las grandezas del Señor”[4].



There is more to this story!

Use this code to finish the story.

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As evening approached, the disciples came to Him and said, "Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

Finish each word in the puzzle with the letter groups from this list.
Use each once.

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"We have here only five loa____ of ____ad
and two fish," they ____ered.

"Br____ them here to Me," He said.

And He dire____ the ____ple to sit down
on the ____ss. ____ing the five loaves and
the two fish and loo____ up to hea____,
He gave ____nks and ____ke the ____ves.
Then He gave them to the disc____, and
the ____iples gave them to the peo____.



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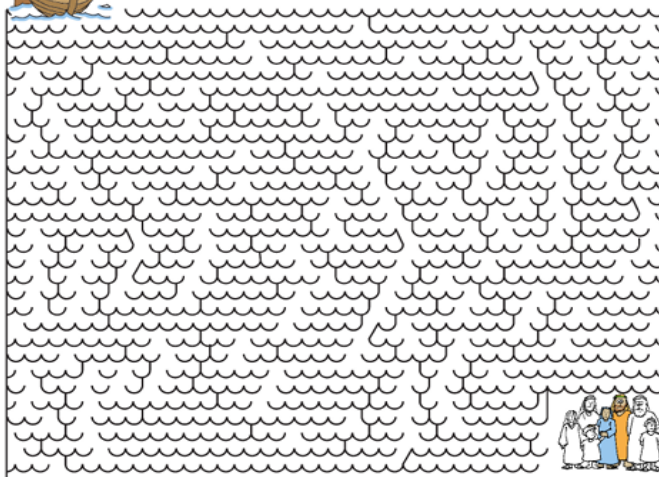
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Jesus Feeds 5,000 People

Jesus went by boat to a place where He could be alone.
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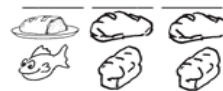
Take the boat across the lake to the crowd.



Use the graph to find out what happened with the hungry crowd.



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