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**MINISTERS OF OUR SCHOOL:**

Maria Kelly, Principal  
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Mary Helen Chapman, School Secretary

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EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

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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  
8:50 a.m. School Mass on Friday  
during the school year, please  
check the schedule  
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  
Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this  
deadline can change due to holiday office closings.  
You may email submissions to  
[bulletin@nativityburke.org](mailto:bulletin@nativityburke.org).

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**TODA  
CLASE**  
DE AVARICIA

### A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



My dear parishioners,

Today Jesus teaches us about a man who had a rich harvest. He could not fit all the grain in his barns. Instead of sharing his harvest, he built bigger barns to store up his wealth. He suddenly died and took none of it with him. Jesus instructs us to build up heavenly treasure by living lives of loving service and sharing.

Love and summer blessings,

*Bob Cilinski*

Msgr. Bob Cilinski  
Pastor



## 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.



## DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIVES

**Saturday - August 9**

**FROM 7:00 am TO 12:00 pm**

**FR. READY ROOM**

**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](https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35170)**

**SIGN UP AFTER MASS IN THE NARTHEX  
ON AUGUST 3-4**

### Monthly Sensory Mass | Next Sunday - August 10 At 1:00 pm - Nativity Catholic Church

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 overstimulation and sensory overload. The Mass will include softer music, dimmer lighting, pictorial resources, and self-regulation tools for those with special needs. Families are encouraged to bring any regulation tool (noise reduction items, quiet fidgets, flexible seating items, weighted objects, etc.) that can support focused attention and provide comfort to a person so they can feel safe in their environment and they can better participate in the Holy Mass.



**Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of the Assumption, Evening Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm

**Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass Times are as follows** - 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm (Bilingual)





# You're Invited!

## Adult Volunteer Ministers Appreciation Mass & Reception

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**  
Nativity Catholic Church | 7:00 pm

Msgr. Bob Cilinski, the Priests, Deacon, Sisters, and staff invite all parish volunteers to join us for Mass at 7:00 pm and a reception to follow in the Father Martin Center.

This year's recipients of the Lumen Gentium Award for outstanding ministry and service are: Manuel Ponciano, Charles & Ann Rimkus, and Michael & Mary Schmidtman.



**Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 20**  
by scanning the QR Code or registering online:  
[www.nativityburke.org/volunteer-appreciation/](http://www.nativityburke.org/volunteer-appreciation/)



### NEW NOON MASS ON MONDAYS

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



Marriage Enrichment Ministry

## BACKYARD BARBECUE

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-10 PM

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun at Tony & Karen's home!

Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share.

RSVP BY EMAIL TO ANNA LISA  
[MARRIAGE@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG](mailto:MARRIAGE@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG)

### Diocese's Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics: Saturday, August 9 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Hurting after divorce? Want to enter into fellowship with Catholics in similar situations and to grow more deeply in your relationship with Jesus?

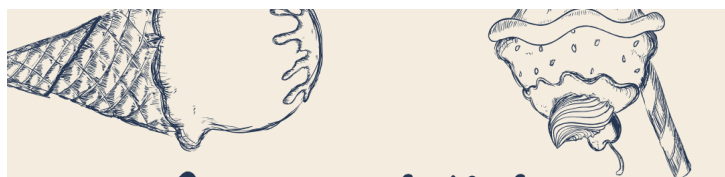
Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce for a morning retreat. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Father Tom Ferguson, Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The retreats are free but please register at: Arlington Diocese/Mornings of Mercy.

**Additional information can be found at**  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy/>  
(Brought to you by Nativity's Journey of Hope ministry for separated and divorced Catholics).

### 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](mailto:rickloffredo@outlook.com) to join is!





# Ice Cream at Peterson's

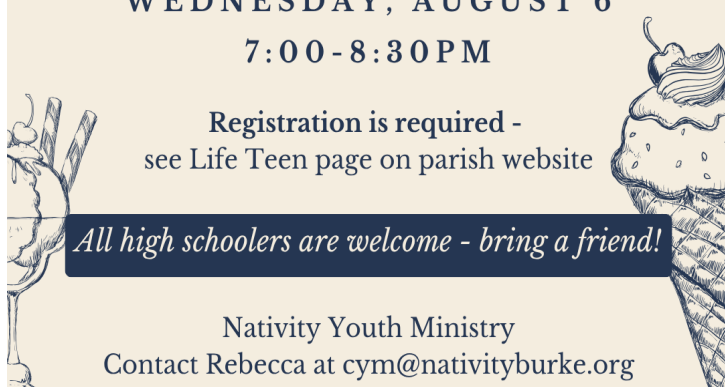
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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Registration is required -  
see Life Teen page on parish website

*All high schoolers are welcome - bring a friend!*

Nativity Youth Ministry  
Contact Rebecca at [cym@nativityburke.org](mailto:cym@nativityburke.org)



**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](mailto:rgodwin@nativityschool.org), or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146. Thank you!

**Virginia Tech Alumni Mass and Social  
Sunday, August 17th @ 5:30 pm**

Calling all Hokies! On Sunday August 17th, the Virginia Tech Catholic Campus Ministry will be hosting an alumni social at Nativity. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 pm celebrated by Fr. Jordan Evans, a proud Virginia Tech alumnus. Following the Mass, there will be a light reception with food and drinks in the Nativity School Cafeteria and an opportunity to receive Fr. Jordan's first priestly blessing.

The event is open to all Virginia Tech alumni, or current students, and their families in the Northern Virginia area, so please spread the word! Please RSVP using the QR code on the left by Friday, August 15th so we can make the appropriate accommodations. Fr. Jordan hopes to see you there - Go Hokies!!



**MASS INTENTIONS &  
MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**Monday, August 4**

7:30 am † Rita Spaulding Quinn

**Tuesday, August 5**

7:30 am † Douglas Smith  
12:00 pm † Javier O. Cueva Guzman

**Wednesday, August 6**

7:30 am † Joan Kowalski  
3:00 pm † Marc Angelo Sanidad (Sunrise)

**Thursday, August 7**

7:30 am † Thomas Francis Kady  
12:00 pm † Eileen Soldano

**Friday, August 8**

7:30 am † Randy Degenhart

**Saturday, August 9**

9:00 am † Joan Pistolesi  
5:00 pm † Angela Machado  
7:00 pm † Roberto Vasquez & Isabel Escorcía

**Sunday, August 10**

7:00 am † Jairo Gustavo Vargas  
9:00 am † Tito Morales  
11:00 am † Marc Angelo Sanidad  
1:00 pm † Marc Angelo Sanidad (Sensory Mass)  
5:30 pm † Simon Peter & Helen Hillebrandt

**In prayer, let us remember  
the sick and deceased of the parish  
visit [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org) for the Priest Mass Schedule**

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 (August 5th meeting has been cancelled) will be September 2nd. For more information, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at [brzivich@aim.com](mailto:brzivich@aim.com).**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - FALL 2025**

*Nativity Women's Bible study will begin our program year with a Meet and Greet on Friday, September 5th at 10:00 AM in the Father Ready room.*

Our first study, "The Bible and the Church Fathers" (published by the St. Paul Center), will meet Fridays, September 12th - December 12th at 10:00 AM in the Father Ready room.

Future sessions will include the Gospel of John and an apologetics study, "The Mystery of God" (note - January and February sessions will occur via Zoom). All Nativity women are welcome to join us for prayer, study, and fellowship!

Online registration via the Nativity website will close August 18th (or when at capacity). Questions? Contact Camille Pryor at [wbs@nativityburke.org](mailto:wbs@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](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819.



#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).

#### Volunteer Childcare Coordinator Needed

Terms: Volunteer position with \$500 quarterly stipend for their ongoing oversight of the Childcare Ministry. Can also work as a childcare provider and receive the usual \$15/hour rate for any events they work. Approximately 20 hours per month.

*Location: Nativity Catholic Church*

*Experience: Previous experience working with children preferred*

*Education: High School degree or equivalent experience*

Childcare Ministry is for children ages 1-12 and is offered for events where the parents remain in the building. The Coordinator is someone who loves the Catholic faith and is eager to serve the community at the parish by providing childcare.

The Coordinator will collaborate with the Director of Family Ministry and the Coordinator of Marriage Enrichment Ministry to create a safe environment for the children.

To apply, email Alison Fram at [afram@nativityburke.org](mailto:afram@nativityburke.org) with a cover letter expressing your interest.

For more information about duties and responsibilities please visit: <https://nativityburke.org/volunteer-childcare-coordinator/>

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

#### Retreat for Person's Facing Serious Illness Hosted by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington October 3 - 5, San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post

##### Seeking Rest and Renewal?

Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for person's facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence.

For questions or to register, email [retreat@ccda.net](mailto:retreat@ccda.net), and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call (703) 841-3830. Space is limited.

## ECHO Collection THIS weekend, 2/3 August Food Room Most Needed Items

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. At Nativity, we collected 738lbs on the weekend of July 5/6 .

- Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four.
- Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items.
- We are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below.

**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 Bag rice, Protein Items (can chicken, Spam, sardines, salmon, tuna, chili) Canned Fruit (100% juice), Peanut Butter, Cereal/ Oatmeal (Low sugar), Instant (Box) Potatoes, Box Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste & sauce, Can Milk, Shelf Stable Milk and Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts), Baked Beans, Instant Coffee, Tea (green, herbal, black), Pancake Mix & Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-Salt Spices (cinnamon, cumin, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder), Masa (Corn) Flour, Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice Honey and Jelly, Tortillas (corn and flour), Condiments (Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard), Macaroni & Cheese, Muffin Mix, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissues, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Soap.*

## Peace in the Storm Chronic Pain and Illness Support Group

**Thursday, August 14, 2025 - 12:45 -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:



**Revival:** A Grieving Mother's Retreat: Revival is a retreat on August 15th-17th for all grieving mothers of child loss, from pregnancy loss through adulthood. Move beyond shallow survival into the healing Our Lord desires for us all. Connect with other mothers who also carry an extraordinary cross. Led by a team of grieving mothers from Red Bird Ministries.

To learn more, click here: <https://www.redbird.love/revival-shrine>.

**Project Rachel - Help after Abortion:** A safe, confidential place to share your emotions and work toward healing. [helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org), 703.841.2504. Virtual Drop-In Zoom Sessions on August 14th and September 11th to explore resources and recovery options in a safe and non-judgmental space. Day of Prayer and Healing on September 27th: Private and peaceful group healing events in English and Spanish. Hear from others who have found healing. You are not alone.

**Gabriel Project - Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers:** Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer "Angel" support. [helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org). 866.444.3553.

**Tepeyac Pro-Life OB/GYN - Faith-based Pro-life OB/GYN:** restoring the human person with modern medicine and healing of Christ. [tepeyacobgyn.com/](http://tepeyacobgyn.com/), 703.273.9440.

**The National Catholic Bioethics Center:** Provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church. <https://www.ncbcenter.org>

**Students for Life** – Saving babies' lives and student-mothers from regret. "Chemical Abortion Pills already make up 60% of all abortions. The Abortion Lobby never stops thinking of ways to get more "customers" for their bloody business...

Their latest scheme? Installing Plan B vending machines on 40 campuses. But what many students don't know – mainly because Planned Parenthood suppresses this info – is that Chemical Abortion Pills are reversible!

There's a window of opportunity to save both the preborn baby from death, and the mother from a lifetime of regret, if they take a special pill that counteracts the Chemical Abortion Pill. But they won't know about this possibility unless we tell them! That's why Students for Life has created Emergency Response Chemical Abortion Campus Toolkits to fight back and save babies! Our toolkits are dedicated to helping and supporting pro-life student leaders in their efforts to combat Chemical Abortion Pills on their campuses and in their communities!

Our kits include:

- Flyers on Chemical Abortion Pill Reversal, Real Chemical Abortion Stories,
- Environmental Impact, and Standing With You Initiative
- Chemical Abortion Docuseries Screening Guide
- Free Ultrasound Coupons (to advertise local Pregnancy Resource Centers)

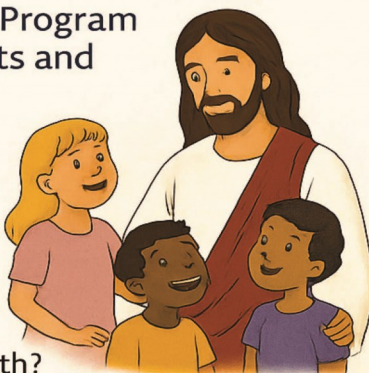
Students for Life want to make these toolkits available to all 1,575+ of our campus groups nationwide as back-to-school preparations are underway." Donate at <https://studentsforlife.org/> [Above text was excerpted from the 7/29/2025 Students for Life email, your cart is waiting for you...]



## ★ Share Your Faith — Become a Catechist! ★

Nativity Religious Education Program is seeking volunteer catechists and assistants for the 2025-2026 school year.

Do you love your faith? Do you enjoy working with children? Would you like to make a lasting impact by helping the next generation come to know Jesus Christ and grow in the Catholic faith?



**We need YOU!** Whether you're a parent, grandparent, young adult, or retiree, if you feel called to serve, we'll provide the training and resources you need.

### ★ As a Catechist or Assistant, You Will:

- Share the love of Christ and the richness of the Catholic faith
- Inspire children through prayer, scripture, and joyful witness
- Grow spiritually and deepen your own faith journey
- Become part of a supportive, faith-filled team

**No experience needed — just a heart for service.**

All materials, training, and guidance are provided. Safe Environment training (VIRTUS) required and facilitated through the parish.

### 📅 Interested in learning more?

Contact the Religious Education Office at

### ★ TO SIGN UP:

Visit our page at:  
[nativityburke.org/re](http://nativityburke.org/re) or  
scan QR-Code ★

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.

**Did you  
sign up  
yet?**

### SESSION SCHEDULE

**Session 1:**  
Sundays 3:45pm-5pm

**Session 2:**  
Sundays 7:00pm-8:15pm

**Session 3:**  
Mondays 4:45pm-6:00pm

**Session 4:**  
Mondays 7:00pm-8:15pm

**Session 5:**  
Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:00pm

**Session 6:**  
Tuesdays 7:00pm-8:15pm

**SPRED Program-**  
2 Saturdays a month



**FREE ULTRASOUND EXAM COUPON***Pregnant (or think you might be) and considering abortion?*

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ABC Women's Health  
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Visit us at [abcwomenshealth.com](http://abcwomenshealth.com) Se habla español.

This coupon valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.

***Please join us...***

for the

***10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass Honoring  
Military and First Responders***Sunday, September 14, 2025, 11:00 AM  
St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030Main Celebrant & Homilist:  
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington**REGISTER TODAY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!**

A MIGHTY IS HER CALL RETREAT

**HER CALL IS SACRED****SEPTEMBER 27, 2025****9:15AM - 4:15PM****FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA***Nursing babies are welcome.***WWW.MIGHTYISHERCALL.COM*****The Diocese of Arlington invites you to take part in a powerful witness of our faith from November 9 through 16 for the first Diocesan Week of Service, a time dedicated to putting Love in Action through Service in Community.***

Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, our parishes and ministries are joining together to bring Christ to our neighbors by serving individuals and families who are most in need—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. From feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, to comforting the sorrowful and praying for the living and the dead, this week calls each of us to live our faith in concrete and compassionate ways. Want to get involved? Visit:

**<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/serviceweek>**

Join us in being the hands and heart of Christ to others.

Let's serve with purpose, pray with hope, and grow together in the love of God.

**HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL**  
of Bethlehem Foundation**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of all of us at Holy Family Hospital Foundation, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the time, care, and energy you dedicated to our Advent efforts in 2024 at Nativity Catholic Church.

Your thoughtful contributions helped bring life, hope, and peace to the families of Bethlehem during a sacred season and time of crisis—and we are truly grateful.

As we begin preparations for Advent 2025, we would be honored to have your support again this year. Your leadership and spirit of service made such a difference, and we hope we can count on you to join us once more.

With gratitude,  
Grace Lindstrom**Knights of Columbus - Financial Seminar & Social  
Insurance & Investments aligned with your faith!  
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Nativity School Cafeteria**

An excellent opportunity for young &amp; old to learn and discuss financial planning! Personal Advisor? Long-Term Care? Where are your important records?

For additional information, visit the online bulletin or email [dgk7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:dgk7992@nativityburke.org). Please scan the QR code to register ahead of time!**NEED TO TALK?**Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC visits Nativity to counsel clients in-person on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm. She is available to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling. To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or [mmturner@ccda.net](mailto:mmturner@ccda.net).



# OCIA

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

*Adults*



**SEP | 16<sup>th</sup> | 2025**

**OCIA – (formerly RCIA) THE ORDER OF  
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WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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+ email Linda Loffredo at [lindaloffredo@gmail.com](mailto:lindaloffredo@gmail.com) or  
+ visit our website <https://nativityburke.org/rcia/>  
+ for more information and online registration



## NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

[nativityschool.org](http://nativityschool.org)



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](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).

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## Nativity Students Serving Our Community

Students engage in many different service efforts during their Nativity Catholic School education -- perhaps none with as much direct feedback as their work as part of the Christ House Evening Meal volunteer program, located in Alexandria, Virginia.

Each school year, a Nativity staff member shepherds a handful of eighth graders through the monthly preparation and service of a full meal for 100+ guests -- those residents in our area who need a nutritious meal.

Students freshly prepare and pack 'pick-up' bags, each filled with a tuna sub, a cup of hot soup, a cookie, a piece of fruit, and a water bottle. Once the meals are packed up in brown paper bags -- about 100! -- the students hand them out between 5 and 5:30 p.m., at the side door. It's a great operation, very successful, and one that both the students and their teachers enjoy!



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**Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment!**  
Nativity Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education accessible to those who desire it, and offers financial assistance to make their dream come true.

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.



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>. Your dues will be free for one year: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY when you register.

Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at [dgk7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:dgk7992@nativityburke.org) or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at [gk7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:gk7992@nativityburke.org) with any questions.

**Council Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. 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. Note that the August 5 meeting will be held outside wooden benches next to the upper shed due to temporary cafeteria and school closure for cleaning.

### Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:

**Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events.**  
[https://linktr.ee/fr\\_sikora\\_council\\_7992](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992)

**Blood Drive:** Saturday Aug 9 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the Fr. Ready room, 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 signup online at: [https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/35170](https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35170). 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.

**Delta Drive:** Aug 9-10 after each Mass in the Narthex. Come serve the parish community and recruit new members to the Knights! We need volunteers to man the recruiting table. See SUG on LinkTree.

**Financial Readiness Seminar:** Tuesday, Aug 19, 7-9 PM in the cafeteria. All are invited to better understand the benefits available to Catholics through the Knights of Columbus. This event is open to all parishioners! See SUG on LinkTree or contact Deputy Grand Knight Vince Augelli at [dgk7992@nativityburke.org](mailto:dgk7992@nativityburke.org) for more information.

**Food for Others:** Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings.

For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at [sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net](mailto:sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net). Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at [mstock\\_w@yahoo.com](mailto:mstock_w@yahoo.com). Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella [robert.colella.86@gmail.com](mailto:robert.colella.86@gmail.com).

**Nativity Ushers assist at collections:** Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree for a database of potential helpers!

**Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies:** We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Murray Rupert at [fn2996@vakofc.org](mailto:fn2996@vakofc.org).



# Online Series!

**BENEDICTINE BYTES  
PRESENTS:**

## PROLOGUE IN A NUTSHELL

The Prologue is the beginning of the Rule of Saint Benedict

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
Beginning September 3, 2025  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

*"Listen, My Daughter, to One Who Loves You"*

Contact Sister Kathy Persson, OSB  
Saint Benedict Monastery  
9535 Linton Hall Road  
Bristow, VA 20136  
[vocations@osbva.org](mailto:vocations@osbva.org)  
571.428.2511

*"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**



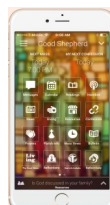
The Cursillo Weekend is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin – your faith journey with the love and support of the Catholic community.

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](mailto:lauralaverdiere@msn.com).

**CONNECT WITH NATIVITY BY  
DOWNLOADING THE FREE  
myParish APP**



Nativity Parishioners can keep up to date with church events and notifications but you can also have access to prayers, readings, and reflections on your phone at all times.

This first-of-its-kind app for iOS and Android devices, myParish helps build stronger Catholic communities and better engage the New Evangelization. You can download it for free and just add Nativity Catholic Church, Burke VA in the search field for our parish. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

**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.**

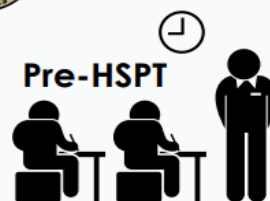
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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR MURRAY  
RUPERT AT [MRUPERT800@AOL.COM](mailto:MRUPERT800@AOL.COM)**

### PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over (35 to 59, ask about our free associate-membership group.)  
Outdoor concert (Aug. 6); square dancing (every Tuesday); walk at Sky Meadows State Park (Aug. 8); Thursday lunches (Aug. 14 & 28); dinner/walk at Huntley Meadows (Aug. 10); brunch (Aug. 17); talk by Dawn Beutner, Editor for Saints at Magnificat magazine (Aug. 21); serving meal at Christ House (Aug. 23); movie/dinner (Aug. 24); picnic (Aug. 31).  
For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).



**ST. PAUL VI**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



**What:** Practice version of the High School Placement Test (HSPT)

**Who:** Students entering 8th grade in the 2025–2026 school year

**When:** Monday, July 28, 2025 from 9 a.m. - noon  
Monday, August 11, 2025 from 9 a.m. - noon

**Where:** St. Paul VI Catholic High School  
42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152

**Register:** [www.paulvi.net/admissions/application-process](http://www.paulvi.net/admissions/application-process)

**Contact:** [admissions@paulvi.net](mailto:admissions@paulvi.net)



**Optional Parent Info Session on Test Dates:** 11:30 a.m. in the PVI theatre, which will include details about Paul VI and the admissions process.

**We look forward to welcoming you to campus!**

# Golfing with Wolves

**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT at  
POTOMAC SHORES GOLF COURSE**

**Thursday September 18, 2025  
SHOT GUN START 10:30 AM**

## SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Invites you to a fun day of golf, friends, and food at the only publicly accessible  
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## Nativity Catholic Church



## EMAIL & TEXT SCAM ALERT

Nativity parishioners, please be aware of email scammers posing as Nativity priests. If you receive an email from any Nativity clergy urgently asking you for favors, money, gift cards or if you have a "moment", this is a scam. Please ignore and block the sender.

If you have any questions, please contact the  
Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400

### "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](http://WWME.org).

### Are you registered in the Parish?

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



# PILGRIMAGE HOPE of

Masses offered for those who are suffering.  
All are welcome to join in prayer for those in need.

**Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls**  
46639 Algonkian Pkwy, Potomac Falls, VA  
Saturday, August 16 | 8:30am

**The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More**  
Arlington, VA

**St. Paul Mission, Hague**  
Hague, VA

**Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria**  
Alexandria, VA

**St. John Bosco, Woodstock**  
Mon. August 25 | 6:00pm

**Corpus Christi, Aldie**  
Sat. September 27 | 8:30am

**St. John Evangelist, Warrenton**  
Sat. October 18 | 8:30am

**St. Patrick, Fredericksburg**  
Tues. October 28 | 9:00am

Reception to follow/fellowship and  
refreshments following Mass

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:15*

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be.

Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

## NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY



*No Hands But Yours* is an original Nativity Ministry doing God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. We work distributing food, clothing, and personal items to the poor and homeless in DC and northern VA every Sunday morning, rain or shine.

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](mailto:john.albert.rubino@gmail.com).

## 2Minutes2Virtue

2Minutes2Virtue is for Catholics who want to get the most out of Sunday readings. Every week, a featured priest from the Catholic Diocese of Arlington will give his take on the Sunday Gospel reading, and use it as inspiration behind the week's challenge. Look out for your own parish priest, and experience the wisdom of so many priests in our own diocese.

**You can sign up by texting "2m2v" to 84576, and receive the weekly challenge straight to your mobile phone!**

# PRAISE & WORSHIP

for Healing & Conversion in Families

**Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month**

**7:30pm | St. Leo the Great Church**

3700 Blenheim Blvd., Fairfax, VA (Formerly Old Lee Hwy.)



Watch the livestream:  
[arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion](https://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life  
703.641.2500 | [family@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:family@arlingtondiocese.org) | [arlingtonfamily.org](https://arlingtonfamily.org)



**August 12**  
Homilist:  
**Fr. Michael Nugent**  
Parochial Vicar, St. Ambrose



**September 9**  
Homilist:  
**Fr. Philip Briggs**  
Parochial Vicar, St. Philip



**October 14**  
Homilist:  
**Fr. Ed Bresnahan**  
Pastor, St. Leo the Great



**November - No Holy Hour**  
**December 9**  
Homilist:  
**Fr. Nicholas Barnes**  
Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Catholic Diocese of Arlington  
**2025 Mental Health Day of Prayer**

*I Am With You Always*  
Healing From Trauma and Loneliness

CEUs | Confession | Lunch | Small Group Sharing

**Saturday, August 23rd**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

9:15am - 2:15pm

Holy Mass with

**Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge**

*Bishop of Arlington | Celebrant & Homilist*

Keynote Luncheon Speaker

**Dr. Maura McFadden**

*Clinical Psychologist*

This event is **FREE**  
but please register at:  
[arlingtondiocese.org/  
mentalhealthdoph](https://arlingtondiocese.org/mentalhealthdoph)



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# Retreat For Persons Facing Serious Illness

"God is with you. Be strong.  
Do not be afraid." Joshua 1:9

Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a steady source of comfort, strength, and renewal. You, and your caregiver, are invited to a peaceful weekend retreat filled with compassionate care, spiritual support, and gentle rest.

Through prayer, inspiring talks, group discussions, and quiet reflection, you'll encounter God's healing presence. A team of priests, medical professionals, and caring volunteers will accompany you, offering both spiritual and emotional support.

Diocesan priests will provide one-on-one spiritual direction, and therapeutic support will be available in a respectful, nurturing environment. Whether you seek peace, hope, or simply a place to rest in God's love — you are welcome here.

**October 3 - 5, 2025**

**San Damiano Retreat Center  
White Post, VA**

**NO COST TO PARTICIPATE**

This retreat is appropriate for

- Individuals facing serious illness and their caregiver
- Men and Women



We are unable to accommodate individuals who are dealing with

- Serious Mental Illness
- Impaired Memory

\*No smoking or vaping on premises\*

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Register at [retreat@ccda.net](mailto:retreat@ccda.net)

## CONTACT

[retreat@ccda.net](mailto:retreat@ccda.net)  
[ccda.net](http://ccda.net)  
703-841-3830

VOLUNTEER  
[volunteer.ccda.net](http://volunteer.ccda.net)







# Mary's Shelter

20<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary

Before  
I was  
born,  
the Lord  
called me;  
from my  
mother's  
womb He  
has spoken  
my name.

—Isaiah 49:1



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## **XVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Ciclo C. Vanidad de Vanidades**

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Eclesiastés 1,2;2,21-23;  
Colosenses 3, 1-5.9-11;  
Lucas 12, 13-21

### Vanidad de vanidades

El Evangelio del domingo arroja luz sobre un problema fundamental para el hombre: el del sentido de actuar y trabajar en el mundo, que Qohélet en la primera lectura [Eclesiastés] expresa en términos desconsoladores: «¡Vanidad de vanidades, todo es vanidad! ¿Qué saca el hombre de toda la fatiga con que se afana bajo el sol?».

Uno entre la gente pidió a Jesús que interviniera en un litigio entre él y su hermano por cuestiones de herencia. Como a menudo, cuando presentan a Jesús casos particulares (si pagar o no el tributo al César; si lapidar o no a la mujer adúltera), Él no responde directamente, sino que afronta el problema en la raíz; se sitúa en un plano más elevado, mostrando el error que está en la base de la propia cuestión. Los dos hermanos están equivocados porque su conflicto no deriva de la búsqueda de la justicia y de la equidad, sino de la codicia. Entre ellos ya no existe más que la herencia para repartir. El interés acalla todo sentimiento, deshumaniza.

Para mostrar cuán errónea es esta actitud, Jesús añade, como es su costumbre, una parábola: la del rico necio que cree tener seguridad para muchos años por haber acumulado muchos bienes, y a quien esa misma noche se le pedirán cuentas de su vida.

Jesús concluye la parábola con las palabras: «Así es el que atesora riquezas para sí, y no se enriquece en orden a Dios». Existe también una vía de salida al «todo es vanidad»: enriquecerse ante Dios. En qué consiste esta manera diferente de enriquecerse lo explica Jesús poco después, en el mismo Evangelio de Lucas: «Haceos bolsas que no se deterioran, un tesoro inagotable en los cielos, donde no llega el ladrón ni la polilla; porque donde esté vuestro tesoro, allí estará también vuestro corazón» (Lc 12, 33-34). Hay algo que podemos llevar con nosotros, que nos sigue a todas partes, también después de la muerte: no son los bienes, sino las obras; no lo que hemos tenido, sino lo que hemos hecho. Lo más importante de la vida no es por lo tanto tener bienes, sino hacer el bien. El bien poseído se queda aquí abajo; el bien hecho lo llevamos con nosotros. Perdida toda fe en Dios, hoy con frecuencia muchos se encuentran en las condiciones de Qohélet, que no conocía aún la idea de una vida después de la muerte. La existencia terrena parece en este caso un contrasentido.

Ya no se usa el término «vanidad», que es de sabor religioso, sino el de absurdo. «¡Todo es absurdo!». El teatro del absurdo (Beckett, Ionesco), que floreció en las décadas posteriores a la guerra, era el reflejo de toda una cultura. Los que evitan la tentación de la acumulación de las cosas, como ciertos filósofos y escritores, caen en algo que tal vez es peor: la «náusea» ante las cosas. Las cosas, se lee en la novela La náusea de Sartre, están «de más», son oprimientes. En el arte, vemos las cosas deformadas, objetos que se aflojan, relojes que cuelgan como el salchichón. Se le llama «surrealismo», pero más que una superación, es un rechazo de la realidad. Todo exhala putridéz, descomposición. ¡El abandono de la idea del cielo ciertamente no ha hecho más libre y alegre la vida en la tierra!

El Evangelio del domingo nos sugiere cómo remontar esta peligrosa pendiente. Las criaturas volverán a parecernos bellas y santas el día en que dejemos de querer sólo poseerlas o sólo «consumirlas», y las restituyamos al objetivo para el que nos fueron dadas, que es el de alegrar nuestra vida aquí abajo y facilitarnos alcanzar nuestro destino eterno. Hagamos nuestra una oración de la liturgia: «Enseñanos, Señor, a usar sabiamente los bienes de la tierra, tendiendo siempre a los bienes eternos».

[Traducción del original italiano realizada por Zenit]

***“Estén atentos y cuidense de toda forma de avaricia; porque aun cuando alguien tenga abundancia, su vida no consiste en sus bienes.” LUCAS 12:15***

El mensaje del Evangelio es contrario a la cultura moderna que continuamente trata de convencernos de que nuestra alegría viene de las cosas materiales que poseemos, de que mientras más cosas adquirimos más felices seremos. Jesús nos muestra que nuestra verdadera alegría viene de los dones “invisibles” como el amor, la misericordia y el perdón. La verdadera alegría viene de “vaciar” nuestro ser, de dar más en lugar de siempre recibir. No somos llamados a acumular sino a compartir. La verdadera alegría viene de un estilo de vida agradecido y generoso; de transformarse en más “centrados en Dios” y menos en “nosotros mismos”.

A la luz de tu palabra, Señor, te pedimos en este día nos concedas asimilar la bienaventuranza de la pobreza efectiva y de espíritu, para que no sucumbamos a la idolatría consumista.

Libéranos, Señor, de la sutil seducción del consumismo en boga para que, libres de la tiranía monetaria del tener y gastar, entendamos que nuestra vida no depende del cúmulo de bienes que amontonemos, sino de las riquezas y dones de tu reino.

Queremos, Señor, compartir nuestra pan con los demás, invirtiendo nuestros haberes, tiempo y cariño con los más pobres.

Así seremos ricos ante ti y alcanzaremos el secreto tesoro de la felicidad evangélica: amar a Dios y a los hermanos.

Amén.

# CLASES PARA ADULTOS EN MANASSAS

## Inglés

*Martes y jueves*

5 agosto—11 diciembre

9:30–11:30 a.m. y 7:30–9:30 p.m.

\$150

## Ciudadanía

*Lunes y miércoles*

4 agosto—10 diciembre

7:30–9:30 p.m.

\$150

## Computación Básica 1

*Lunes y miércoles*

25 agosto—10 diciembre

5:30–7 p.m.

\$150

## Computación Básica 2

*Martes y jueves*

26 agosto—11 diciembre

5:30–7 p.m.

\$150

## INSCRIPCIONES

21–24 y 28–31 de julio

10 a.m.–12 p.m. y 6–8 p.m.


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				7	15	4		

Then Jesus told this parable

In each caption, fill in the missing words from the list.  
Then draw lines to match the captions to the pictures.

eat	life	drink	store
crop	rich	goods	plenty
easy	tear	merry	thought
fool	barns	night	prepared



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### The Parable of the Rich Fool

A crowd came to hear Jesus. One man said, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."



Find Jesus, the man and these two other people in the crowd.



- 1 The ground of a \_\_\_\_\_ man produced a good \_\_\_\_\_.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ to himself, "I have no place to \_\_\_\_\_ my crops."
- 2 Then he said, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ down my \_\_\_\_\_ and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my \_\_\_\_\_."
- 3 The man continued: "I'll say to myself, 'You'll have \_\_\_\_\_ of good things for many years. Take life \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_.'"
- 4 But then God said to him, "You \_\_\_\_\_! This \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself?"



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