

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
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You may email submissions to
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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



My dear parishioners,

Our relationship with God is that of a marriage. God has “wedded” Himself to us. It’s a spousal relationship - Christ the bridegroom and the Church His bride. We are all called to share in the great wedding feast of heaven.

Love and summer blessings,

Bob Cilinski

Msgr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

*Be like servants who await their master's return
from a wedding ready to open immediately
when he comes and knocks.*

Lord,
you tell us to
wait for your return.

Help us
do this. Help us
find you in the Eucharist,
help us find you in those we love,
in strangers we meet, in the poor and the needy.
Let us find you in our sleep, in our work and in our play,
watch for you in our laughter and in our tears,
in the deep souls of everyone we meet
every day, in the dusk and
in the dark of
night.

Please
knock, or rather,
come right
in.

Ann Osdieck

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary Nativity Mass Times

Thursday, August 14, 2025

7:30 pm (Vigil Mass)

Friday, August 15, 2025

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm,

7:30 pm (Bilingual)

WWW.NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



Monthly Sensory Mass | 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL



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/



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.

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!!



Marriage Enrichment Ministry

BACKYARD BARBECUE

August 23rd 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

NEW NOON MASS ON MONDAYS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

Tom and Robbie Wilder
Special Intention for
Their 60th Wedding Anniversary



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

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

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

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

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

Nativity Women's Bible study will begin our program year with a Meet & 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.

NATIVITY ROSARY MINISTRY

Hello Nativity!! Hope everyone had a great summer. The Rosary Ministry is always looking for new people to join. I have heard people say they aren't crafty. Well you don't need to be crafty. Can you count to 10? Can you measure string and cut it? Can you dip the ends of the string in nail polish? These are very important jobs that keep our Rosary makers well supplied to make Rosaries. Of course we always need new people to make Rosaries as well. All Supplies are provided by the Ministry. If you are interested in our ministry we meet once a month and alternate Tuesdays and Sundays every other month. We do this with the hopes of getting the people who can't make it to meetings during the workday.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 16th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Father Ready Room. We will have teachers and supplies at all the meetings. We also have bins in the office full of supplies if you can't make it to the meetings. If you have any questions, contact us at rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.



**MASS INTENTIONS &
MASS SCHEDULE**

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

Monday, August 11

7:30 am † Jim and Carol Downes

Tuesday, August 12

7:30 am † Mary Smith

12:00 pm A Special Intention

Wednesday, August 13

7:30 am Special Intention for Fred Arriola

Thursday, August 14

7:30 am † Len Yankosky

12:00 pm Special Intention for 60th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Robbie Wilder

7:30 pm † Anne Sopchak (Vigil Mass)

Friday, August 15 - The Assumption

7:30 am † Julia Plaza

9:00 am † Teresa Lapuz Lalu

12:00 pm † Joseph "Bud" Donald

5:00 pm Parishioners

7:30 pm † Barbara Joan Windland

Saturday, August 16

9:00 am † Michael J. Doyle

5:00 pm Parishioners

7:00 pm † Juana Perez

Sunday, August 17

7:00 am † Deceased Members of the Erskine Family

9:00 am † Kathleen B. Santos

11:00 am † Zeny Alcantara

1:00 pm † Vincent Michael Ross

5:30 pm † Nellie Rawski

**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 with Us!

When: Usually Fridays after Nativity's 7:30am Mass.

Where: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Join Nativity in peacefully praying the Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com to join is!



**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 & 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. Please scan the QR code to register ahead of time!



Religious
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Registration

**NOW
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Session Schedule

Session	Day	Time	Grades
1	Sunday	3:45 - 5:00 pm	K-8
2	Sunday	7:00- 8:15 pm	K-8
3	Monday	4:45 - 6:00 pm	K-8
4	Monday	7:00- 8:15 pm	K-8, RCIC, RCIA
5	Tuesday	4:45 - 6:00 pm	K-8
6	Tuesday	7:00- 8:15 pm	K-8, HS(Confirmation)

Scan QR-Code
to register



Classes start
September 14th!

Get in Touch

703-455-0372 nativity.ccd@nativityschool.org nativityburke.org/re/



LIFE TEEN | GRADES 9-12
NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Slip'n Slide Kickball

Sunday, August 24 | 6:30 - 8:30pm
in the Well (Youth Ministry Room)

Dive into the new school year at our slip'n slide kickball event! Please register for the 2025-2026 year of ministry using our free, online form.



Ancient Order of
HIBERNIANS
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TRIP TO IRELAND

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the oldest and largest Irish American Catholic fraternal organization, is sponsoring a raffle to win a "Trip for Two to Ireland," 7 Days – 6 Nights, roundtrip airfare, B&B, and rental car included. The AOH will be selling a limited number of \$10 raffle tickets after Mass next weekend, August 16 and 17. Also, the "Irish Basket of Cheer" will be given away to one winner at the Nativity sale!



Congratulations to previous winners:
parishioners the Lisi Family
and Brenda Canas.



Proceeds support local AOH Catholic charities and projects including Pro-Life, Catholic Schools, Religious Vocations, and Veterans Programs.



walking with purpose

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—join us!

New Studies Start September! We meet on Wednesday's at 9:30am OR 7pm and look forward to studying God's Word together!

To Learn More and Register go to:
www.nativityburke.org/wwp

www.walkingwithpurpose.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, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call (703) 841-3830. Space is limited.

Share God's love, share young hearts. Volunteer to teach catechism.

We need volunteer catechists For the grades below:

Classes start Sunday, September 14th



Session	Day	Primary Catechist (Grade)	Assistant Catechist (Grade)
1	Sundays 3:45pm-5:00pm	1, 4, 7	3, Office Assistants
2	Sundays 7:00pm-8:15pm	1	1, 4, 6, 8, Office Assistants
3	Mondays 4:45pm-6:00pm	3, 5, 6	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
4	Mondays 7:00pm-8:15pm	K, 1, 2, RCIC	K, 1, 2, RCIC, 3, 4, 5, 7
5	Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:00pm	1, 2, 5	1, 2, 5
6	Tuesdays 7:00pm-8:15pm	K, 5, 8	6
SPRED Program	2 Saturdays a month. More information upon registration	Different areas.	

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

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

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:



Join the Bishops in Nationwide Prayer to Stop Taxpayer Funding of Abortion "Recently, Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for a period of one year. However, Planned Parenthood sued, and a preliminary injunction was granted by the court that requires taxpayer funding to continue. Archbishop Broglio, USCCB president and Bishop Thomas, USCCB Pro-Life Activities chairman are inviting us to pray daily until October 1 invoking the intercession of Saint Joseph, Defender of Life, to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry." <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer>.

Natural Family Planning Awareness:

Bishop Burbidge asked us to "reflect deeply on the hope that springs forth from God's beautiful design for marriage, love, and life.

This year [is] the 57th anniversary of Humanae Vitae, Saint Paul VI's prophetic vision of marital love. Saint Paul VI affirms that authentic love is always open to the gift of life and ordered to the good of spouses. Humanae Vitae remains one of the Church's greatest teaching treasures and is perhaps more relevant today than ever before.

In giving themselves to each other in the covenant of marriage, husbands and wives are called to cooperate with God in his plan for human love and life. Unlike contraception or in vitro fertilization, Natural Family Planning does not separate the procreative aspect of human sexuality from its unitive aspect. Very simply, this means a couple who practices NFP knows that God intends life and love to go together and the couple wants to keep these dimensions always together in their marital relationship. At the same time, NFP promotes open communication between spouses not only in living the truth and meaning of human sexuality but also in making virtuous decisions concerning parenthood, whether this involves welcoming God's gift of a first child or welcoming other children into the family home.

Natural Family Planning also brings hope to couples, especially those who experience infertility. NFP empowers couples to understand their fertility, address underlying health issues, and grow in communication and trust. Many couples have been blessed with children through NFP after being told they were infertile, discovering that attentive care may reveal treatable conditions and new possibilities... Each of us is called to pray and work for a society where love is rightly ordered—where the sanctity of marriage is upheld, where the dignity of every human life is protected, and where families flourish."

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2025/07/18/bishop-michael-f-burbidge-statement-on-national-natural-family-planning-nfp-awareness-week/>

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>

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. 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/, 703.273.9440.

'Come and See' - OCIA (formerly RCIA) the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you missing the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation? We invite you to join Nativity's OCIA/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults journey of faith.

***The Welcome Class is on Monday, September 15th, 2025,
at 7:00 pm with our weekly Monday evening sessions
from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Fr. Ready Room.***

OCIA forms new disciples, as adults prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4th, 2026, with reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Our Monday evening sessions continue weekly until just prior to Pentecost Sunday (May 24, 2026) preparing for life in the Church as intentional disciples. This faith journey deepens one's personal relationship with Jesus by encountering him through passionate teaching, personal witness, table discussion time with opportunities for Q&A, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual events, and a Lenten outreach project.

OCIA is open to those who have not been baptized, Christians baptized in another faith, and baptized Catholics who have not received catechesis for the other Sacraments of Initiation.

For details, contact the Parish Office at (703) 455-2400, speak to Monsignor Bob Cilinski, or e-mail Linda Loffredo at lindaloffredo@gmail.com.

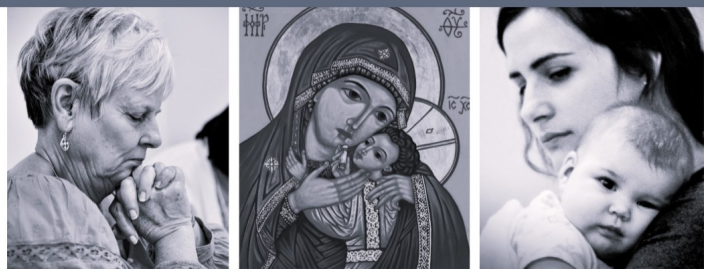
Visit our website at <https://nativityburke.org/rcia/> for more information and online registration.

The Importance of Sunday Mass

As the body will die without food, the soul will expire without nourishment. As Catholics, that spiritual nourishment comes at the Sunday Eucharist.
The Lord's Day is essential for our faith.

REGISTER TODAY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

A MIGHTY IS HER CALL RETREAT HER CALL IS SACRED



SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

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A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

Fairfax County will be the first locality in the Commonwealth to begin construction of a solar array on the grounds of a closed landfill.

The solar array covers 37 acres of closed landfill, converting previously unusable space into a project that benefits all county residents. The energy produced from the project will be credited virtually to other county energy accounts, which will be selected to maximize the cost savings to the county. The project could save the county \$12 million dollars over the 30-year partnership and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 136,000 metric tons over the same period.

In addition to this solar array project at the I-95 Landfill in Lorton, in 2024, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services unveiled a rooftop solar system at the Newington Solid Waste Facility in Lorton, just completed installing another one on the roof at the I-66 Transfer Station and is currently constructing a solar array on the I-95 Landfill Complex administrative building.

To find more information about the county's efforts to generate electricity from renewable energy, visit: OES: Renewable Energy | Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination. County residents can learn more about solar energy and incentives available to them at: Going Solar in Fairfax County | Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination.

In 2019, Nativity installed solar panels and energy efficiency equipment in partnership with Catholic Energies. The 25 year agreement will generate 91,000 kWh of clean solar power, while avoiding usage of a further 251,000 kWh on the school and 77,000 on the Church annually via efficiency measures effectively reducing the Church and Schools carbon footprint by nearly 7,700 metric tons of CO2 over the term of the agreement. Savings to the Church and School over projected utility rates was estimated to be \$200,000 over 25 years. Msgr. Bob celebrated, *"We are doing this as a prophetic witness to the Care of our Common Home, our Earth, as asked by Pope Francis in his encyclical 'Laudato Si' to reduce carbon footprint and shift to clean renewable energy."*



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Nativity First Graders are Cleaning up with Kindness

Mrs. Colella, our first grade teacher, had a brilliant idea! After hearing Nativity student Rebecca Villa-Padilla talk about her Kind Leaders foundation and its ongoing project with Operation Starfish at Mass, she thought it would be a great idea to team up with Kind Leaders for first grade's April service project.



After that March Mass, Rebecca and her mother ran a workshop in the school's Art room, inviting people to help make soap for her foundation. Rebecca's brother, Benjamin, is a first grade student and Mrs. Colella thought it would be an ideal service project for her first grade.

Mrs. Colella approached Rebecca and her mother about the idea of the class helping to raise money for Kind Leaders. Rebecca and her mom had been thinking the same idea. First Grade became the foundation's pilot class.

The first grade spent a full-day making soap with Rebecca and her mom. They mixed colors and fragrances, used test tubes and beakers, and heated soap and poured it into starfish molds. It was a GREAT STEM project!

After developing a slide presentation to show others about the cooperation between Kind Leaders and Operation Starfish, the students took it home over Easter Break to show Easter guests, hopefully collecting donations. Rebecca's goal for Kind Leaders was to raise \$5,000; Mrs. Colella and her first graders helped Rebecca reach that goal by collecting \$1,200.



Kind Leaders was able to donate \$5,000 to Operation Starfish in May with first grade's help. That is enough money to build a house! And that, dear friends, is for another story. Stay Tuned!



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.



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 or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at 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

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 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. Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.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.
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 Murray Rupert at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Robert Myers, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN OF NATIVITY!

The Women of Nativity wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the parishioners who donated so generously to the annual back-to-school supplies collection! Through your generosity we were able to send school supplies to Catholic Charities, ECHO, Lorton Community Action Center, Nativity's Hispanic Outreach Project, the Nativity School as well as Nativity's Appalachia Building Project. Thank you for your generosity!



SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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¿Hacemos lo que queremos? Reflexiones para el cristiano de hoy

No siempre... Parece extraño, pero la voluntad decide una cosa, y al final hacemos otra.

Por: P. Fernando Pascual LC | Fuente: Catholic.net

Tenemos un día o una semana por delante. Pensamos y deseamos hacer muchas cosas. Pasa el tiempo. Constatamos que no hemos realizado muchos proyectos planeados. ¿Por qué? El motivo es sencillo: porque no siempre hacemos lo que queremos. Parece extraño, pero la voluntad "decide" una cosa, y al final hacemos otra...

Así, habíamos planeado ir un día al mercado para comprar más barato, pero al final nos quedamos en casa para terminar un crucigrama. O decidimos levantarnos temprano el domingo para visitar a un familiar enfermo, y no lo hicimos porque nos venció el peso de las mantas.

Gracias a Dios, en otras ocasiones sí llevamos a cabo nuestros proyectos, incluso después de superar dificultades serias. Porque no es imposible que vencamos el cansancio para cumplir una promesa buena a un familiar o amigo.

¿Qué ocurre en unos casos y qué ocurre en otros? Cuando la pereza nos arrulla, cuando la ambición nos absorbe, cuando el miedo nos paraliza, cuando las presiones externas nos atan, es fácil que no hagamos lo que queremos.

Al revés, cuando el amor es fuerte y vivo, cuando la voluntad se forja con renunciaciones concretas y con firmezas sanas, cuando el corazón está decidido a hacer el bien cueste lo que cueste, entonces somos capaces de hacer lo que queremos.

Dicen que el infierno está tapizado de buenas intenciones, de deseos irrealizados, de voluntades débiles. Al revés, el cielo es de los esforzados y valientes (cf. Mt 11,12), de los que optan por la verdad, la justicia, el bien y la belleza.

Ante mis ojos y mi corazón empieza un nuevo día. Será un día hermoso si tengo buenos propósitos y si mi voluntad está firme. Será un día santo si me abro a Dios, si escucho su Palabra, y si dejo que ilumine y sostenga cada uno de mis proyectos y decisiones...



Es justo bendecirte, Padre nuestro del cielo, porque Jesús nos mostró el camino de la felicidad verdadera, el auténtico tesoro que solamente en ti podemos alcanzar. No permitas, Señor, que prefiramos tener cosas a ser personas; pues, más que bienes, necesitamos razones para vivir, amar y compartir con los hermanos lo que tenemos, poco o mucho.

Enséñanos por tu Espíritu la sabiduría de la vida, y ayúdanos, Señor, a elegir alegremente ser pobres con Cristo, sin amontonar bienes percederos que defraudan nuestro corazón.

Así, cuando tú vengas, nos encontrarás con las manos ocupadas en la tarea de amarte a ti y a nuestros hermanos.

Amén.

Oración por el buen uso del tiempo Reflexiones para el cristiano de hoy

Tengo ante mí unos minutos, unas horas, unos días. ¿Qué voy a hacer? La decisión está en mis manos.

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Tengo ante mí unos minutos, unas horas, unos días. ¿Qué voy a hacer? La decisión está en mis manos. Si no hay urgencias inmediatas, si la enfermedad no corta las alas de mi vida, soy plenamente libre para escoger. No quiero, sin embargo, decidir a solas. Sé que hay un Dios que es Padre y me ama. Sé que Cristo me ha enseñado el camino de la vida. Sé que el Espíritu Santo habita en mi alma y me invita a optar por lo mejor. Por eso, Señor, te pido luz para usar bien el tiempo que ahora me concedes. Ayúdame a renunciar a un uso egoísta del mismo. Ayúdame a dejar de lado caprichos, placeres malsanos, deseos de venganza, obsesiones que encadenan.

Permíteme la gracia de arrepentirme de mis pecados y de llegar a una conversión profunda, sincera, completa, decidida, desde la certeza de tu misericordia eterna. Concédeme ver con claridad qué deseas de mí ahora, cómo puedo ayudar mejor a mis hermanos.

Fortalece mi voluntad para que la pereza no me detenga, para que el miedo no me paralice, para que esté dispuesto a arriesgar mi fama si se trata de defender la justicia, de ayudar al pobre, de proteger a la viuda, de corregir al que yerra, de consolar al triste, de transmitir tu Evangelio. Ayúdame a tomar buenas decisiones. La vida pasa, y no puedo desgastarme en lo inútil y en lo dañino. Sólo tiene sentido escoger lo que me lleva a amarte a Ti y a servir a mis hermanos.

Señor, tengo ante mí este tiempo que me concedes. Haz que se convierta en un momento bello para acercarme más a Ti, para conocer mejor mi fe, para dejarme impulsar por la esperanza, para avanzar por el camino maravilloso del amor, del servicio, de la entrega hasta "dar la vida por los hermanos" (1Jn 3,16).

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LUCAS 12:34**

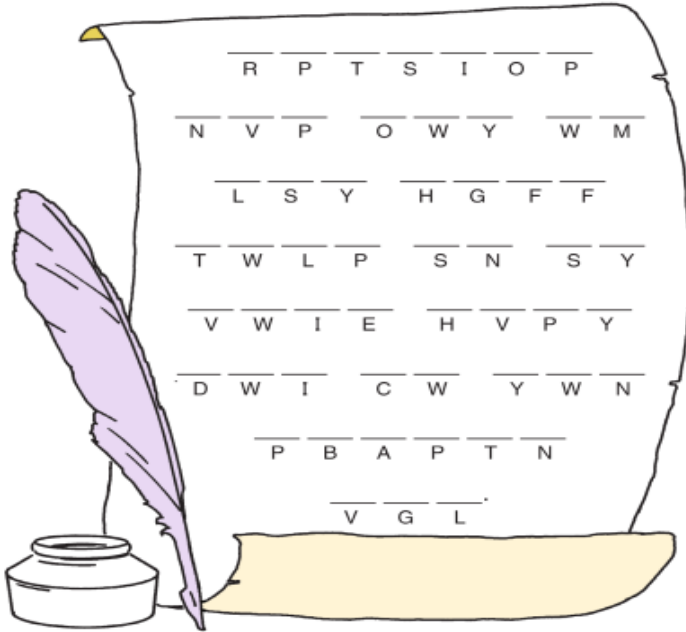
Jesús nos anima a construir nuestros tesoros en el cielo. El mundo nos anima a construir nuestros tesoros en bienes raíces, inversiones y cosas materiales. ¿Cuánto tiempo invierte en construir un tesoro terrenal? ¿Cuánto tiempo invierte en construir su tesoro celestial? Para invertir más en las cosas del cielo, debe dejar ir algunas de las cosas de este mundo.



Why do we need to be ready?

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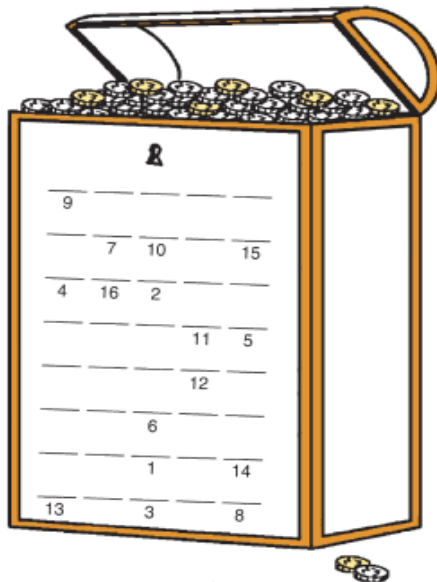
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Jesus said having treasure in heaven was very important. Why?

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Jesus gave instructions on how to prepare for the Master's return.

Use this code to find out what the Lord said.

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