

Let my Soul
GLORY IN THE LORD



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

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

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
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**A Message from our Pastor
Fr. Bob Cilinski**



*“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you”
- 1 Kings 19:4-8*

My dear parishioners,

An image of life that we often use is: *“journey.”* We take many journeys in our lives that are exciting, long, challenging, joyful and hopeful. We must wait for babies to be born, for spring to arrive after a hard winter, for vocations to be made clear. We find ourselves waiting for medical tests, for treatments to take effect, for building permits and completion of new projects, for parish leadership and ministry to continue to flourish, for our favorite sports teams to win championships, and for friendships to deepen. At the close of our lives, we will wait for death, and Jesus, and the new life of heaven.

To be ready for these long journeys, we’re told to *“get up and eat”*, to sustain ourselves for the times when we might be in need of the nourishment of grace and encouragement. That’s why the *“Bread of Angels”*, the *“Bread of Life”* comes to us. It’s the food for the journey. That’s why we have Eucharist.

Love and Summer Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor



Wednesday, August 14th - Feast of the Assumption, Evening Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 15th - 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*)

**Annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal
Catholic Near East Welfare Association**

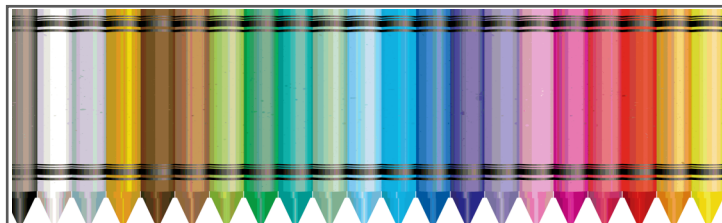
Next weekend, our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is:

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter, and healthcare.

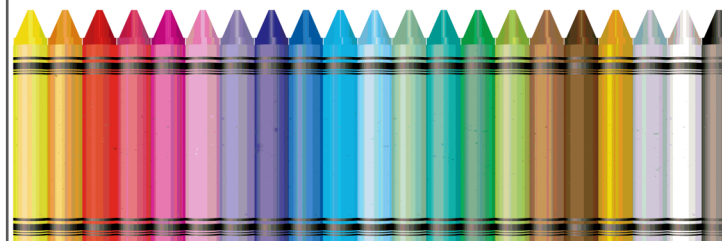
You can support this organization through next week’s 2nd Collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to Nativity and put *“MCP”* in the memo line.

Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please visit <https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/catholic-near-east-welfare-association/> to find out more about their ministry. Please be generous, thank you!



WOMEN OF NATIVITY - THANK YOU

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, and Hispanic Outreach.



Nativity Catholic Church



EMAIL & TEXTING SCAM ALERT

Nativity parishioners, please be aware of email scammers posing as Nativity priests. If you receive an email or text from any Nativity clergy urgently asking you for favors or money, this is a scam. Please ignore and block the sender. If you have any questions, please call the Nativity Parish office: (703) 455-2400

Historically, scammers have posed as Father Bob, now they are posing as our other Nativity priests.

Mass Honoring Military and First Responders

The Ninth Annual Mass Honoring Military and First Responders will be held on Sunday, September 8, at 11:00 am at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax.

The Very Reverend Robert J. Wagner, Dean, and pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church will be the celebrant. All Military, Law Enforcement, and Fire and Rescue personnel are welcome to join us with their families, and are requested to wear their dress uniform for the Mass. A group photo will be taken after the Mass. Following, all are welcome to a luncheon in the school gym.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

In September, Nativity Women's Bible study will begin a comprehensive study of the Old and New Testament with The Bible Timeline: *The Story of Salvation* (Ascension Press)

We will have a Meet and Greet on

Friday, September 6th at 10:00am in the Father Ready room.

Weekly meetings will begin Friday, September 13th at 10:00am in the Fr. Ready room (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 23rd

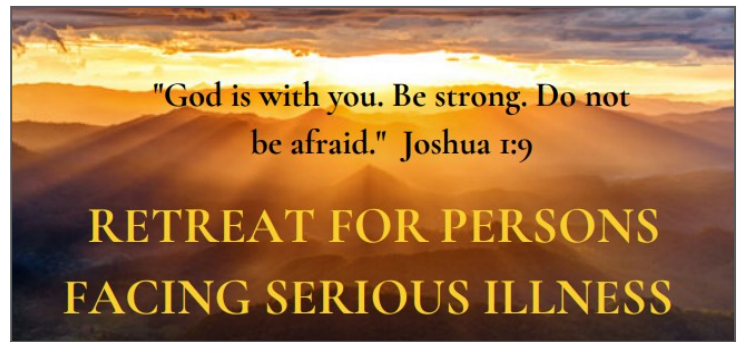
(or when at capacity). Questions? Contact Camille Pryor at wbs@nativityburke.org or for more information visit:

<https://nativityburke.org/bible-study/#womens-bible-study>

MARION HOMES FUNDRAISER

Join Marian Homes, Inc. for a thrilling casino night fundraiser on September 27, 2024, at 7:00pm, at the Country Club of Fairfax. Enjoy a night of high stakes and excitement to benefit the Marian Homes, Inc. capital campaign. Tickets are \$100 until August 1, including playing chips and great food, with additional beverages available at a cash bar. Dress to impress in cocktail attire and dance to a live DJ. Try your luck at blackjack, roulette, craps,

Texas Hold'em, and more. Participate in a raffle for extra winnings. All proceeds support intellectually disabled adults. Purchase tickets here: <https://shorturl.at/vm2XD>. Don't miss out! Contact marketing@marianhomes.org for more info.



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

RETREAT FOR PERSONS FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024
SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER
WHITE POST, VA

This retreat is appropriate for:

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

We are unable to accommodate individuals who are dealing with

- Serious mental illness:
- Impaired memory

SPACE IS LIMITED - NO COST TO PARTICIPATE
Register at retreat@ccda.net



Follow Bishop Burbidge on X!

Bishop Burbidge has over 25,000 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him @BishopBurbidge.

5th 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.

For more information and to register visit:

<https://nativityburke.org/heroes-hike/#register>



Saturday, September 14th



6:30-8:30 PM

Bunnyman Brewing

5583 Guinea Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032



For more information contact
Anna Lisa at 571-208-2821 or
marriage@nativityburke.org

5th Annual Heroes Hike

Join the Marriage Enrichment Ministry and the Creation Care Ministry for a hike around Lake Mercer


SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 10:30 AM


MEET AT THE SOUTH RUN REC CENTER FIELD HOUSE - REGISTER ONLINE AT www.nativityburke.org/heroes-hike/ OR EMAIL marriage@nativityburke.org





Hosted by Nativity School PTO

NATIVITY BASEBALL NIGHT!

 **Cubs at Nationals**

 Aug 31, 2024 4:05 PM EDT
 Nationals Park
 1500 South Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC 20003, US

Sign-up and Purchase your Tickets today!
Special Rate: \$35 per ticket



<https://tinyurl.com/Nativity-Nationals>

For questions: contact JC Ramirez - hoyasjc@yahoo.com or Robert Walters - robertmwalters@gmail.com




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 17 and 18. Also, the "Irish Basket of Cheer" will be given away to one winner at the Nativity sale. Congratulations to last year's winner parishioner Brenda Canas. Proceeds support local AOH Catholic charities and projects including Pro-Life, Catholic Schools, Religious Vocations, and Veterans Programs.

Back to School Special - Sunday, August 18

Don't cook, come to Ledo Pizza in Springfield for dinner. 10% of all checks go to TEACH. Your generosity will feed your family and help students in Guatemala go to school. It's a win-win. Check details at www.teacham.org or call Shari Zamarrá 703-216-5129.

Happy Summer from the Rosary Ministry!!



We hope you are all enjoying your summer. Remember the Rosary making doesn't stop for the summer even though we are not having meetings until September. There are plenty of supplies available in the church office. Feel free to pick some up and even make them with your kids. I have them string 10 beads then I make the knot. It keeps them busy and helps us get more Rosaries into the hands of those who need them.

Last year we made about 4000 rosaries. Even though that's a lot we are way down from a few years ago when we made 12,000. We would love to see our numbers rising this year.

If you are already part of our ministry THANK YOU! If you would like to join see our link under ministries on the parish website. We will be starting meeting in September. Look for the announcement in the bulletin and on Facebook next month.

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NATIVITY USHERS AND OFFERTORY COLLECTORS FOR MASS

Interested in participating more at Mass? Nativity needs additional Ushers and Offertory Collectors, both men and women, at all Masses but especially at the Sunday 1 PM and 5:30 PM Masses.

Ushers assist in seating attendees at Mass, selecting members to bring up the offertory gifts, and helping identify the elderly or handicapped who wish to receive Holy Communion.

Offertory Collectors perform the money collections by passing the baskets row-by-row in a designated section of the church.

Please consider joining our current Ushers or Offertory Collectors. Contact Bill Canavan at wcanavan@cox.net to learn more or to sign up for a training session.

Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 15TH

EARLY BIRD TUITION DISCOUNT UNTIL AUGUST 1ST

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 1ST



SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

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)



For more information and to register please visit our website: nativityburke.org/re or use QR Code

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.

Laundry Love Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed and high School students needing service hours are welcome.

In the spirit of hospitality and through the generosity of parishioners and donors, one Saturday each month, we provide the funds for washing machines and dryers, as well as laundry detergent and dryer sheets for the families at Laundry World in Falls Church. We are in need of volunteers for our Saturday, August 17 event from 8:00am - 10:45am. If you can help, please go to

Sign-up genius to save your slot:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FAFAA23A75-50539033-laundry>

2024 Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

Registration for the 2024 Arlington Life-Giving Wounds retreat is open. We warmly invite anyone who comes from divorced parents to attend this powerful retreat taking place Friday-Sunday, September 13-15, at San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA. Welcome our Lord into this wound, connect with others from this background, and go forward renewed in faith, hope, and love. Cost is \$375 through August 14, or \$425 after August 14.

Registration can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat. Do you know someone who might benefit from this retreat? Please tell them about it. If they have questions, they can call the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at 703-841-2550.



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

Monday, August 12th

7:30 am Special Intention for Johnny Ho

Tuesday, August 13th

7:30 am † Lorenzo Dow Polly
 12:00 pm † Paul and Elizabeth Gallant

Wednesday, August 14th

7:30 am † John Heavy
 7:30 pm Special Intention for Hilda Macejka (*Vigil*)

Thursday, August 15th - Feast of the Assumption

7:30 am Special Intention for Ethan Bresnahan
 9:00 am † Donald and Jenevieve Valentine
 12:00 pm † Federico Elamparo Egbalic
 5:00 pm † Ngocdiep Tran
 7:30 pm † Carlos Rodriquez (*Bilingual*)

Friday, August 16th

7:30 am † James McGarry Sr.

Saturday, August 17th

9:00 am † Connie and Fred Errico
 5:00 pm † Nellie Rawski
 7:00 pm † Julia Plaza

Sunday, August 18th

7:00 am † Susana Basurto
 9:00 am † Dottie Andrews
 11:00 am Parishioners
 1:00 pm † Antoinette Mullen
 5:30 pm † Charlie Dunne

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

Summer Sports & Prayer Nights:

High School Boys Edition

Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm

July 23
 August 13
 August 27
 September 10
 September 24

Stay connected to your friends and your faith this summer! Boys in grades 9-12 (including recently graduated 8th graders) are welcome! Meet in the Narthex of the Church

Contact Ryan Remias: cyosports@nativityburke.org



**Classes
Start Sept.
15th!**

We are in need of:
 Primary Catechist
 Assistant Catechist
 Office Assistants
 SPRED Program volunteers

Dear parishioners,

We need your help to teach our children! Volunteer catechists are urgently needed for various grades and times. Your support in shaping the future of our youth is invaluable. Prayerfully consider to serve our children.

High Schoolers are welcome to volunteer!

All volunteers 18+ must submit Diocesan paperwork and background check before working this children.

Thank you for helping us serve our children!

Session	Day & Time	Grade-Primary Catechist	Grade-Assistant Catechist
1	Sunday 3:45-5:00pm	5	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
2	Sunday 7:00-8:15pm	K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
3	Monday 4:45-6:00pm	1, 2, 3, 6, 8	1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, office assistant
4	Monday 7:00-8:15pm	K, RCIC, 3, 5, 8	2, RCIC, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
5	Tuesday 4:45-6:00pm	1, 2, 4, 8	1, 4, 7, 8 office assistant
6	Tuesday 7:00-8:15pm	K, 4, 5, 6	6, office assistant

SPRED PROGRAM VOLUNTEER– Work with special needs children. Program meets 2 times a month (9am-1pm). More information please email us nativity.ccd@nativityburke.org

QR-code will take you directly to the volunteer page





JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR!

Do you have a 7th-12th grade student interested in joining the Youth Choir? We will start our rehearsals again this September, but registration starts now! We will rehearse every other Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm in the church. See the website or contact Sara Prince, sprince@nativityburke.org for more information.



Pro-Life Corner



"When a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is a sign that, by education or circumstances, she has been greatly wronged." - Susan B. Anthony 1869

Profile: "I Was Gonna Be"

If you haven't heard the moving pro-life song, "I Was Gonna Be" by 18 years old Rachel Holt, here's your chance: <https://bit.ly/4clppgC>. It provides a stirring witness from the point of view of an unborn, aborted baby girl. Ms. Holt's song has sky-rocketed to one of the top country songs in the world. Remember: staying active in the pro-life movement saves lives and souls!

Profile: Project Rachel—Hope after Abortion

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone. We can help! Peace Starts Here: call 703.841.2504 or visit <https://hopeafterabortion.com/>. Facebook.com/HelpAfterAbortion - Instagram.com/afterabortioncare

Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!



When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass.
Where: 900 S. Washington Street, 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 to 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

OCIA – ENCOUNTER JESUS THROUGH FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 'Come and See'

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 (previously known as RCIA/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) journey of faith, starting September 16th, 2024, 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 19th, 2025, with reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Our Monday evening sessions continue until just prior to Pentecost Sunday 2025, 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 Father Bob Cilinski, or e-mail Linda Loffredo at lindaloffredo@gmail.com. Visit our website <https://nativityburke.org/rcia/> for more information and online registration.



WARMING UP VIRGINIANS

Catholic Charities Migrants and Refugees Ministry and Nativity Parish have a **10,000 Coats Collection Challenge.**

Please help us by donating wearable and clean coats, fleeces, and jackets to keep the less fortunate warm.



 **DROP OFF IN THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15**



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
nativityschool.org



**Math/Robotics Teacher
 and Music Teacher Wanted**

Love Working With Children? Consider working at Nativity School ... We are in need of Math/Robotics and Music teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- Teaching Certification or working toward it
- Ability to create and implement lesson plans
- Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills
- Diocesan-compliant (Part-time and Full-time positions available)

Contact Maria Kelly, Principal, mkelly@nativityschool.org, or Richard Godwin, Assistant Principal, rgodwin@nativityschool.org, for more information, or call (703) 455-2300.

Third Graders: Stating the Facts

Our Third Graders always look forward to learning more about their community, the region of Virginia in which they live, and what part Virginia plays in our fifty United States. In fact, as part of the Third Grade’s State Report Project, each student chooses one of our fifty states to deeply research, and presents their findings in both written and oral form – highlighting many of the points that captured their attention with imagination and artistry. We enjoyed our students’ presentations. Please take a look.



Important Upcoming Dates ~~

- Wednesday, Aug 21
 - First Day of School
 - K-8 Sneak-A-Peek
 - 12 NOON Dismissal
 - PTO Ice Cream Social
- Friday, Aug 23 - 12:00 NOON Dismissal
- Thursday, Aug 29 - Preschool/Pre-K Sneak-A-Peek
- Friday, Aug 30 - 9:00 am Mass
 - 12:00 NOON Dismissal
- Monday, Sep 2 - NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
- Tuesday, Sep 3 - Preschool/Pre-K First Day

Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here - learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you’ve been searching!
 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.



*Linktree Universal Sign-up Link - Volunteer for an event!
 Scroll down to view all event.
https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.*

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.

Exemplification Ceremony: Scheduled at 7:00 PM in the church, we will welcome new members to our council. Sign up to be a member below. All Knights, families and friends are welcome to attend. If you are a current 1st or 2nd Degree Knight, reach out to dgk7992@nativityburke.org to make your 3rd Degree.

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Delta Drive: Aug 10 - 11. Volunteer to recruit new Knights! See SUG on Linktree.

Donut Sunday: Aug 11. Volunteer to serve your Catholic family. See SUG on Linktree.

Adopt-a-Highway: Saturday, Aug 17. The Council will clean Old Keene Mill Rd at 10 AM. See SUG on Linktree.

Summer Family Movie Day: Sunday, Aug 18 from 12:30PM to 3:30PM - The Council will cohost a back to school movie and snacks event with the Family Outreach ministries. We will show a movie in the cafeteria and serve snack food. Four Knights are needed to help with event logistics 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. See SUG on Linktree.

Exemplification Ceremony: September 11 at 7:00 PM in the church we will welcome new members to our council. Sign up to be a new member of the Knights below. All Knights, families and friends are welcome to attend. If you are a current 1st or 2nd Degree Knight reach out to dgk7992@nativityburke.org to make your 3rd Degree.

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. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email Warden Br. Lenny Richoux at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on Link Tree 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. Next meeting is August 13. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Mark Corzine at fn2996@vakofc.org.

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.



ATTENTION

THE NATIVITY PARKING LOT WILL BE REPAINTED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH. PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AND ONLY PARK IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS.

THE MARIH CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Marih Center, a pro-life pregnancy resource center serving families for 50 years, is experiencing an influx of new families (741 new in addition to our existing families in 2023).

We are in need of additional volunteers, especially Spanish translators. Our hours at the Center at 3230B Duke Street in Alexandria are Mon-Thurs 10:00am-3:00pm & Sat.10:00-11:00am. We welcome your call and heart of service to help so many in need. Please call Beth Gilles-Whitehead at 703-370-4774.

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.) Meet us for: Square Dancing (Aug. 13, 20, 27); Thursday lunches (Aug. 22); tour of Art Center and dinner (Aug. 11); Holy Day Mass and lunch (Aug. 15); boating on Lake Mercer (Aug. 16); dinner in Occoquan (Aug. 18); outdoor concert in Vienna (Aug. 23); serving meal at Christ House (Aug. 24); walk in Lorton (Aug. 29); picnic (Sept. 1); O.C. Beach Days (Sept 16 -19) . For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



Married in 1999 or 1974?

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August 11, 2024: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Ps 34:2-9 | Eph 4:30 – 5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

Pray: Lord Jesus, rekindle our hearts anew with the treasure of the Eucharist. Amen.

Jesus is the Living Bread, the Gift of Eternal Life.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51) The crowd of Jewish people, and even some of His disciples, had been listening to Jesus and they could not understand these strange and difficult words, so they chose to walk away from Him.

People had been amazed by Jesus' healing miracles and fascinated by His stories. If they had given Jesus more time and trusted Him, perhaps there would have been more believers in what He was sharing about being the Bread of Life. Jesus tried to show them that just as God had provided manna to feed the hungry Israelites in the desert, He knew their hearts were hurting and wanted to feed them, too. This bread from heaven, Jesus Himself, would feed their souls and give them everlasting life. This heavenly food would be a gift of total love, self-surrender, suffering, and sacrifice and would lead the way to victory over death through His Resurrection. Jesus was pointing out His divinity, which was more than they could handle.

Clergy and those who have ever served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on visits to the homebound in hospitals, nursing homes, or prisons often witness a profound demonstration of what Jesus meant by "living

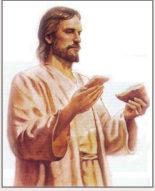
bread." It is truly humbling to walk into a hospital room to visit an elderly patient who is suffering and crying. When they receive Communion, their whole disposition often changes, and their face breaks out in a smile of relief and peace. By the same token, how beautiful it is when a retired deacon in the final stages of Alzheimer's Disease cannot carry on a conversation or do anything for himself, yet when offered prayers and Communion, he mouths the familiar prayers and smiles in recognition when receiving Jesus.



Without a doubt, the True Presence of Christ is with us in the Eucharist. Christ brings hope, healing, strength, and renewal to our souls. This gift is for all of us at every stage of our journey in life. Best of all, Christ promises everlasting life in heaven with Him for those who believe and follow Him. May we all be grateful and treasure this incredible gift of the Eucharist that we have been given.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you embrace the Eucharist as Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity?
- † Are there any other Church teachings that you struggle with? If so, will you commit to seek out the Church's wisdom with patience and trust – and the help of the Holy Spirit – in order to increase your understanding?
- † What does it mean to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?
- † What are the fruits of going to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?



LA VIDA NO ES SOLO COMER

Domingo XIX

Javier Leoz

1. Nunca como hoy, la humanidad o gran parte de ella, ha dispuesto de tantos adelantos: comunicación por aire, tierra y mar. Recursos de alimentación o bienes materiales en abundancia y, por contraste, en algunos lugares con tanta escasez y desigualdades.

Nunca como hoy, la humanidad, ha tenido tanto y, por lo que sea, nunca ha tenido tanta sensación de insatisfacción, de infelicidad. Algo ocurre en nuestro globo cuando, tanto personal, dice tener poco apego a la vida. Cuando, la droga, el suicidio u otras prácticas de riesgo se convierten en una llamada de atención que nos debiera de hacer reflexionar: la vida, no sólo es tener, acaparar, aparentar, conquistar, consumir o comer. Es mucho más. Tenemos que descubrir o llegar a algo más que le dé sentido.

No es de extrañar, precisamente por eso, que mucha gente encuentre en el sano altruismo, en la entrega generosa hacia los demás, muchas razones para vivir o sentirse realizado. Y, al contrario, no es de extrañar tampoco que otros –teniéndolo todo- no sepan por donde tirar para alcanzar un equilibrio razonable en su vida.

¿Dónde está la respuesta? Para nosotros, los cristianos, en Cristo. Y desde ahí hemos de trabajar. De poco sirve ser los más adelantados; que la ciencia vaya conquistando campos hasta unos años impensables; que los grandes descubrimientos dejen a parte de la humanidad con los ojos asombrados o que, por ejemplo, el bienestar del hombre –en algunos rincones del mundo- haya alcanzado cotas impresionantes. ¿Es positivo si luego, a continuación, fallamos y faltamos en lo esencial: el hombre?

2. La apariencia, lo material y lo puramente superficial, se pueden convertir en un cruel muro que nos impida dar el salto a Dios. A los judíos les aconteció lo mismo: estaban tan aferrados a la ley (y a sus propios privilegios) que el paso del código de normas a Jesús les resultaba escandaloso, imposible, inadmisibles. Entre otras cosas porque, aquello, suponía desmontar muchas ideas y muchos intereses; aparse de muchos caballos domesticados a su propia medida.

Hoy, como entonces, también nos encontramos con escenas muy parecidas: ¡creo en Dios pero no en la Iglesia! ¡Yo me confieso directamente con Dios! ¡A mí con creer en Dios me basta, me sobran los curas! ¿No será en el fondo que seguimos sin creer en el Dios encarnado? ¿No será que, muchos, seguimos o siguen pensando que Dios es un Dios a nuestro antojo, capricho y sometido a nuestra propia ley?

Ojala, amigos, sigamos avanzando en el conocimiento de Dios. Pero, no lo olvidemos; para llegar hasta El, el único camino es Jesucristo.

Que no reduzcamos nuestra vida a “un ir tirando comiendo.” Que nos preocupemos de buscar siempre razones, momentos, profetas, ayudas para “un ir viviendo creyendo en Jesús”.

PAN VIVO, EN UN MUNDO MUERTO

Javier Leoz

Fortaleces, con tu pan,
al que hambriento de otros panes
cae bajo el peso de su propia debilidad.
Nos sacias, Señor, con tu ternura
y, cuando falla el calor humano,
te haces encuentro, caricia,
abrazo, respuesta y amor entregado
Eres pan vivo, Señor,
en un mundo que, creyéndose seguro,
es zarandeado al viento de su propio egoísmo.
Eres pan vivo, Señor,
que, cuando se recibe con fe,
produce el milagro del amor sin farsa
el milagro de la fe sin fisuras
el milagro de las manos abiertas
el milagro de darse sin agotarse
Eres pan vivo, Señor,
y quien te recibe, vive eternamente
quien te recibe, cree y espera
quien te come, ama y se entrega
quien te comulga, perdona y olvida

Eres pan vivo, Señor;
ayúdame a responderte con mi fe
enséñame a ver más allá de mi mismo
condúceme hasta tu regazo
para que, allá donde yo vaya,
siempre contigo me encuentre.
Y, cuando yo crea sentirme demasiado vivo,
haz que, con tu pan,
comprenda que el mundo
está demasiado muerto
cuando es incapaz de reconocerte
como el pan vivo y verdadero sustento.
Amén.

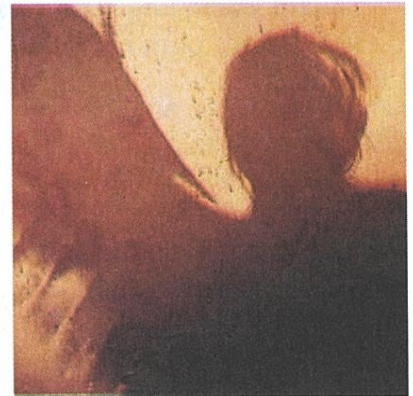


APRENDE TU FE

Y al final de los tiempos... el anticristo
¿Quién es el Anticristo? ¿Es una persona? ¿Cómo reconocerlo?

Por: Germán Sánchez Griese | Fuente: Catholic.net

*¿Quién es el mentiroso sino el que niega que Jesús es el Cristo?
Ése es el anticristo, el que niega al Padre y al Hijo. (1Jn. 2,22)*



Los católicos creemos que al final de los tiempos Cristo vendrá para acabar con el mal de este mundo, siendo la muerte el último mal en ser aniquilado. Sin embargo, antes de que esto suceda, la Iglesia deberá pasar por una prueba final que sacudirá la fe de numerosos creyentes. Así lo expresa Jesucristo: “Y al crecer cada vez más la iniquidad, la caridad de la mayoría se enfriará”. (Mt. 24, 12). Él mismo nos hace ver que la persecución será la compañía de los últimos días de la Iglesia en la tierra: “Si fuerais del mundo, el mundo amaría lo suyo pero, como no sois del mundo, porque yo al elegiros os he sacado del mundo, por eso os odia el mundo. Acordaos de la palabra que os he dicho: El siervo no es más que su señor. Si a mí me han perseguido, también os perseguirán a vosotros.” (Jn. 15, 19-20).

Muchos quieren ver en estas persecuciones o en estas pruebas la figura de un Anticristo. De acuerdo al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, el Anticristo es “la impostura religiosa suprema... un pseudo-mesianismo en que el hombre se glorifica a sí mismo colocándose en el lugar de Dios y de su Mesías venido en la carne” (Catecismo de la Iglesia católica, 675).

Algunos han querido ver en la figura del Anticristo a una persona concreta y así muchos lo identificaron con los emperadores romanos que persiguieron a los primeros cristianos. Otros lo identifican con sistemas políticos que proponen la felicidad completa y perpetua en este mundo, basados en diversos sistemas económicos. “Esta postura aparece esbozada ya en el mundo cada vez que se pretende llevar a cabo la esperanza mesiánica en la historia, lo cual no puede alcanzarse sino más allá del tiempo histórico a través del juicio escatológico.” (catecismo de la Iglesia católica, 676).

No hace mucho tiempo algunos creyeron ver en el comunismo la imagen del Anticristo por la fórmula de felicidad terrena que traía al hombre. Otros pensaba que podría ser una misma persona: Nerón o Diocleciano por la fiereza con la que perseguía a los primeros cristianos. ¿Persona? ¿Sistema político? ¿Cultura? ¿Demonio? Cada vez que a los hombres se les proporciona una solución aparente a sus problemas mediante el precio de la apostasía, esto es, de la negación de la verdad, estamos hablando de una impostura religiosa. La impostura religiosa suprema, como lo apuntábamos anteriormente, es el Anticristo, de acuerdo al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.

Quién nos ofrece esa solución aparente a nuestros problemas, negando la verdad nos está ofreciendo a su vez una visión de lo que puede ser la figura del Anticristo. ¿La droga? ¿El sexo desligado de su verdad ética y moral? ¿Los sistemas políticos que glorifican a un tipo de hombre que sólo encontrará su felicidad en esta tierra? ¿El consumismo exacerbado de algunas cultura de Occidente? Cada vez que el hombre se glorifica a sí mismo colocándose en el lugar de Dios y de su Mesías podemos decir que estamos hablando de un Anticristo, bien sea éste una persona, un sistema político o una cultura.



Find Jesus' words.

Write the word that is the opposite of the one given on the lines.
Transfer the letters from these lines to the ones below.

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		out	29 30

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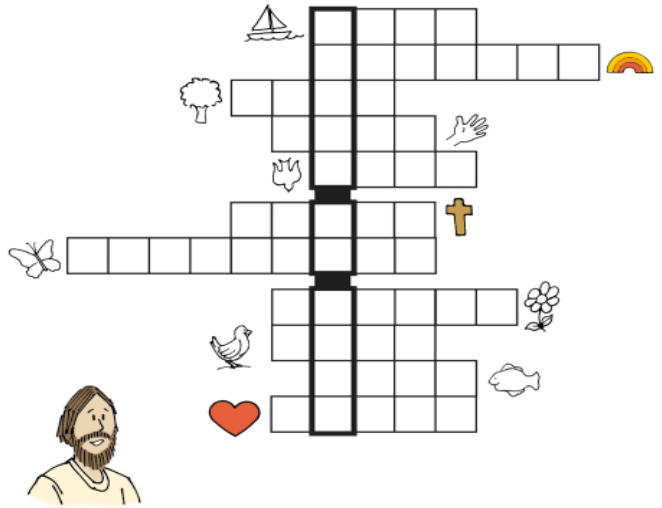
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Write the name of each item in the boxes.
The darker boxes spell what Jesus called Himself.



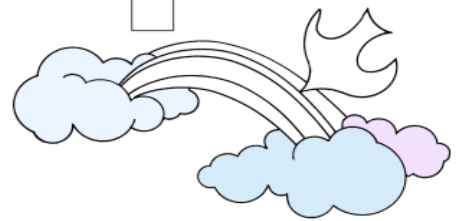
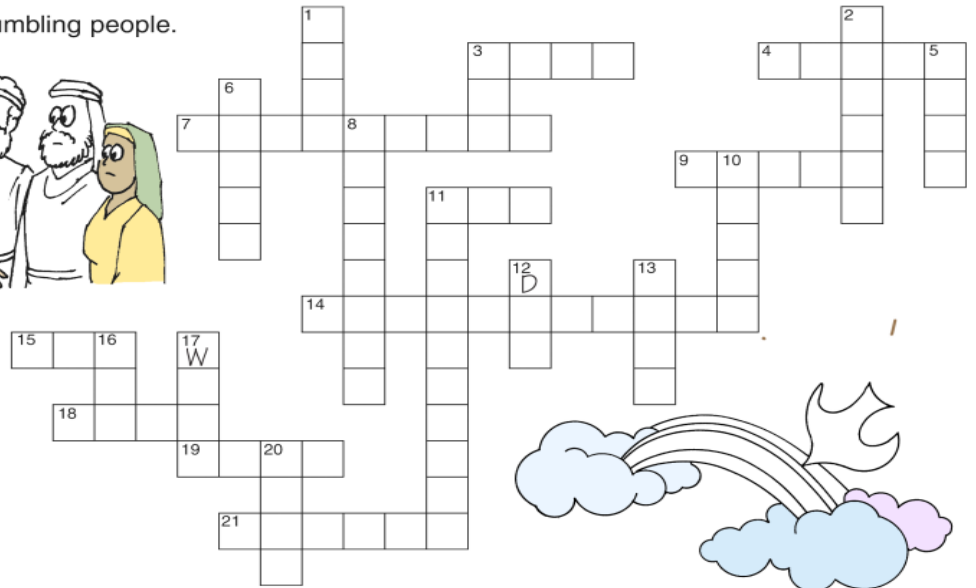
Jesus said, "I am the _____."

Jesus was speaking to a group of grumbling people.



Fit the words into the boxes.
Transfer the words to the lines.

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