

The Last Will Be First & The First Will Be Last



1973 2023

Celebrating 50 Years!
"We are God's people" - 1 Peter 2:10

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EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Sister Donatella Merulla, A.R., M.R.E.
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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.

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 (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this
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You may email submissions to
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**A Message from our Pastor
Fr. Bob Cilinski**



*The landlord asked, "Why do you stand here idle all day?"
They answered, "Because no one has hired us."
He said to them, "You too go into my vineyard."
- Matt 1:16*

My dear parishioners:

The parable of the landowner who goes out throughout the day hiring more workers for his vineyard, teaches us about God's invitation to be co-workers for the Kingdom and God's generosity to those who respond.

Timing is important. When is the best time to get in touch with God? Right now! Now is the acceptable time. Now is the moment! We don't want to regret waiting too long to share in the ministry of Jesus when he is calling us now.

Last week our catechists were commissioned at all Masses. How richly blessed we are in the men and women who teach our faith and pass on our values to the next generation. Religious education for our children is off to a great start.

There is no need for anyone to stand idly by, for we are called and chosen to participate in something marvelous and joyful. Name the many ways you work for the Lord, some of which no one notices. Name the ways in which the Lord has been generous and loving to you. Everyday let us bless the Lord and praise God's name. Thank you for the love and goodness you share in our church. Thank you for all that you are and all that you do for the parish at Nativity. See you at the Parish Festival next Saturday, September 30th!

Love and Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor



**UKRAINE
Coat Drive**

Winter has arrived in Ukraine. Nativity will have a coat drive next weekend, September 30 - October 1. There will be a donation box in the Narthex for NEW and GENTLY USED winter coats and WARM clothing which will be shipped to Ukraine.

(Please no shoes or soiled old clothing)



FALL FESTIVAL

Join us!

📅 **SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

We are excited for Nativity's annual Fall Festival this month! We are still in need of volunteers. Please visit our website to learn how you can give back to your home parish by serving at this great family event!

<https://nativityburke.org/fall-festival/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
FALLFESTIVAL@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - STARTS THIS WEEK

NEW SEVERS: Boys and girls who are now in the fifth through twelfth grade, who would like to be Altar Servers for either the English or Spanish Masses need to attend TWO (out of Three) training sessions this fall. The remaining 2 training sessions will be held in the church at 6:00pm on **Monday, September 25, and Monday, October 2.** One parent should attend the first training session if possible.



A RETURNING SERVERS WORKSHOP:
Will be held on Thursday, October 5 at 6:00pm.

2023 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE

Price: \$22.00 (Cash, check, or credit card)

Last weekend, until Supplies Last!

WHEN: September 23/24, 2023 (before/after Masses)

WHERE: Nativity Vestibule/Narthex

The Women of Nativity (WON) much appreciate your continued support of our fundraiser benefiting ministries within Nativity and within the local community!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Sister Donatella Merulla
September 28th



Great fun awaits you at the Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society this Fall!

Our September meeting features a Welcome Social with food, wine and live entertainment. See old friends and greet new ones! Jerry Roman, The Piano Man, will sing, tickle the ivories, lead a sing-along and play music trivia. We'll talk about informative programs coming up this season. You don't have to be Italian, just interested in Italian culture. Join as a member or come as a guest for \$5. Bring dessert or appetizer if you can.

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 7:00pm
Place: Nativity School cafeteria



Prepare and vote: Read the Bishop's Letter and other VCC resources

In the coming weeks and months, voters will elect members to all 140 seats in the Virginia General Assembly, as well as other offices in some localities. Much is at stake!

Early voting began September 22. Election Day is November 7. New General Assembly maps are in effect for this year's elections. To help you prepare, please visit the VCC Election Resource hub (Link below). There you can view, download and print the following materials, three of which are newly released and one of which is re-issued:

- A pre-election letter from Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout
- A Register to Vote flyer explaining how to register, eligibility and key dates
- A New Political Maps flyer to help you find your new districts and the candidates
- A re-issued Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching resource.

Please review these materials. Share them with family and friends too, and remind them to pray, form their consciences and vote! **For more information visit: vacatholic.org.**

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



The Associates of St. John Bosco invites you to the 7th Annual Bosco Benefit on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Join in an evening of good food, fellowship, and giving in support of the programs of the

Associates of St. John Bosco, whose mission it is to help college students to keep their Catholic faith during college.

Keynote speaker is Sr. Deirdre Byrne, a sister, surgeon, and retired US Army Colonel. For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit: www.asjb.org/boscobenefit. RSVP deadline: September 28.

**CUB SCOUTS
POPCORN
FUND RAISER**

Nativity's own Cub Scouts Pack 1101 will be raising money next weekend, September 30-October 1 before and after all Masses to help fund their adventures.

Some of the upcoming activities include camping, Pinewood Derby and Scouting for Food.

You can support them through a donation or your purchase of Trails End Popcorn products.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Mass for People with Disabilities



Porto Charities, Inc. extends a very warm invitation to all to join us and Bishop Michael Burbidge at the Mass for People with Disabilities on Sunday, October 8, at 10:30am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale.

A reception will be held immediately after Mass. This yearly event celebrates disability awareness for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the need for us to provide opportunities for them to reach their full potential through inclusive education and meaningful employment throughout the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.

ENJOY A NIGHT OUT
BACK BY POLULAR DEMAND
OUR THIRD ANNUAL
MASQUERADE BALL
NOVEMBER 4, 2023

THE BEST EVENT OF THE FALL SEASON
MASKS ENCOURAGED BUT NEVER REQUIRED

**TESTIMONIAL FROM CREEKMORE FAMILY
RECEIPTS OF NATIVITY'S 25TH
HOME IN APPALACHIA**

Hello Friends,

I hope this letter finds everyone well. I am so happy to be writing you from the Creekmore home. Our home. Something we have always dreamed of having. Until now, it seemed as though it would never be a reality. It has always seemed there were many obstacles and setbacks throughout my life to prevent it. From growing up poor, to being an adult struggling in a community where good paying jobs are non existent, and opportunities are very scarce.

Since our son was born, my husband and I had longed for a safe and secure home for him. There is always a lot of insecurity and uncertainty when renting homes and property belonging to other people. There is always the worry you may have to move, and there has always been issues in every home we've ever lived, making them less than ideal.

Now, when we go to bed at night, we rest easy knowing our house is secure and safe. We don't have to worry about the things we used to, like electrical wires and heaters catching fire. We don't have to worry about having to move as a decision of someone else. Now, our son has a place he can always call home. Even when he is grown, he will have a house to come back to, should he choose to.

It's easy to lose sight of the good in the world sometimes and your faith in humanity. You are all proof that there is still good in the world and good people do still exist, though, through the grace of God. He evidences himself in our lives daily. With God's help my husband is in recovery from an addiction that had him in bonds for many years. And I know it was God who sent all of you to help us. For that, we will forever be grateful. You invested your time, energy, and efforts into helping us, total strangers. We will forever be in awe of the deed you all did for us, and could never put into words just how grateful we are and how much you blessed us. We pray the Lord blesses all of you always.

With Sincere Gratitude,
The Creekmore Family

**Celebrating A Golden or Silver
Wedding Anniversary This Year?**

Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Then join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3:00 pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Please contact Johana Brown at the parish office to register **no later than Friday, September 29, 2023 at 12:00 noon.**

For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM or <https://nativityburke.org/mass-for-jubilarians/>

**Catholic Investments for Catholic Families
Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' advisory services**



Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming Financial Seminar and Social.

September 26, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Nativity Catholic School Cafeteria
6398 Nativity Lane, Burke VA 22015



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Columbus**
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DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PRESENTS

RALLY

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED!



- **Who:** All high school students
- **Cost:** \$30 (includes registration, bus, snacks, dinner, & t-shirt)
- **Time:** Depart at 11am, return no later than 9pm
- **Registration closes on Monday, October 16 at 11:59 pm**
- **Register on the parish website or scan the QR code**



Contact Rebecca Judge, Director of Youth Ministry cym@nativityburke.org

**Nativity is a tithing community
Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude**

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Every Friday, Pray the Pro-Life Rosary, 8:45am -9:45am:

Meet in the Narthex after Friday 7:30am Masses and join us on the sidewalk in front of the abortion facility at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Contact RickLoffredo@outlook.com.

1 October, Life Chain, 2:30-3:30pm (rain or shine):

Signs are available for church groups or individual pickup at Hammond Hall adjacent to the St. Lawrence parking area starting at 2:00 pm. Contact RickLoffredo@outlook.com.

20 October, Nativity's All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life, 7:00am-7:00pm:

Put on your calendar and plan to pray the Pro-Life Rosary on sidewalk in front of Falls Church abortion facility for one hour, 900 S. Washington Street (Lee Hwy), Falls Church. Part of 40 Days for Life's Fall Campaign to end the scourge of abortion locally, saving pre-born and newly born children and moms in crisis pregnancies. Contact RickLoffredo@outlook.com.

YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE:

THE NATIVITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL WILL HOLD THIS YEAR'S SOCCER CHALLENGE COMPETITION AT THE FALL FESTIVAL, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM ON THE FIELD BEHIND THE SCHOOL. ALL YOUTH, BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED 9 THROUGH 14 ARE INVITED TO COMPETE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT DAVE ZIVICH AT DAVEZIVICH@GMAIL.COM. TO VOLUNTEER AS A SOCCER CHALLENGE SCORER OR JUDGE SIGN UP AT: [HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-SOCCER1#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-SOCCER1#/)

Fall Marriage Program Kicks Off

October 13 Meets on Fridays from 7-8:30 PM in the art room. "Choice Wine" is the program. Starts with a potluck dinner, Oct. 13-Nov. 17th.

Adult Children of Divorce Mini-Retreat

October 28 9 AM Mass; Retreat from 10 AM-Noon in the church. Speakers: Art Bennett and Alex Wolfe Refreshments will be served.

Date Night

November 18 6:00-8:30 PM with Laraine Bennett "Art of Living with Less." Refreshments will be served. Childcare will be offered.

Book Fellowship

December 2 With Deacon Kelly from 7:00-8:30 PM in the cafeteria.

For detailed information email Anna Lisa or see the upcoming events on the parish website marriage@nativityburke.org

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.

The 31st International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from October 20-28, 2023.

The Closing day of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held in-person on Saturday October 28, from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, with Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at 12 noon, the Rosary, and guest speakers through out the day. Confirmed speakers include Fr. Timothy Byerley, Ray Grijalba, Dr. Carlos Parellada, Sister Deirdre Byrne, and Ted Flynn. Our main celebrant Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Baker, STD. The week will begin with a Virtual Conference starting on October 20, 21, & 23 with the following speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Robert Altier, Nikki Kingsley, Fr. David Gunter, Dr. Peter Howard, Mark Houck, Karen Japzon, Fr. Ron Stone, and Maureen Flynn.

Registration is required for the Virtual Conference and watch FREE on Day of Presentation at www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY. On-demand replays of speakers' talks are available by registering online at www.iwopf.org for an ALL-ACCESS PASS.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by



Toni and Zaven der Boghossian
In Thanksgiving For
Our 58 Years of Happiness



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 25th

7:30 am † Jose Elias Pastor Jr.

Tuesday, September 26th

7:30 am Special Int. for Karole Redfern
12:00 pm † Mary Hogan

Wednesday, September 27th

7:30 am † Frank and Lucy Klimkos
10:00 am Spec. Int. for Renato Sanidad II (*Heatherwood*)

Thursday, September 28th

7:30 am Special Int. for Lottie & Willie Buhain
12:00 pm † Anthony Miles, Jr.

Friday, September 29th

7:30 am † Jennifer Vorsteg
9:00 am † Julie Neil

Saturday, September 30th

9:00 am † Bernice DePaepe
5:00 pm † Edward & Catherine Cilinski
7:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, October 1st

7:00 am † Lourdes Miquel
9:00 am † Kay Stuchlak
11:00 am † Janice Gay
1:00 pm † Mauricio Estrada
5:30 pm † Maria Gonzalez Portela

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

Behold Your Mother

Mary as our Adoptive Mother in Art, Music, and Charity



Featuring artist Chrissy Curtis
and Catholic Charities
October 6, 2023 · 7:00pm
Nativity Catholic Church
Parish Hall
Burke, Virginia

Join us for an evening of art and music featuring local Catholic artist Chrissy Curtis and local Catholic musicians. Chrissy will debut her new paintings of Our Lady dedicated to Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services.

Her work will be highlighted in an art show featuring several new paintings commissioned by local Catholic artists for the Jubilee and paired with Catholic Charities ministries. See information about other events in the Marian Art and Concert Series. A short concert and reception will follow. All are welcome.





Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

www.vacatholic.org

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks



on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization

and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the "throwaway culture" identified by Pope Francis.

The Common Good

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It



upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom

of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God's creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

Subsidiarity

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man



and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents'

rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society's larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

Solidarity

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to



eradicate poverty, disease and racism; and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and

a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.

*Adapted from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a catechist.

Classes starts this Sunday, September 17th.

To Sign-up visit:

Visit our parish website:

nativityburke.org



Assistant Catechist

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

Lead Catechist needed:

Day	Grade	Time
Sunday (Session 2)	1, 4	7:00-8:15pm
Tuesday (Session 5)	2	4:45-6:00pm
Tuesday (Session 6)	K	7:00-8:15pm

NATIVITY'S 5K/FUN RUN

SAVE THE DATE

SAT. NOV. 18TH

7AM - 11AM

*THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES. AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US, FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF FAITH, WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS.†
HEBREWS 12:1-3

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

RETREAT FOR PERSONS FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

October 6 -8 2023

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!

This retreat offers a unique opportunity for persons who face serious physical illness to participate in a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment.

Be comforted, inspired, and renewed by God's great love for you through prayer, worship, talks, breakout session and reflection time, led by our team of priests, doctors, nurses and caring volunteers. Spiritual Direction provided by Father Bob Ciliniski.

Contact retreat@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3830. Provide your contact information and a member of the nursing team will contact you for an intake interview.

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians



Married in 1998 or 1973?

Join us for the annual Mass for couples celebrating silver (25 year) or golden (50 year) anniversaries!



Sunday October 15, 2023
St. Agnes Catholic Church | 3:00 pm
1910 N. Randolph St., Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist



Catholic Diocese of Arlington | Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703-841-2550 | FamilyLife@arlingtondiocese.org

DO YOU ENJOY COOKING?

Join our Youth Ministry Hospitality Crew!

We are in need of parishioners to cook about once a month for our high school Youth Ministry program on Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:30pm.

Contact Director of Youth Ministry, Rebecca Judge
cym@nativityburke.org

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 is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm 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.

Help Transform Lives by Donating Your Car

Help transform the lives of the poor and vulnerable by donating your used car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat, to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Your donation is tax deductible while supporting a cause that is near and dear to your heart. We'll arrange for the pickup of your vehicle donation at no cost to you. Please call 877-570-GIVE (4483) or visit <https://ccda.careasy.org/home> to complete our easy online form.

Free Time After College Classes? Join the Nativity School Extended Care Team
**** Competitive Hourly Rate! ****

Love working with children? Creative with Fingerpaint? Like to Sift Sand? The following qualifications are necessary:

- A LOVE of Children and 'Can-Do' Attitude
- Afternoon Availability, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Diocesan Compliance to Work With Kids

To apply, or for more info, please contact Jen Behan, Director, at jbehan@nativityschool.org, or (703) 455-2300.



ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items - October Nativity Collection: NEXT weekend 9/30 & 10/1

Choose sizes appropriate for our average family size of four. Because of the generosity of our community, ECHO cannot give our clients food whose expiration date is long past, open food, or repackaged food (no zip-loc bags). ECHO continues to see a deficit of several thousand pounds a month between food donated and food given to clients. Any donation, large or small, is most gratefully welcomed.

NEEDED ITEMS: Protein Items (can chicken, Spam, sardines, chili with meat, can beef stew), Spaghetti Sauce, Baked Beans, Ketchup or Mayonnaise, Milk products (canned, shelf stable, hot chocolate), Sugar, Masa (Corn) Flour, Honey or Jelly, Cooking Oil, Canned Pasta, Box Potatoes, Lentils, Coffee (Instant), Canned fruit, Bag beans (black, red, or garbanzo), Bag Rice, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Crackers, Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper), Lemon/Lime Juice, Juice (Bottles or Box), Tortillas, Muffin/Cornbread Mix, Diapers Sizes 4 & 5, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Tissues, Dish Soap, Bath Soap, Paper Towels, Shaving Cream/Razors, Laundry Detergent.

Love is Given Prayer Group

Please join us every Thursday evening from 7:00PM-8:30 PM for an evening of prayer, praise and community. We meet each week in the Fr. Ready room. Come in through the school entrance, first room on your left. We look forward to seeing you!

Struggling with addiction in the family?

Both the afflicted and affected don't need to be alone. There are many resources available including AA, NA, Alanon, Calix and a diocesan chaplain. Call the HELPLINE (970) 989-2670 for support. This is NOT LIMITED to addicts, anybody that would like to speak with a priest or a friend in Christ May call!

DID YOU KNOW VIRGINIA HAS NEW POLITICAL MAPS?

Your districts for the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate are changing!

The [Virginia Catholic Conference Election Resource Hub](#) has everything you need to find your new districts and discover the candidates running this year!

At our Election Resource Hub, you can also find information on how to register to vote and more!

EARLY VOTING BEGINS SEPT. 22.
REGISTRATION ENDS OCT. 16.
ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 7.



WWW.VACATHOLIC.ORG/ELECTION2023





Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday. First meeting is a business meeting, 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.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events.

https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992

23 Sep, Marian Homes Shed Event: 9:45 – noon. Volunteer on linktree.

26 Sep, 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Catholic Investments for Catholic Families - Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' advisory services. RSVP free, but required, scan the QR Code to register. Event will be in the Nativity Catholic School Cafeteria. Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming Financial Seminar and Social. Call Our Knights of Nativity Advisor, Worthy Past Grand Knight, Carlos Perez at 1-866-868-1492 if you have any questions about the event. *All parishioners are invited to attend & learn how Catholics now have an opportunity to work with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) through one of our Financial Advisors.

29 Sep, Nativity Fall Festival, Set-up: Volunteer on linktree.

30 Sep, Nativity Fall Festival: Events & clean-up: Volunteer on linktree.

30 Sep, Soccer Challenge: Volunteer on linktree.

14-15 Oct, St. Lucy Food Drive – Blue Bags Out: Volunteer on linktree.

21 Oct, St. Lucy Food Drive – Food Drop off: Volunteer on linktree.

7-29 Oct, Masquerade Ball – Ticket Sales: Volunteer on linktree.

4 Nov, Masquerade Ball – Event Help: Volunteer on linktree.

7-29 Oct, Masquerade Ball – Ticket Sales after Masses: See linktree.

Mowing: A deceased Knights family needs your help taking care of the lawn this fall. Volunteer on linktree.

Food for Others: Volunteer drivers for food distribution to the poor. If you have a truck or van and can occasionally help deliver to 7 Corners on Thursday evenings or to Springfield on Friday evenings please consider helping. For Thursdays, please contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, please contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Volunteer on linktree.

Handy Knights Ministry: If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, call the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance: Brothers and the families of living and deceased brothers in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navyy8@yahoo.com or 703-250-1492.

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 Vince Augelli 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! <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> and experience the Knights free for one year: Enter the Agent Code "CPEREZ", click "Add" and complete the form. Be sure to enter our council #7992 for local information when you register. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight at cokofc7992@gmail.com or the Grand Knight at pmdelatte@gmail.com if you have any questions.

OLIVEWOOD HANDMADE CARVINGS

On the weekend of October 7th/ 8th, 2023, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country.

Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There are less than 1% now.

YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.



33 Days to Morning Glory

A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration written by Fr. Gaitley. Fr. Gaitley is truly an inspiring writer who offers us an updated version of spiritual readings and prayerful pondering inspired by St Louis de Montfort.

Here is what people have said about the 33 Days to Morning Glory program. "Fr. Gaitley lays it all out for us and unpacks how we work to become a saint" and "Consecration to Mary was a doorway to other things. . . I received the grace of trust and how I handle day to day life is now different." We are offering this program with a weekly small group discussion during the month of October. Each person buys their own book and has a daily reading. On Wednesday evenings 7:45 to 9:00 PM, we meet via Zoom for 6 meetings.

We look forward to having you, beginning Sept. 27th. Register on the Nativity website: nativityburke.org/33-days/#register or contact Jim Housel, 33dayconsecration@nativityburke.org.



A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

By popular demand, join us again this year on Saturday, September 30 at the Parish Fall Festival for the Raptor Show at 1:15pm! We will again meet some of our wildest neighbors: exciting birds of prey that live right in our own backyards. Birds of prey are "indicator species," serving as barometers of ecological health. As top predators, they help control populations of mice, rats and insects, and remove carrion from the environment, reducing the spread of disease. They represent just a few of the many species which Pope Francis asks us to protect as part of God's creation and amazing biodiversity. Secret Garden Birds and Bees will share about these animal's lives, how to find them and why we are so happy to have them around. Take a selfie with one of these spectacular birds! You can make your space a safe and welcoming habitat for all of God's creatures by planting native plants, reducing or eliminating your use of pesticides and herbicides and reducing unnecessary outdoor lighting.



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

Adult Children of Divorce Mini-Retreat at Nativity Catholic Church

Saturday, October 28th

9:00 AM Mass and 9:35 AM Refreshments in the Narthex

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Retreat with speaker Art Bennett

Many adults whose parents are divorced carry invisible wounds from their parents' divorce. Adult children of divorce are impacted by the emotional reality of divorce and how it affects their thoughts about marriage and family, which can impact their relationships. The impact is more than answering the question, "Who do we spend the holidays with?"

There is surviving the aftermath of divorce and the emotional hurdles. No matter the age when your parents divorce, there is a loss experienced. The loss of parents as a unit, the home, security, and stability. Family traditions may have ceased, which were rooted in the familial past, and one may not feel firmly rooted. Adult children may feel they are the family peacemaker and may struggle with trust. One may feel alone or lost, searching for lasting healing and love. Coming to this mini-retreat for a few hours is a special time just for you, for healing, for understanding, and in community.

You're Invited

to come hear *Tim Ballard*, whose efforts to stop sex trafficking inspired the movie "SOUND OF FREEDOM," at Saint Timothy Catholic church in Chantilly, VA.

Tim will discuss the movie, how sex trafficking ties in with abortion, and how you can help.



FRIDAY
October 13, 2023
7 - 8 pm



Event is sponsored by **VansForLife.org** which strives to get mobile pregnancy center vans to Pro-life organizations to park in front of abortion facilities across the country.

Event Location

Saint Timothy Catholic Parish & School
13807 Poplar Tree Road • Chantilly, VA 20151



To get your FREE ticket to attend, go to
www.TimBallardChurchEvent.com
(Tickets are required to enter the venue)

Due to limited seating and sensitive topic,
event is for adults 21 years of age and older.



BIOETHICS SEMINARS FOR ADULTS

WITH SR. MALIA GRACE REED, O.P.

hosted by SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesdays at 7:00pm



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September 12, 2023	...	What is Truth?
September 19, 2023	...	The Dignity of the Human Person
September 26, 2023	...	From Love to Desire to Joy
October 3, 2023	...	The Rational Powers of the Human Soul
October 10, 2023	...	The Nature of Human Love
October 17, 2023	...	Marriage & Human Sexuality



Sister Malia Grace Reed, O.P., is the chair of the Bioethics Department at John Paul. Sister Malia Grace has been a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia (also known as the “Nashville Dominicans”) for 13 years and a member of the John Paul faculty for 8 years. She has a background in philosophy through her studies as a Dominican and under the mentorship of Sister Terese Auer, O.P., the author of John Paul’s four-year Bioethics Curriculum.



Free Admission • 17700 Dominican Dr., Potomac Shores, VA 22026 • St. Thomas Aquinas Hall (downstairs)

St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA invites families to learn more about our caring, Catholic community where we inspire the extraordinary in one another. Visit our website www.paulvi.net/admissions to learn more.

Save the date for our fall Open House on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1 - 3 p.m. Reach out to our Enrollment Management team at admissions@paulvi.net with any questions you may have.

Mission Trip for Young Adults

The Diocese of Arlington Young Adult Ministry is partnering with Commissioned by Christ to offer a Mission Trip for Young Adults to Piura, Peru. It is often by being sent on Christian service that a person's faith life becomes a much more tangible and important part of who they are. Join other young adults from around the diocese February 28 - March 2, 2024 on a transforming journey serving the Catholic mission parish Santísimo Sacramento. For more information and to sign up, visit the website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/mission-trip-for-young-adults/.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

We are excited to welcome your child into the faith community. This Baptism Prep is for first-time parents. We also welcome Godparents. We want to help you grow in your understanding of this special Sacrament!

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"The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family."

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Integrating the latest findings from modern science with the timeless teaching of the faith and the wisdom of the saints, *The Choice Wine: 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage* places authentic marital happiness within every couple's reach.

Studies show that people who are married are happier, healthier and have more financial resources than people who are not married.

"Christ doesn't want your marriages just to have enough...he wants your marriages to be superabundant!" -Steve Bollman

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- Honor your wedding vows
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- Find God in other people
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By following these steps, couples can reduce the probability of divorce to essentially zero and increase the probability of having a superabundant marriage to almost 4 out of 5!

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Program Details

Nativity Catholic Church
Fridays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
in the school teachers lounge
October 13, 20, 27th
November 3, 10, 17th

Schedule


6:30 pm - Potluck Dinner
6:55 p.m. - Welcome and opening prayer
7:00 p.m. - Video presentation
8:00 p.m. - Small group discussion
8:20 p.m. - Closing prayer & dismissal

Registration

For more information or to register, please see the Upcoming Events on the parish website or contact Anna Lisa at marriage@nativityburke.org.


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Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 26 - Homework Assistance Begins
 Friday, Sept. 29 - 12 NOON Dismissal
 Monday, October 2 - 7th Grade Fellowship
 Tuesday, October 3 - Sky Dome Planetarium Assembly
 Wednesday, October 4 - Blessing of the Animals
 Friday, October 6 - Interims
 Friday, October 6 - 12 NOON Dismissal

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. Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, for more information, at (703) 455-2300 and/or smurph@nativityschool.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm





EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Alternating Sundays | 3:30-5:00pm
& Fridays | 7:00-8:30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

Build meaningful relationships with your peers & deepen your prayer life

GIRLS: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, weekly

GUYS: Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, 2x/month

See website for full schedule

Before attending, please register for the 2023-2024 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

✉ cym@nativityburke.org
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NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Young Adult Ministry

- WHO ARE WE? WE ARE AN ALL-INCLUSIVE GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 19-35 WHO ARE IN THE "MIDDLE" WHETHER THEY ARE SINGLE, NEWLY MARRIED WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN OR PERHAPS A RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATE!
- WHAT DO WE OFFER? OUR YAM OFFERS SMALL GROUPS, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, BASKETBALL, AND SO MUCH MORE!



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Bishop O'Connell High School

Open House - Sunday, October 1, from 1:00-3:00pm

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 1 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Find out how the school's Catholic mission is integrated across the curriculum, visit science and engineering labs, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.



2023 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO EMMITSBURG, MD

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
on a pilgrimage to
the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday, October 7, 2023

- Presentation on Mother Seton and veneration of her relics
 - Mass with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at the Seton Shrine
 - Eucharistic procession at the Lourdes Grotto
 - Confession available to all attendees
 - Opportunities for blessing of religious articles

Pilgrimage Highlights

For more information and full schedule, please visit:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/>

or scan the QR code



The two shrines within this pilgrimage are at separate locations and require a 6-minute drive. Transportation to Emmitsburg is not provided, but some parishes are coordinating buses. Please contact your parish for possible travel arrangements.



NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY

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 D.C. AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, RAIN OR SHINE.

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<http://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/>

Join the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary!

Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism. We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased. Our fellowship and informational meetings are held on the First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. Contact kdelatte65@gmail.com for information or to be added to our email distribution list.


Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, September 30, 2023. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504

Your Chance to Help Refugee Families

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services seeks your help to secure desperately needed household goods for our new arrivals. Donations directly benefit refugees settling inside our Diocese by outfitting their apartments with basic household necessities. Using our Amazon Gift Registry (<https://a.co/3CwyIQ9>), linens, kitchen, bedding, furniture, or other household items can easily be purchased, as well as additionally collecting these goods at your parish through a donation drive. For more information, please contact Lourdes Iglesias at 703.719.8971 or lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net.


Refugee Families Need School Supplies and Winter Coats Autumn is coming, along with those expenses for school supplies and winter wear. Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services requests your help in outfitting our refugee families new to the area. Hosting a collection for new backpacks and school supplies OR for winter coats (new or gently used) are ideal service projects. A successful drive only takes about three weeks overall. Interested? Please contact Lourdes Iglesias at 703.719.8971 or MRSDonations@ccda.net.



Teaching Opportunities in the Diocese

Explore teaching opportunities in one of the 37 elementary or 4 high schools serving 17,000 students in the 13 cities and counties in our diocese. Our schools are urgently seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals. Find the teaching perfect opportunity! Visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>

You can designate Nativity Church or Nativity School as the beneficiaries of your Amazon Smile! You can choose Nativity by going to: **YOUR ACCOUNT, YOUR AMAZON SMILE and designating Nativity.** Amazon then contributes a small percentage of each purchase to Nativity. For questions, please contact Ann Benson at: 703 455 2400. Thank you!



Are you a lifelong learner who is passionate about Catholic education and works to inspire others to be extraordinary? St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly is busy making plans for next school year. God might be calling you to visit www.paulvi.net/ employment to see positions that are available.

PLEASE JOIN US! House of Mercy Food Truck Festival

At House of Mercy, 8170 Flannery Ct, Manassas, VA 20109 Saturday, September 30th 11AM - 3PM. Live music, food trucks, entertainment, beer garden, to help fundraise for the House of Mercy Food Pantry and programs! Fun for all ages! Tickets available at www.houseofmercyva.org

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

Volunteers Needed!!

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023
9:30 AM - 5:00 PM MASS
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**FAMILIES WILL BE GROUPED
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ST. CHARLES' RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE PRESENTS...

"Called to Faithful Citizenship"



Jeff Caruso is the executive director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, established to advance the mutual public-policy interests of the Commonwealth's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.



Thursday, September 28th

Benedict Hall - 7PM

Refreshments will be provided!
Scan the QR code to register.





SR. CONSTANCE & THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ARE

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For high school girls interested in growing
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October 14, 2023, 10am-3pm
St. Jeanne Jugan Residence
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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 24

Isaiah 55:6-9
 Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
 Philippians 1:20c-24,27a
 Matthew 20:1-16a

God's not fair! How many times have we felt that way? And it's true, at least by our standards. The parable in the Gospel reading is a fine example of this.

Monday September 25

Ezra 1:1-6
 Ps 126:1b-6
 Luke 8:16-18

The landowner seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much.

Tuesday September 26

Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20
 Ps 122:1-5
 Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ezra 9:5-9
 Tb 13:2-4a,6e-j,7-8
 Luke 9:1-6

God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can do no less.

Thursday September 28

Haggai 1:1-8
 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b
 Luke 9:7-9

Friday September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or
 Revelation 12:7-12b
 Ps 138:1-5
 John 1:47-51

The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We think that justice (fairness) means equal treatment, but that harkens back to the Old Testament concept of justice: "an eye for an eye". Jesus raised justice to its highest level,

which means being equally loving and kind to all, whether they deserve it or not.

We don't have to understand God's higher ways. We only have to be grateful that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still



gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own love?" he asks.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † When have you felt undeserving of God's goodness?
- † What evidence proves that he never stopped loving you? What did he do for you?
- † How has your own opinion of yourself interfered with feeling his love?
- † Share the story of a time when you saw something good happen to a "bad" or undeserving person, or a time when you prayed for something that you didn't get while an unfaithful person received it without turning to God for help. Despite the unfairness of this, why are you glad that you have known God's love?
- † Can you also be glad for the blessings that unbelievers receive from God?

Jesús, tú eres mi Pescador *Jesucristo*

Jesús sabía muy bien lo que necesitamos, nos ha observado durante demasiados años nadar lejos de Él.

Por: Oscar Schmidt | Fuente: reinadelcielo.org



El hombre se despertó de madrugada en esa ciudad que no era la suya, a la que había ido tantas veces. No podía dormir. Pensó, ¿dónde estoy? con esa extraña sensación del que viaja demasiado y termina perdiendo sentido de tiempo y lugar. Ah, se dijo a sí mismo algo confundido, aquí estoy, en esta ciudad tan bendecida por la Mano de Dios. Pero no puedo dormir.

El Rosario sobre la mesita de luz del hotel llamó su atención. Es bueno rezar a estas horas, el Señor siempre lo necesita porque es el horario en que más cosas feas pasan y los buenos están durmiendo, así que es importante llenar este espacio oscuro con oraciones ofrecidas simplemente por las intenciones del Señor, que Él las use a Su mejor conveniencia.

El pensamiento atravesó su mente, “de paso ayudo a bendecir un poco esta ciudad”. El rechazo a la idea fue inmediato, ¿qué clase de bendiciones puedo pedir yo al Señor, si es que soy literalmente “un pecado” que camina? El Señor le respondió, muy breve y conciso: “eres un pescado”. Nuestro amigo se quedó sorprendido, estupefacto. Pero Señor, yo dije que soy un “pecado que camina”, ¿y cómo es que Tú me dices que soy un pescado? El Señor le volvió a responder, tan breve y con el mismo tono de la vez anterior: “yo te pesqué”.

El señor de nuestra historia rió, y el Señor de la Historia rió también. Rieron juntos. Si, soy tu pescado, le dijo, y Tú, nadie menos que Tú, eres mi Pescador. Nuestro amigo se quedó absorto en sus pensamientos, alegre de saber que él mismo era la presa de Jesús. Y entonces recordó el signo, aquel signo que precedió a la Cruz, y que fue la forma en que se reconoció al pueblo cristiano y a Cristo mismo durante los primeros siglos de la Iglesia: el Pez. Aquel signo representaba lo que él era, no un pez, sino un pescado. Y se sintió parte de esa Iglesia primitiva, se sintió en una catacumba viendo ese signo pintado una y otra vez en las paredes alumbradas por la tenue luz de las lámparas de aceite.

Y luego recordó cómo había sido pescado por Jesús. Se imaginó al Señor pensando cual era la mejor estrategia para atrapar a Su presa, para que ese pez que andaba suelto por las peligrosas aguas del mar del mundo, mordiera su anzuelo y fuera recogido a su barca, la misma barca que San Juan Bosco viera en sus sueños, la gran Barca de la Iglesia. Jesús pensó: tengo que usar el mejor señuelo, el que tenga el color y el sabor adecuados, el que mejor llame la atención de Mi presa. El estudió al hombre, miró sus costumbres, sus gustos, sus hábitos, y trazó Su plan.

El buen pescador sabe muy bien que debe tener absolutamente todo en cuenta antes de abordar su desafío: el horario del día, la transparencia y temperatura del agua, la profundidad a la que hay que buscar a la presa, y en función de ello elige su señuelo. Los que son realmente buenos pescadores diseñan y construyen ellos mismos sus señuelos, utilizando materiales que encuentran aquí y allá. Ellos miran y sopesan una y otra vez de qué modo serán capaces de atraer la atención del pez buscado, y luego se lanzan a su misión con perseverancia, hasta hacer morder el anzuelo a su presa. ¡Entonces la alegría vale doble!

Jesús sabía muy bien lo que Su presa necesitaba, la había observado durante demasiados años nadar lejos de Él. De tal modo que esta vez eligió utilizar el mejor señuelo del que disponía, uno literalmente irresistible. El lo llama de diversos modos, como Señuelo Santo, o Estrella de la Mañana, o también Rosa Mística, aunque lo más habitual es que lo llame simplemente Mamá. Con gran expectativa nuestro Pescador de hombres lanzó a las aguas del mundo a Su Gran Señuelo, y atrapó a Su presa esta vez. El pequeño hombre mordió el anzuelo con ganas, y aunque luego se resistió como todo buen pez que no quiere volverse pescado, no lo soltó nunca más.

Y así fue como se transformó en un orgulloso pescado, presa del Pescador de hombres, atrapado por no poder resistir el llamado del Señuelo Santo, de la Madrecita del mismo Dios. Nuestro amigo vio todo esto con tanta claridad que no pudo más que sonreír, abrazarse a la Cruz del Rosario, y sentirse feliz de comprender la profundidad de aquel signo que nos representa, el Pez, Ictis, símbolo de Jesucristo, Pescador de hombres. Así lo conocieron, así se presentó al mundo Él desde la barca de Pedro, la misma Barca que dos mil años después sigue transportándolo por los mares del mundo, mientras Él sigue pescando a hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad.

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DOMINGO 25 EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO**(Septiembre 24, 2017)****Énfasis Sugerido***“Busquen al Señor ahora que lo pueden encontrar, llámenlo ahora que está cerca.”***Perspectiva Salesiana**

Todos buscamos al Señor en nuestras vidas, estemos conscientes de ello o no. Nosotros buscamos a Dios en nuestros hogares, en nuestros barrios, en nuestras escuelas y oficinas. Nosotros buscamos a Dios en nuestros éxitos y también en los obstáculos que se nos presentan. Nosotros buscamos a Dios en nuestras esperanzas, en nuestros miedos y en nuestros sueños. Nosotros buscamos a Dios en todas aquellas cosas que tenemos que hacer el día de hoy.

Con todo lo que tenemos que hacer, quién tiene tiempo para pasarlo en esta búsqueda? La verdad es que buscar a Dios no implica tener que hacer algo extra: buscar a Dios es simplemente abrir nuestras mentes, nuestros corazones, nuestros oídos, nuestros ojos y nuestra imaginación a Dios quien siempre está con nosotros, presente en todas esas tareas que tenemos pendientes por hacer. San Francisco de Sales escribió: “Dios esta en todas las cosas y en todos los lugares. No hay una cosa o un lugar en donde Dios no se encuentre verdaderamente presente. Así como las aves siempre encuentran aire en donde quiera que vuelan, de la misma forma nosotros encontraremos a Dios presente a donde quiera que vayamos, o donde quiera que estemos. Todo el mundo conoce esta verdad – intelectualmente hablando- pero no todo el mundo internaliza esta verdad y la asume como propia” ([Introducción a la Vida Devota](#), Parte II, Capítulo 2). Dios no solo sabe en donde están ustedes, sino que “esta presente de manera particular en sus corazones y en el centro mismo de sus espíritus. El los aviva y los anima con su divina presencia, por que Dios está ahí como el corazón de su corazón y el espíritu de su espíritu”. (*Ibid*)

Entonces, el problema no es que Dios no este presente en nuestras vidas, sino que nosotros simplemente –y trágicamente- fracasamos a la hora de reconocer la presencia de Dios. Francisco escribió: “Aún cuando la fe nos garantiza su presencia, como no podemos verlo con nuestros propios ojos muchas veces nos olvidamos de Dios y nos comportamos como si Dios estuviese lejos de nosotros. Aún cuando nuestro intelecto nos dice que Dios esta presente en todas las cosas, fracasamos a la hora de reflexionar sobre esta verdad y actuamos como si no la supiéramos.” (*Ibid*)

Uno de los métodos más poderosos y efectivos para buscar al Señor – para poder ver al Señor quien siempre está presente- es la oración. No importa cuan ocupados, frustrados, solitarios o jubilosos nos sintamos, no importa cuan atareados resulten nuestros días, siempre tenemos oportunidad de orar: una palabra, una frase, un pensamiento o una imagen que nos recuerde que el Dios que nos creo, quien nos redimió y quien nos inspira, es verdaderamente Emanuel, un nombre que significa Dios está con nosotros! Porqué es tan importante todo esto? Cuando estamos conscientes de la presencia de Dios es más probable que nos tratemos los unos a los otros de forma amorosa, pacífica, preocupada, con dulzura, con verdad y con gentileza. Por el contrario, cuando no recordamos la presencia de Dios, nosotros... somos mas propensos a comportarnos de formas que van en contra de sus designios. Busquen... vean al Señor quien siempre está presente en ustedes... en los demás... en todas las actividades de cada día. Y una vez conscientes de esta verdad, recuerden que deben pensar, sentir, soñar, trabajar y actuar de acuerdo a la misma!

¿Es correcto decir: Dios te bendiga?**¿Hay algún fundamento bíblico para que podamos decir esta frase?****Por: P. Samuel Bonilla | Fuente: PadreSam.com**

A menudo escuchamos “Dios te bendiga” o simplemente “bendiciones”, ¿es eso correcto? ¿Hay algún fundamento bíblico? Veremos que sí, pero hay que hacerlo adecuadamente.

ETIMOLOGÍA: la palabra “bendición” viene del latín *beneditio, benedictionis*, es decir, se compone de *bene* (bien) y *dicere* (decir), por lo que bendecir es “decir bien” de alguien.

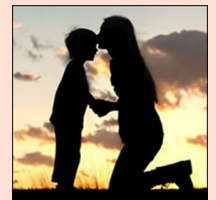
FUNDAMENTO BÍBLICO: lo encontramos en Números 6,22-27, en donde expresamente dice así:

El Señor le ordenó a Moisés: «Diles a Aarón y a sus hijos que impartan la bendición a los israelitas con estas palabras: “El Señor te bendiga y te guarde; el Señor te mire con agrado y te extienda su amor; el Señor te muestre su favor y te conceda la paz”. Así invocarán mi nombre sobre los israelitas, para que yo los bendiga».

De aquí podemos concluir que la acción de bendecir pertenece a Dios, no al hombre. Cuando alguien bendice (un papá, mamá, amigo) debe siempre hacer referencia a Dios. No podemos banalizar, ni que se convierta en una muletilla el decir “bendiciones”, sino que al hacerlo se debe siempre mencionar el sujeto de la bendición: Dios. Lo correcto entonces es “Dios te bendiga”, “el Señor te bendiga”, no simplemente “bendiciones”.

La bendición entonces no es una simple “buena suerte”, sino más bien pedirle a Dios que acompañe, proteja... bendiga a esa persona a la cual la dirigimos.

¡Que Dios te bendiga!





Find what Matthew 20:16 says.

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What happened next?

Use these words to fill in the blanks below.
Then match each picture to its description.

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3 The _____ t _____
them, "You go _____ s _____ and work in the vineyard."

4 When _____ n _____ came, the landowner
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and _____ i _____ them all the _____ amount.

5 _____ workers who were _____ r _____
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"Are you _____ s _____ because I am
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* a denarius was a coin that equaled a day's pay

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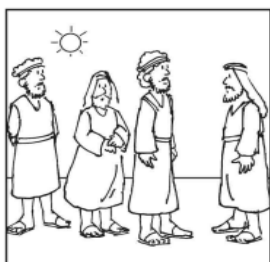
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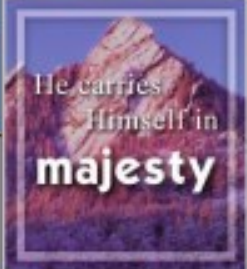
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