

Nativity CATHOLIC CHURCH Burke, Virginia
1973 2023
Celebrating 50 Years!
"We are God's people" - 1 Peter 2:10

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:
- 7:30 am Monday through Friday
- 12:00 pm Monday / Tuesday / Thursday
- 9:00 am on Saturday

ADORATION:
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesday

HOLY DAY MASSES:
- As announced

RECONCILIATION:
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm on Saturday or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM:
- For more information and how to schedule a baptism, please visit our website at: 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 11:00 am on Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this deadline can change due to holiday closings

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A Message from our Pastor Msgr. Bob Cilinski



"Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves each looking out for others" - Phil 2:3

My dear parishioners,

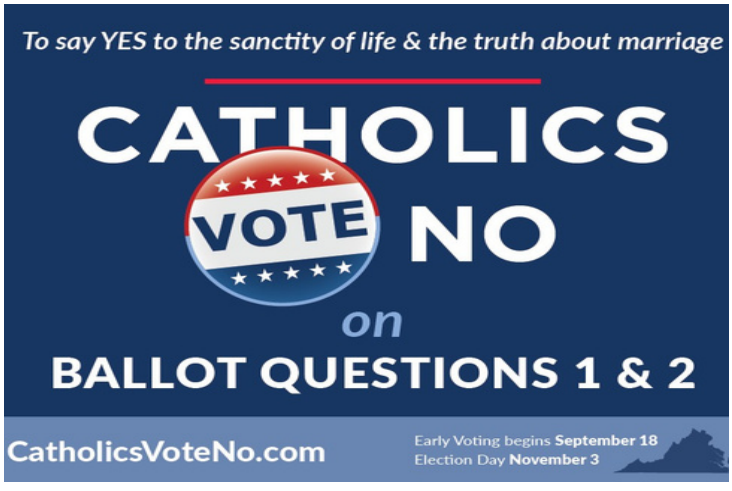
Today's gospel about the man who asked his two sons to go into the vineyard to work reminds us of God's call. One said yes but didn't, the other said no, but then changed his mind and went. I guess we want to work on responding yes... and then doing it. We will come to know what all the Saints came to know, that working in God's vineyard is not a chore. It's a gift.

Next Sunday, October 4th is Respect life Sunday and we pray for an even greater commitment to the dignity of every human person, to the family and the sacredness of life in every moment.

Love and Blessings,

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor





NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

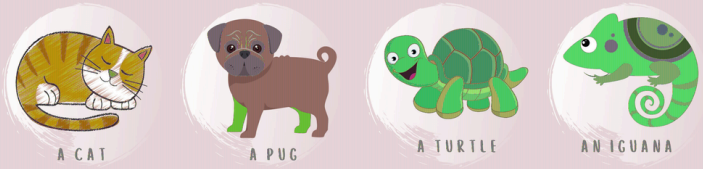


Boys and girls who are now in the fifth through twelfth grade, who would like to be Altar Servers for either the English or Spanish Masses, need to attend TWO (out of Three) training sessions this fall. ***The training sessions will be held in the church at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 1 - Monday, October 5 - Thursday, October 8.***

One parent should attend the first training session if possible. No returning server workshop is scheduled at this time.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S LOVE FOR ALL CREATURES, WE INVITE YOUR PETS TO NATIVITY FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING.



WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 11:30AM
IN THE PARKING LOT NEAR THE GROTTO.
PETS MUST BE HELD IN ARMS OR ON A LEASH
PLEASE NOTE: WEATHER PERMITTING!

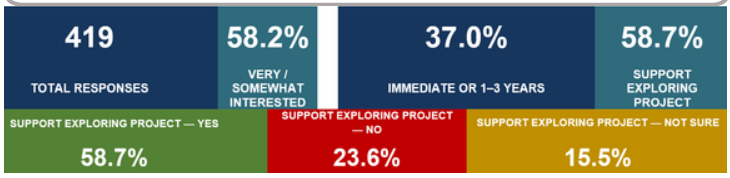
Thank You, Nativity! Columbarium Survey Update:

Thank you to everyone in the Nativity community who participated in our recent columbarium survey. Nearly 60% of respondents support further exploration of the project.

Moving Forward Together:

In response to this strong community support, the Parish Council voted to continue evaluating the project's feasibility. During this next phase, the parish will assess the project's scope, requirements, costs, and long-term considerations while carefully reviewing the survey input. This exploration does not constitute final approval to build; it is an important step toward a thoughtful, well-informed decision.

We will keep the parish informed as this work progresses. Thank you for your participation and for your continued commitment to the future of Nativity Catholic Church. Questions or comments? Please contact Joe Tiago at ecumenicalministry@nativityburke.org.





Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to become a registered member of Nativity Parish. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.



Support Your Local Police Station!

The National Faith & Blue Weekend is October 9-12 under the theme *"Building Bridges to More Inclusive Communities."* As part of the nation's largest annual collaborative policing initiative, National Faith & Blue Weekend facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations. Faith & Blue is based on the premise that strong communities are built through mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

Nativity Parish supports the local West-Springfield District Police Station and is part of their ecumenical Police and Faith Community, with Joe Tiago on the planning committee. The committee is planning a Faith & Blue Brunch for the Police and Faith Leadership to be held at the West Springfield District Station on October 9. Faith community leaders from over 70 houses of worship are invited to share resources, create relationships, and connect with the Fairfax County Police Department.

From October 6-12, Nativity Catholic Church will be collecting the following items to support our West-Springfield Police Station:

- Appreciation letters and cards
- Healthy snacks, protein bars and shakes
- Baked goods
- Bottled coffee, water, and energy drinks

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during weekdays, at the designated table in the church narthex before/after weekend Masses on October 10-11, or by contacting Joe Tiago at ecumenicalministry@nativityburke.org.

All donated items will be delivered to the West-Springfield District Police Station on Monday, October 12. Thank you for your generosity!







St. Lucy Fall Food Drive: Saturday, October 17th from 9:00AM-1:00PM

The St. Lucy Fall Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 17 October to support Catholic Charities in its campaign against hunger in the Diocese. The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the previous food drives).
During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal). Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, especially grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome!
Please make any checks out to CCDA, with "St. Lucy Project" in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1. If you would like to help hand out the blue bags after Mass on October 10th or 11th, please join us in the narthex after Communion. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com.
Thank you and God bless you!

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

MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

"Weare God'sPeople"
1 Peter 2:10

Monday, September 28
7:30 am Special Intention for Sr. Donatella
12:00 am † Anthony Miles Jr.

Tuesday, September 29
7:30 am † Laura Ogborn
12:00 pm † Frank & Lucy Klimkos

Wednesday, September 30
7:30 am † Lt. Mary Anne Hayes

Thursday, October 1
7:30 am † Frank Pomilla
12:00 am Special Intention for Diane & Tom Fields

Friday, October 2
7:30 am † Florinda Molina

Saturday, October 3
9:00 am † Frances Ricco
5:00 pm Special Intention for Ronald & Judy Dirisio
7:00 pm Nativity Parishioners *(Spanish)*

Sunday, October 4
7:00 am † Jean Dely Saint Cyr
9:00 am † Mona McInerney
11:00 pm † Girium Dagne
1:00 pm † Daniel F. Hunter
5:30 pm † Norma Peraldo Manyari

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



Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. Retrouvaille of Northern Virginia will be holding our next weekend November 6-8, 2026, in Fredericksburg. For more info about Retrouvaille, please visit the website at helpourmarriage.org. To register online for this weekend or for more information about the Northern Virginia Community, click the "Find Your Program" tab at the top and search for Northern Virginia. For more details, please call 703-351-7211 or email NorthernVirginia@helpourmarriage.org.



Next weekend, October 3rd / 4th, 2026, 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 source of income.
During this difficult time in the Holy Land, Bethlehem is still isolated and suffering. Tourism has completely stopped for almost three years. Most Christians in Bethlehem have no jobs and no support for their families, they are living in constant fear.
Christians in the Holy Land used to comprise more than 37% of the population. There are less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.
YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.
For more information, please contact 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign – Kickoff Rally, 6:00pm, Thursday, October 1st:
Join us for the Kickoff Rally featuring Ramona Trevino, former Planned Parenthood manager. She will talk about her experience working at Planned Parenthood and her conversion. St. Anthony's School Cafeteria, Door 12, 3301 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church. Contact Joseph Flaherty, Falls Church Leader, jflaherty1310@aol.com. Local campaign info, go to 40daysforlife.com/fallschurch.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign: Wednesday, September 23rd – Sunday, November 1st:
"The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.
By the grace of God through 40 Days For Life's campaigns over 26,000 lives have been saved, 187 abortion centers have closed and at least 279 abortion workers have quit. Behind these numbers are numerous podcasts, videos, and individual stories of volunteers, abortion survivors, and pro-life advocates here.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life - Friday, Oct 23rd:
As part of the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign, mark your calendar on October 23rd to join fellow Nativity parishioners for one hour between 7am-7pm as we peacefully pray the pro-life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of abortion facility at 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church. You CAN make a difference. Former abortion workers report that when someone prays in front of an abortion facility, the "no-show" rate for abortion appointments can go to as high as 75 percent! Be that someone. (40 Days for Life). Sign up Genius to follow! Contact Br. Rick Loffredo, rickloffredo@outlook.com





Consider Joining our "Friday Witness":
You can also join us "regulars" that peacefully pray the inspiring Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility every Friday after 7:30am Mass. Contact rickloffredo@outlook.com to join!

Gabriel Project:
Pregnancy Outreach for Expectant Mothers. Offers emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support through a pregnancy helpline and parish-based volunteer "Angel" support. helpforpregnantwomen.org. 866.444.3553.
Project Rachel: Help after Abortion. A safe place to share your emotions and work toward healing. helpafterabortion.org, 703.841.2504.

Marriage ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

Date Night

No Greater Love: The Story of Tom Vander Woude



CHRIS VANDER WOUDE

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 17 • 6:00 PM

Following the 5:00 PM Mass
All adults in the parish are invited!

Dinner & Childcare Provided

Register Today!
nativityburke.org/date-night/

FAMILY MINISTRY
Nativity Catholic Church

A place to build friendships, share joy, and strengthen our families while growing closer to Christ.

Topic: Person & Relationships



Saturday
October 3rd

9:30 AM
Nativity Cafeteria

Breakfast and Childcare will be provided

RSVP
https://bit.ly/4xbFEqh

TRINITY HOUSE community



CYO CHEER
** NATIVITY STARS **

REGISTRATION

Registration is OPEN!
All girls in grades 3-8 are welcome to register
Registration and Information:
https://nativityburke.org/cyo-cheer/

PRACTICES AND GAMES

Practices: Begin mid-late October on Tuesday evenings
Cheer Events: December to March

VOLUNTEERS

Coaching and Schedule Coordinator volunteer roles available.
High School Student Volunteer roles available (cheer experience preferred); receive volunteer hours!

Information: https://nativityburke.org/volunteer-coaches-needed/

Please reach out if interested!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT CYOSPORTS@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG

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Girl Scouts is where every child can explore, create, and become more of who they're meant to be.*

*Financial assistance available

DISCOVER GIRL SCOUTS AT NATIVITY

Sunday, October 4 from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Enter through the Main School Lobby. Adults and youth invited, please RSVP so we can contact you about any date/time changes. For more information, contact Cheryl Osborne at cosborne@gscnc.orgor, 703 372 4341.

God's plan for uniting all His children and bringing them to heaven, begins with the family.



He loves you so much that He wants you and your family to be part of His Family. Join fellow parishioners for 33 Days to the Holy Family, a 6-week small group, online retreat via Zoom from Sep. 29-Nov 3, 2026, with a consecration to the Holy Family on November 8.





A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry:

Begin the week of Saint Francis's Feast Day with an adventure into the complex and fascinating inner lives of animals.
On Tuesday, September 29th at 8:00 p.m., Dr. Marc Bekoff will join the Saint Francis Institute for Animals to discuss his decades of research on animal emotions and his newest book, Love in Their Hearts: A Celebration of Animal Emotions and a Guide to Compassionate Action.
A world-renowned animal behavior expert, Dr. Bekoff will share what we know about animal emotions and sentience, including expressions of joy, curiosity, playfulness, grief, anger, love, and more. He will be joined by
Rev. Christopher Steck, SJ, who will bring a Catholic theological perspective to the discussion. You won't want to miss this!
Register here:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/3117878910461/WN_v96IMuQvQvuPt39e1Sgddw#/registration
In honor of St. Francis, Nativity's blessing of the animals takes place in the church parking lot/grotto area on Saturday, October 3 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

145th Men's Cursillo Retreat November 9-12

The next Men's Cursillo Retreat will be held at San Damiano in November. This retreat offers an opportunity to relax and rediscover the peace Jesus meant for you to know, walking daily with Him, as God's beloved son.
It will be held during the week from Nov 9-12 and information about it can be found on the Arlington Cursillo Website https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org/upcoming-mens-weekend
Anyone interested or with questions can contact Marc Laverdiere mglaverdiere@msn.com or

The Nativity Rosary Ministry was busy this summer!

Over 850 World Mission rosaries were made as part of the nationwide 75,000 rosary effort for Archbishop Sheen's Beautification ceremony this month. Just one example of the work our Nativity Rosary Ministry does.
If you are looking for a new way to serve and deepen your commitment to the Blessed Mother, consider joining Nativity's Rosary Ministry. We will teach you how to make Mission Rosaries, rosary bracelets, one decade rosaries and more! All that is required is your time--all supplies are provided. We pray the rosary at each meeting and then teach anyone who wants to learn.
Our first kick-off meeting of the year will be on Sunday, September 27th from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. We are saving a spot for you! For questions email rosaryministry@nativityburke.org.



Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?
If you were married in 1976 or 2001, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2026 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on:
Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Visit your parish office to register no later than October 2nd. For more information, visit https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/







ECHO Collection next weekend, October 3/4
Food Room Most Needed Items:

Thank you for including ECHO's Food Room needs on your shopping list. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 822 lbs on August 29/30!! Note: ECHO 's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!! Most needed items:
Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils, Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal (low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Canned Milk, Shelf stable milk, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.) Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-salt spices, Masa Corn Flour, Granulated Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Canned Meat, , Paper boxes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand lotion, Band Aids, Diapers. (sizes 2, 4, 5, 6), Sanitary Napkins.

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
Nationally Certified STEM School
ITEEA STEM School of Excellence

Nativity Dedication to our Beloved Francisco








At the Grotto, located on our Church/School Campus, we recently dedicated the statue of St. Francisco Marto, one of the three children who Mary appeared to at Fatima, in loving memory of Francisco Frederickson, our Nativity School classmate, who recently died of a rare type of pediatric terminal brain cancer. Monsignor Bob led us through the dedication, supporting Francisco's family, gathering those students who were closest to Francisco, and the teachers who had helped care for him and his family during his illness. At age 7 (in May 2023), he was diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG); the school rallied around Francisco as he fought his battle courageously, going to his Eternal home December 2024.

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

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Love working with children? Want flexibility? Substitutes wanted!

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- 2-plus years of college
- Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
- Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom managment skills
- Diocesan-compliant
- Successful background check

For more information, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146; or you can contact Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at https://www.kofc.org/joinus. As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Stephen Resch, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Vince Augelli at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992.
Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter? If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up. Please contact our Deputy Grand Knight, Stephen Resch, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org, if interested in participating in our next exemplification for new knights.
4 OCT: Donut Sunday! Please volunteer to help set up, make and serve coffee and donuts for our fellow parishioners! Wear your name tag! SUG available on the Linktree!
17 OCT: St. Lucy Food Drive! Volunteer to help unload from donors vehicles and load into the St. Lucy truck. SUG available on the Linktree! Also, we will need all brother Knights help to distribute the blue St. Lucy bags at all Masses the weekend of 10-11 October. Help us to love our neighbors who need food assistance this fall!
24 OCT: Save the date for our Masquerade Ball! Plan to attend, plan to volunteer, or plan to do both! SUGs available on the Linktree for both ticket sales at masses prior to this event (volunteer to sell tickets) as well as for this event (volunteer for the event)!
30 OCT: Nativity's Halloween Trunk-or-Treat is coming soon! Help needed to cook, wrap, and distribute hotdogs and water at this fun family event! SUG available on the Linktree!
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. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.colella.86@gmail.com.
Widow Support: **Updated** We need drivers to support rides to appointments. See SUG for details!
Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciat- ed. Send an updated request for continued support. https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfyRnYEU8s5
Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.
Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!
Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.

Nativity is a tithing community. Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude "Each day with one heart — we are the hands of Jesus"

Vigesimosexto Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario (1 de Octubre de 2017)

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos dice que si creemos en EL, y vivimos Sus enseñanzas, podremos entrar en el reino de Dios. Al respecto, Francisco de Sales nos dice lo siguiente:
Jesús ha venido para enseñarnos lo que debemos hacer para amar de forma divina. Su mensaje confunde a esa cultura que nos incita a perseguir logros falsos, una cultura que constantemente nos vende idea como "¡Qué felices que son las personas acaudaladas!" A los ojos de Jesús, los bienaventurados son aquellos que viven la vida con plena confianza en Dios. Ellos obtendrán la paz y la tranquilidad perpetua. Ellos escuchan la palabra de Dios, la reciben, y se benefician de ella.

Existen dos razones por las cuales las personas no se benefician de la palabra de Dios. En primera instancia, puede que verdaderamente la escuchen y que ésta remueva algo en su interior, sin embargo deciden no hacer nada al respecto hasta el día siguiente. Nuestra vida es el hoy que estamos viviendo. ¿Quién puede prometerse a sí mismo un mañana? Nuestra existencia consiste en el momento presente que vivimos ahora. Sólo contamos con la certeza de este instante que estamos disfrutando, sin importar cuán breve sea.

Segundo, hay personas que poseen una gran cantidad de conocimientos, que se dedican a acumular todo tipo de consejos espirituales y de información, pero jamás los ponen en práctica. La única forma en que realmente aprendemos algo de las enseñanzas impartidas por Jesús, es cuando las hacemos parte de nuestra vida diaria. Para vivir a Jesús debemos darnos la oportunidad de deshacernos de nuestras emociones, hábitos, y afectos desordenados.

Debemos transformar nuestras emociones y afectos para que nos ayuden a convertirnos en personas que aman de manera divina. Esto sólo podremos hacerlo, una vez que desechemos todo aquello que haya en nosotros que no provenga de Dios. Para poder dejar nuestros vicios debemos poner en práctica las virtudes que nos ayudan a contrarrestar los vicios de los que queremos librarnos. Por ejemplo, si nuestra ira está fuera de control debemos poner en práctica la gentileza y la paciencia. No se preocupen por nada que no sea seguir las enseñanzas de Jesús. Confíen en la bondad de Dios; EL sin duda alguna les otorgará todo lo que necesitarán para poder entrar en Su reino.

(*Adaptación de los Sermones de San Francisco de Sales)*

XXVI DOMINGO ORDINARIO – A
Evangelio: Mat 21,28-32 - Trabajar en la viña del Señor

Con un ejemplo muy gráfico, Jesús, una vez mas, nos instruye –y advierte- sobre las verdaderas coordenadas por las que ha de discurrir nuestra respuesta a su llamada o vocación cristiana. No es suficiente hablar y prometer, alardear de bondades y proyectos, creerse ya buenos porque en efecto ya cumplimos "lo suficiente", o porque realmente hacemos las cosas mejor que otros.
Lo verdaderamente importante es cumplir el deber de cada momento con humildad y generosidad, sin perder de vista el amor de Dios, y por tanto, muchas veces, sin olvidarnos del arrepentimiento humilde y esperanzado.

Gracias, Señor, por esta crítica que nos haces a tantos cristianos, que nos creemos mejores, porque ya rezamos algunas veces, participamos en la Eucaristía dominical, damos alguna limosna y nunca robamos ni molestamos gravemente al prójimo.
Pero, Tú, Señor, quieres otras "bondades" más exigentes y comprometidas, y por supuesto más valiosas y gratificantes.
¡Es tan fácil ensimismarse con las propias cualidades y virtudes!
¡Somos tan propensos a autojustificarnos y sobrevalorarnos en exceso!
¡Es tan fácil ver la paja en el ojo ajeno, que, aún sin darnos cuenta, impedimos ver los defectos, pecados y limitaciones, tan grandes como vigas, en nuestra cara!
Pero, Tu, Señor, nos abres un camino llano y carretero, repleto de posibilidades y ayudas, para que todos podamos caminar por él, disfrutar del trayecto, y llegar felices y satisfechos a la meta.
Que la verdadera fe me ayude a **conocerme como soy** y cómo debo caminar por la senda de la santidad y del apostolado.
Que la humildad y la sinceridad me ayuden a reconocer mis defectos y fallos, y a pedirte perdón cuando lo necesite.
Que la valentía y la generosidad me estimulen a caminar sin parar haciendo el bien.
Que nunca me crea suficientemente bueno y santo, ni me detenga, o me enfríe, en la lucha por la santidad.
Que mi oración de cada día me haga ver claro el camino de la vida.
Que la Eucaristía frecuente me estimule a no cejar en el empeño por vivir la caridad con el prójimo.
Que nadie me gane en amarte y en servir a los demás por amor a Ti.

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez

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Jesus' Authority, and a Parable

Jesus taught in the temple courts.
The chief priests and elders were not happy
with things Jesus was doing.

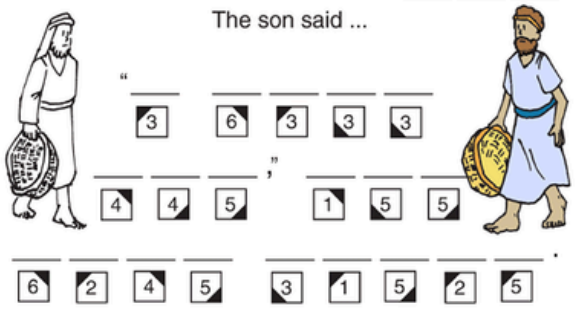
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Jesus told a parable: A man had two sons.
He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work
today in the vineyard."

Use the code to finish
the "Parable of the Two Sons."

A B C D	E F G H	I J K L	M N O P	R S T U	V W X Y	Q Z
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The son said ...

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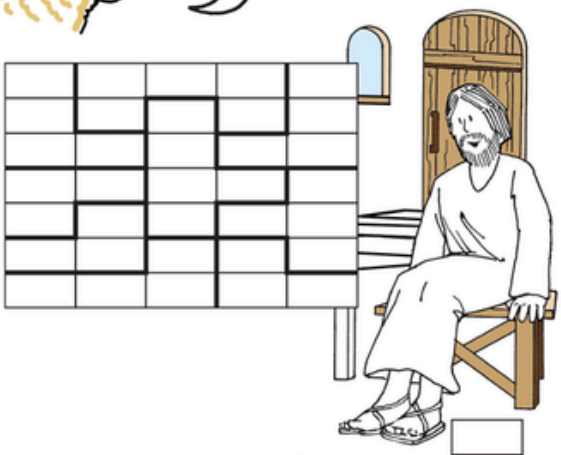
Then the father went to the other son, and said the
same thing. The son said ...

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Jesus asked, "Which of the two
did as the father wanted?"



Fit the pieces into the puzzle.
Find what Jesus said to the
priests and elders.



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The chief priests and elders asked Jesus who gave
Him the authority* to preach and perform miracles.
What did Jesus say?

Find the word in each set that does not belong.
Write them on the numbered lines.

9. Jesus Lincoln Washington
10. astronaut authority rocket
1. tree wood asked
3. afraid fire warmth
5. river lake made
4. pages books answer
2. love question heart
7. sun moon mad
6. flame people candle
8. traveled admitted journeyed



He _____ them a
1
_____ they were _____ to _____!
2 3 4
They would have _____ the_____ _____ or
5 6 7
_____ _____ was the _____!
8 9 10

* Authority - the right to do something.

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