

# Respect Life



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2023

*Celebrating 50 Years!*

*“We are God’s people” - 1 Peter 2:10*

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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.

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



*Remember your Mercies O, Lord - Psalm 25*

My dear parishioners:

Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we commit ourselves to the protection of all human life from conception to natural death so that our nation may be a land known for its honor and its love of truth, guided by the God in whom we trust.

Archbishop Bill Lori of the Diocese of Baltimore wrote in his respect life statement:

*Pope Francis has called upon us to build what he and Pope John Paul II have called "a civilization of love," a civilization where the rights and dignity of each person - especially those who are most vulnerable, the unborn and the frail elderly - are respected from the moment of conception until natural death; where the family, based on the love of husband and wife, welcomes children into the world and imparts to them the truths and values that make good citizens; where the hungry and homeless are assisted, the immigrant welcomed, the environment protected, and all legitimate paths to peace are pursued. It is in light of that task of ours that we evaluate the moral quality of what is proposed by candidates and public officials, and work proactively for the ongoing transformation of our society.*

When he visited us, Pope Francis praised Americans for their generosity and hope. He affirmed for us the dignity of all human life. He asked us to abolish the death penalty, to be true to the dreams of our country of freedom, equality, social justice, and dialogue. He called us to be true to our founding ideals and principles. Now is the time to respond to his challenge.

Love and blessings,

*Fr. Bob Cilinski*  
Fr. Bob Cilinski  
Pastor

**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. We coordinate each event with the Fairfax County Police who have assured us of their support. Signs are available for individual pickup at Hammond Hall adjacent to the St. Lawrence parking area starting at 2:00 pm. Contact RickLoffredo@outlook.com.



**Statement from  
Bishop Michael F. Burbidge  
on Respect Life Month**

For more than half a century, the Catholic Church in the United States has paused at the start of October to celebrate Respect Life Month. During this month, we give special thanks to God for the gift of every human life, made in his image and likeness. We also acknowledge the dignity of every human life from conception until natural death.

This year's Respect Life Month theme calls Catholics to embrace "radical solidarity" with pregnant mothers and their children. We live out that solidarity as we walk with vulnerable mothers through Catholic Charities and parish-based ministries like Gabriel Project, both of which surround expectant families with the practical, material and spiritual resources they need to choose life. As Catholics, we are committed to never abandoning mothers in need. With the generous support of clergy, donors and volunteers, we offer spiritual, financial and emotional help to mothers and families across our region through these ministries.

We live out radical solidarity through Project Rachel, a program which invites those hurting from their participation in abortion to experience the healing mercy of Christ and embraces them with compassion. We also show radical solidarity through our adoption ministries, which support birth mothers who choose to place their children in adoptive homes and provide resources to couples who welcome these children into their families.

Finally, we demonstrate radical solidarity when we advocate for policies and laws that enhance family life and protect the vulnerable, particularly the child in the womb.

Sadly, despite the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade, abortion remains legal during all nine months of pregnancy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The government has many responsibilities, but the defense of life is its most fundamental. Defending life requires us to entrust the reins of government only to those who will protect the most vulnerable among us. This is an obligation we must take seriously and carry out prayerfully.

Next month, Virginia will be holding a critical election, as every seat in the General Assembly is on the ballot. I encourage the faithful and all people of goodwill to join in radical solidarity with the unborn, their mothers and other vulnerable persons by voting for candidates who defend life at every stage.

May Mary our Mother intercede for us as we strive to build a future for Virginia in which every life is cherished and protected in law.



**OLIVEWOOD HANDMADE CARVINGS**

Next 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](http://www.BethlehemCarvings.org).

**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.



**Please Note: There will be NO 9:00AM School Mass this Friday, October 6th**

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

*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.



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](http://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.

**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.



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](http://www.asjb.org/boscobenefit).

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

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







## UKRAINE Coat Drive

Winter has arrived in Ukraine. Nativity will have a coat drive this 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)



**CATHOLIC BAR ASSOCIATION**



The Catholic Bar Association (CBA), the nation's leading association of Catholic lawyers, is holding its Annual Conference and General Assembly on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28, 2023 at George Mason University Arlington Campus. Speakers include top legal scholars Judge Justin Walker, Helen Alvaré, Mark Rienzi, and Erika Bachiochi among others. CLE available!

Bishop Michael Burbidge will be the Celebrant and Homilist for the concluding Red Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria on Saturday, October 28 at 5:00 PM with a banquet following at the Westin Alexandria Old Town.

Visit [catholicbar.org/CBA2023](http://catholicbar.org/CBA2023) for more information and to register. The event is co-sponsored by the Thomas More Guild for Legal Professionals in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.



## CUB SCOUTS POPCORN FUND RAISER

Nativity's own Cub Scouts Pack 1101 will be raising money this 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!



## NATIVITY STARS BASKETBALL

### REGISTRATION

All boys and girls in grades 3-8 in Nativity's Religious Education Program or enrolled in Nativity Catholic School are welcomed to register

Register at <https://nativityburke.org/cyo-basketball/>

Registration Period: October 1st - 27th  
Registration Fee: \$95

### PRACTICES AND GAMES

Practices start in October  
Games run from December to March

### COACHES

Please reach out if you are interested in coaching.  
Volunteer spots still available!

### FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT [CYOSPORTS@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG](mailto:CYOSPORTS@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG)

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](http://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](mailto:admissions@paulvi.net) with any questions you may have.

## 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](mailto: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.**





September 27 - November 5  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**HELP SAVE LIVES**

*Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life*  
**Friday, October 20, 2023**  
**7am - 7pm**

**Location: 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church, VA**

**Sign up for one hour here:**

**<http://bit.ly/3roaU9F>**

**Or from Nativity's Bulletin or *Flocknotes*  
or use QR Code:**






**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](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org)



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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
 Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a catechist.

Thank you to those that have come forward to share their talents and love for Jesus with our children


**WE STILL NEED ASSISTANT CATECHISTS FOR:**

Day	Grade	Time
Sunday (Session 2)	3 & 5	7:00-8:15pm
Tuesday (Session 6)	7	7:00-8:15pm

To Sign-up visit our parish website: [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org) under the religious education tab or scan the QR-code

**Taizé Ecumenical Prayer**  
 Saint Bernadette Catholic Church, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, welcomes all Christians and people of good will to sung ecumenical prayer in the tradition of the Community of Taizé, France, **Monday, October 16 at 8pm, and every third Monday.** The forty-five-minute candlelight service is composed of simple participatory songs, prayer, scripture, and silence. Come and pray for Christian Unity and for our world. [www.stbernapar.org](http://www.stbernapar.org).

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

**Monday, October 2nd**  
 7:30 am † Sharon DeMello

**Tuesday, October 3rd**  
 7:30 am † John Peterson  
 12:00 pm † Marc Angelo Sanidad

**Wednesday, October 4th**  
 7:30 am † Daniel F. Hunter  
 3:00 pm † Thomas Tomberg Jr. (Sunrise)

**Thursday, October 5th**  
 7:30 am † Felix Talavan  
 12:00 pm † Lloyd C. Alderman

**Friday, October 6th**  
 7:30 am † Father William Holt

**Saturday, October 7th**  
 9:00 am † Father William Holt  
 5:00 pm † Mary and William Noonan Parishioners  
 7:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, October 8th**  
 7:00 am Parishioners  
 9:00 am † Scott Lynch  
 11:00 am † Terry Moore  
 1:00 pm † Lena G Bonanno  
 5:30 pm Special Int. for Antonio Admana

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

**Please note: Starting Sunday, October 15, the 7:00am Sunday Mass will no longer be live-streamed online**

**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 BY FR. BENNETT

 A CAT  A PUG  A TURTLE  AN IGUANA

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 5:30PM**  
**IN THE PARKING LOT NEAR THE GROTTO**

**PETS MUST BE HELD IN ARMS OR ON A LEASH**  
**PLEASE NOTE: WEATHER PERMITTING!!**





**NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence  
[nativityschool.org](http://nativityschool.org)




**We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:**  
2-Plus years of college. Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher. Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills. Diocesan-compliant. Successful background check

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**Also Seeking ~ A Substitute for the School Nurse**

- Current RN license
- CPR-certification
- Type 1 Diabetes experience a PLUS
- Diocesan-compliant
- Successful background check

**To apply, email Rich Godwin at [rgodwin@nativityschool.org](mailto:rgodwin@nativityschool.org), or call him at (703) 455-2300**

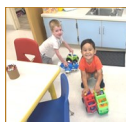
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**~ Important Upcoming Dates ~**

- 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
- Monday, October 9 - No School, Columbus Day
- Thursday, October 12 - Kinder, 4th Grade Field Trips
- Wednesday, October 18 - Chipotle PTO Fundraiser
- Friday, October 27 - No School, Teacher Work Day
- Friday, October 27 - Trunk or Treat, 7 - 8 pm
- Tuesday, October 31 - Halloween Parade, 2:15 pm

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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](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).

Please be aware that the Church, parking lots and Church grounds are private property. Campaigning, placement of political signs or distribution of flyers for political campaigns, is strictly prohibited.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flower Book is open with several dates still available. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please stop by the parish office to sign up. You can now also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

**ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items - October Nativity Collection: THIS weekend**

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.



**LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY**



LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing in remembrance of at least 65 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for a permanent end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Life Chains are held all across the United States and Canada on the First Sunday in October every year!

<https://www.lifechain.net/>

Life Chains are a cooperative, non-denominational effort of the entire Christian community. The first Life Chain was held in 1987. The Alexandria Life Chain began in 1996. In 2018, Life Chains were conducted in 1532 towns and cities involving over one million people!

Life Chains consist of Christians quietly, prayerfully, and peacefully lining both sides of major automobile thoroughfares for 60 minutes carrying pro-life signs. The simple truth of these messages reproduced by hundreds standing 10 feet apart along Franconia Road is very effective. Life Chains are safe, legal and non-confrontational. We coordinate each event with the Fairfax County Police who have assured us of their support. We ask adults and youth to spend the hour standing in silent or group prayer. Small children, senior citizens and handicapped persons are welcome to sit, just bring your own chairs.

As in past years, Nativity parishioners will join the Alexandria Life Chain, which will extend on the North and South sides of Franconia Road from Saint Lawrence Catholic Church to Frontier Avenue near Springfield Mall. People will be lined up along Franconia Road between 2:30 and 3:30pm. Park at St. Lawrence and meet us on the nearby sidewalk.

Please join fellow Catholics and other Christian churches in standing up for life! Nativity Contact: Rick Loffredo at [RickLoffredo@outlook.com](mailto:RickLoffredo@outlook.com)



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# RALLY

• ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED! •



**A DAY FILLED WITH FAITH AND FUN!**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JIMMY MITCHELL**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND**

**BISHOP BURBIDGE**

**MUSICIANS: BEN WALTHER & BAND**

**Who:** All high school students  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Time:** 11am-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

### Support Your Local Police Station

*The National Faith & Blue Weekend is October 6-9, 2023, 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, Nativity representative, on the planning committee. The committee is planning the 1st Annual Police and Faith Leadership Gathering to be held at the West Springfield District Station on October 4, 2023. Faith community leaders from over 70 houses of worship will gather to share resources, create relationships, and connect with the Fairfax County Police Department.

**On October 2-8, 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.


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 7-8, or by contacting Joe Tiago at jonotionline@hotmail.com. All donated items will be delivered to the West-Springfield District Police Station on Monday October 9, 2023. Thank you for your generosity!

**NATIVITY'S 5K/FUN RUN**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SAT. NOV. 18TH**  
**7AM - 11AM**

# 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](mailto:cym@nativityburke.org)    📷 [@nativitycym](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycym)



### A Message from the Creation Care Ministry October 4: Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Many traditions view St. Francis as an inspiration and guide for those who protect creation. October 4 is his feast day and the last day in the Season of Creation. On this special day, consider visiting the Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission webpage to read the Arlington Diocese Laudato Si reflection document and to learn about the first-year action plan. And stay tuned. On St. Francis Day, Pope Francis will release a new apostolic exhortation, an update to Laudato Si, his encyclical on the environment. In Laudato Si, dated May 2015, Pope Francis wanted to "enter into dialogue with all people about our common home... about how we are shaping the future of our planet," in the certainty that a human and integral development respectful of the environment is possible. For more information about developing a family or household Laudato Si action plan, contact nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.



## 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.







**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](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992)

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

**20 Oct, 40 Days for Life:** All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life Infront of an Abortion Clinic on the sidewalk for one hour blocks, 7am to 7pm. Event lead: RickLoffredo@outlook.com Volunteer on linktree.

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

**14-29 Oct, Masquerade Ball** – Ticket Sales after Masses: Volunteer on linktree.

**3, 4 & 5 Nov, Masquerade Ball – Event Help:** It takes a lot of volunteers to set-up, request your assistance to make this evening a huge success.

**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 St, Falls Church.

Contact RickLoffredo@outlook.com

**1 Oct, Life Chain, 2:30-3:30pm** (rain or shine): Signs are available for church group or individual pickup at Hammond Hall adjacent to the St. Lawrence parking area starting at 2:00 pm. Contact RickLoffredo@outlook.com.

**20 Oct, Nativity's All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life, 7am-7pm:** Put on your calendar and plan to one hour to pray the Pro-Life Rosary on sidewalk in front of Falls Church abortion facility, 900 S. Washington St (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.

**Volunteer on 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 saw-yerkoc7992@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:

**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](mailto:jbehan@nativityschool.org), or (703) 455-2300.



**The next St. Lucy Fall Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 21 October to support Catholic Charities in its continuing fight 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 July drive). 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, including grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome! Please make 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 follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1>. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at [nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com](mailto:nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com). Thank you and God bless you!

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!



**FALL MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**



*Program*



**Fridays from 6:30-8:30 PM**  
**Teachers Lounge**

**OCT. 13, 20, 27** | **NOV. 3, 10, 17**

RSVP [marriage@nativityburke.org](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org)



# ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE

Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul



# PLEASE DONATE

---- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 9AM-1PM ----

Nativity Parish Parking Lot

A "Drive-By/Drop-Off" food drive  
Please place your donations in your trunk

## FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

Canned Meat (tuna and chicken)  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Pasta & Pasta Sauce  
Canned Pasta (ravioli)  
Hearty Soups  
Cereal & Oatmeal  
Canned Veggies  
Canned Fruit

**Please no glass containers**

**DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS! THE ST. LUCY TEAM WILL ASSIST YOU!**

**GIFT CARDS AND MONETARY GIFTS ALSO ACCEPTED**

Checks can be made out to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Project" in the memo



## The Forty Hours Devotion Nativity Catholic Church: October 15-17, 2023

Beginning in November 2021, parishes throughout the Diocese of Arlington will hold the Forty Hours Devotion. The celebration of Forty Hours in every region of the Diocese is part of the Diocesan-wide preparation for the Golden Jubilee in 2024.

At the heart of the Forty Hours Devotion is the Holy Eucharist, the very Real and True Presence of God himself. Christ our Lord is really and substantially present in this great Sacrament, and through our participation in the devotion we enter his presence, remember the salvation he won for us, rejoice in him, and become signs of his divine renewal in our world.

The devotion of Forty Hours originated six centuries ago in Milan. The practice spread quickly in the West through figures such as Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Philip Neri, Saint Charles Borromeo, Pope Clement VIII, and Pope Clement XII. It was fervently promoted in the United States by Saint John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, and in 1866, the devotion was approved for use throughout the United States.

In the Diocese of Arlington, Forty Hours was widely celebrated following the establishment of the diocese in 1974 and has remained an important devotion in many parishes. The faithful of our Diocese are encouraged to participate in their parish's Forty Hours Devotion and in those of other parishes, spending time in prayer before the Eucharistic Lord, who can and will help us in our every need.

### HELP WANTED

#### Can you count to 10??



Then we need you! Join us for our first rosary meeting **Sunday, October 15 from 2:00-3:30pm** in the Father Ready room. Learn more about our ministry and how to make mission rosaries. Please sign up on the church website under rosary ministry at [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org)

## 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!



# REGISTER TO VOTE!

This fall, voters will elect Virginia General Assembly candidates — and in some areas — “down-ballot” offices. The deadline to register is **Monday, Oct. 16**.

#### Who is eligible to register?

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be a resident of Virginia.
- Must be 18 on or before the next election (e.g., 17-year-olds born on or before Nov. 7, 2005 can register today).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.

#### How to register:

You can register online, by mail, or at your local registrar's office, among other locations. Visit [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov) or scan the QR code to:

- Register to vote online.
- Check registration status.
- Find your polling place.
- Apply to vote absentee by mail.



FOR MORE ELECTION RESOURCES FROM THE VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE VISIT: [vacatholic.org/Election2023](http://vacatholic.org/Election2023)

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



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl meeting for October will be held on Monday morning, October 16th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome!



### 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.



Use QR code for more  
info on the Jubilee

# FORTY HOURS

—  
DIOCESE of ARLINGTON



## THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

The *Forty Hours Devotion* is a period of continuous public prayer in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Christ our Lord is really and substantially present in this great Sacrament, and through our participation in the devotion we enter his presence, remember the salvation he won for us, rejoice in him, and become signs of his divine renewal in our world.

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In the Diocese of Arlington, *Forty Hours* was widely celebrated following the establishment of the diocese in 1974 and has remained an important devotion in many parishes. In remembering our Catholic heritage during the first preparation year leading to the diocesan golden jubilee, each parish in the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate *Forty Hours*.



## OPENING MASS

*Forty Hours opens with the celebration of Mass, for "the celebration of the Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and the goal of worship which is shown to the Eucharist outside Mass" (Eucharisticum mysterium, no. 3e).*

## EXPOSITION

*At the conclusion of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed in a monstrance on the altar.*

### ○ SALUTARIS HOSTIA · ○ SAVING VICTIM

O salutaris Hostia, / Quae caeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia, / Da robur, fer auxilium.  
Uni trinoque Domino / Sit sempiterna gloria,  
Qui vitam sine termino / Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving Victim, opening wide / The gate of Heaven  
to man below; / Our foes press hard on every side; /  
Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise, / Immortal  
Godhead, One in Three. / Oh, grant us endless  
length of days, / In our true native land with thee.  
Amen.

## ADORATION

*Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist takes place for the remainder of the period of public prayer, interrupted only for the celebration of daily Mass. Indeed, Exposition is "intended to acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the Sacrament" and "invites us to the spiritual union with him that culminates in sacramental Communion" (Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, no. 82).*

## BENEDICTION

*Forty Hours closes with solemn Benediction, in which the Church joined in prayer is blessed with the very Body of Christ.*

### TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM · DOWN IN ADORATION FALLING

Tantum ergo Sacramentum / Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum / Novo cedat ritui:  
Præstet fides supplementum / Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque / Laus et Jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque / Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque / Compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

Down in adoration falling, / Lo! the sacred Host we  
hail, / Lo! o'er ancient forms departing /  
Newer rites of grace prevail; / Faith for all defects  
supplying, / Where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father, / And the Son Who  
reigns on high / With the Holy Ghost proceeding /  
Forth from Each eternally, / Be salvation, honour,  
blessing, / Might, and endless majesty.  
Amen.



**VERSE & PRAYER**

V/. You have given them bread from heaven.

R/. Having all sweetness within it.

Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**DIVINE PRAISES**

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the

Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

Amen.

**REPOSITION**

**HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME**

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; / Lord of all, we bow before Thee! / All on earth Thy scepter claim, / All in Heaven above adore Thee; / Infinite Thy vast domain, / Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, / Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee; / While in essence only One, / Undivided God we claim Thee; / And adoring bend the knee, / While we own the mystery.



**ON THE PRAYERS & HYMNS**

The prayers and hymns of *Forty Hours* are worthy of prayerful meditation. They are beautiful and profound expressions of our Catholic faith in Christ's saving death and resurrection and in his real presence in the Eucharist.

*O Salutaris Hostia* and *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum* are sections of hymns originally composed by St. Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi. The first comes from *Verbum Supernum Prodiens*. The second is from *Pange Lingua Gloriosi*, which has also come to accompany the Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday.

The prayer "O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament" is also from Aquinas' texts for Corpus Christi, and it remains the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast.

The *Divine Praises* were composed in Italian by Fr. Luigi Felici (18<sup>th</sup> century) and expanded a few years later by Pope Pius VII.

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* paraphrases the *Te Deum*, a 4<sup>th</sup>-century hymn still sung in the Office of Readings. *Holy God* was composed in German by Fr. Ignaz Franz (18<sup>th</sup> century) and translated into English by an American priest, Fr. Clarence Walworth. The verses above are the first and fifth of the eight-verse original.

**\* Diocesan Golden Jubilee Prayer for Year II \***

O Mary, Mother of the Church,  
in you the Word became flesh.

All generations rejoice to call you blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things  
for you and through you.

As we prepare to celebrate our Golden Jubilee,  
help us to rejoice with you  
as we remember the great things  
that God has done for us.

Help us to imitate you,  
in receiving the Word, your Son,  
and bearing the Word to the world.

For He lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.





**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 [cymenativityburke.org](http://cymenativityburke.org)

**NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY**

*No Hands But Yours* is an original Nativity Ministry doing God’s work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. We work distributing food, clothing, and personal items to the poor and homeless in DC and northern VA every Sunday morning, rain or shine. We also have weekly trips into designated areas bringing Panera bread donations along with help from local food banks. Through the blessings of God, we have grown through our Nativity community and continue to do so. For more details visit the Nativity Parish website at <https://nativityburke.org/service/no-hands-but-yours/>. Families are also welcomed! If you have interest in learning more and would like to participate in daily/Sunday runs, please contact John Rubino at: [john.albert.rubino@gmail.com](mailto:john.albert.rubino@gmail.com).

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!

**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



- Thoughts on Catholic life
- Informative and inspirational
- Simple insight for living a deeper faith everyday

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

**Are you registered in the Parish?**

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

**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!

**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](http://www.iwopf.org) or call 888-478-PRAY. On-demand replays of speakers’ talks are available by registering online at [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) for an ALL-ACCESS PASS.**

**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.

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



**Join the Knights!**  
Do you want to make a difference as a Catholic Gentleman? Then join the Knights of Columbus! Visit <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register.



# THE CHOICE Wine™

## 7 STEPS

TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

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

-Pope John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio #75

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

The Choice Wine puts couples on a path to superabundance through seven simple, yet highly effective steps:

- Honor your wedding vows
- Use money for other people
- Give God some of your time
- Set your mind on the things above
- Find God in yourself
- Find God in other people
- Make it easy to be good and hard to be bad.

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!

*Live the Love.  
Its Real.*

### 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](mailto:marriage@nativityburke.org).

The Choice Wine is a program of  
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# Giorgio Frassati

for **RETREAT**  
Young Adults

Ages 21-35

**\* NOV 10-12  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY**

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was a young, vibrant, and wealthy man who loved life, God, and the mountains of Italy. He shared his wealth with the poor, savored friendships with a broad circle of men and women, and brought hundreds closer to Christ.

**COME CLIMB WITH US!**

**Verso l'alto** "on to the heights" means not only to climb the mountains before us, but also refers to scaling the peaks and navigating the troughs of the spiritual life and knowing Christ.

PGF



*Fr. Riley will guide us to the summit!*

*\*For the more adventurous souls —  
come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion  
to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak!*

Email Deacon Mark Maines at:  
[Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org)



RETREAT COST IS \$285. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE.



# Finding Peace and Joy with Jesus & Mary in Advent



**SILENT  
WOMEN'S RETREAT  
DEC 1 - 3, 2023**

*"Come aside and rest awhile" to treasure and ponder the true meaning of the Advent Season.*



"Calm—Quiet—Contemplative—Peaceful—Waiting in Joyful Anticipation" these words describe what the Holy Season of Advent ought to be (and rarely is.) Instead, the weeks before "the Holidays" tend to be manic, stressful, anxious, and distracted as women rush to meet the "great expectations" of their families and those around them.



For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Maines: [Mark.Maines@ArlingtonDiocese.org](mailto:Mark.Maines@ArlingtonDiocese.org) or visit our website at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat)



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financial assistance may be available





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MUSIC MINISTRY

*The St. Andrew the Apostle Concert Series  
Presents:*

# The Fairfax Choral Society Symphonic Chorus

**Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 PM**

*“To Thee All Angels Cry Aloud”*

The program will include:  
Schubert’s Mass in G Major  
Rutter’s Te Deum

Works by Herbert Howells, W.A. Mozart and others  
An arrangement of “O God Beyond All Praising”



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Clifton, Virginia



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# 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](http://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.



# The Value and Dignity of Human Life

## Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Liaison Network

### Join Us - In Person

As we find ourselves in a new season of change, let us join together in person and discuss a few of the ways Catholic Charities fulfills our mission of charity, based on the recognition of the value and dignity of human life.

Come and see first hand our Mother of Mercy Health Clinic, and learn more about how the health needs of our community are being served. We will also hear from our Transitional Family housing ministry on addressing the needs of homeless mother's and their children. If your parish has a respect life ministry, we would love to hear from you with examples of how this virtue is expressed.

**Thursday,  
October 26, 2023  
10:00am - 12:00 pm**

**Free Networking Lunch  
12:00pm - 1:00 pm**

**Mother of Mercy Free Clinic  
13900 Church Hill Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22191**

**Please RSVP by October 23rd  
to [volunteer@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer@ccda.net)**

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# Loving through Loss

## Couples Workshop

For families who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

MISCARRIAGE - STILLBIRTH - INFANT

CHILD - ADOLESCENT - ADULT

Register Here



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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023**  
**9:30 AM - 5:00 PM MASS**  
**REGISTRATION: \$80**

**FAMILIES WILL BE GROUPED BY AGE OF LOSS**



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SR. CONSTANCE & THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ARE

# COOKING UP SOME FUN FOR FIAT!

For high school girls interested in growing  
spiritually and exploring their vocation.



**October 14, 2023, 10am-3pm**

**St. Jeanne Jugan Residence**

**4200 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC**

Includes Mass, adoration, baking and lunch.

Cost: \$15

For more info and to register, visit

[ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](https://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).

**Space is limited! Register by October 6.**

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Vocations



# REJOICING WITH OUR LADY, MOTHER OF CHARITY AND BEAUTY

*A Jubilee Art and Concert Series · Fall Offering*

Join us for evenings of art and music celebrating the joy of our faith. Each evening will feature newly commissioned works of Marian art by local Catholic artists and inspired by ministries of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. At each event, hear the artists speak about their work, learn about the good work of Catholic Charities, and enjoy beautiful music by local Catholic musicians. A reception will follow all events.



### **Behold Your Mother**

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

Featuring artist Chissy Curtis and Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services

October 6, 2023 · 7:00pm

Nativity Catholic Church, Burke



### **Our Refuge and Our Hope**

*Art, Music and Marian Ministry for the Displaced*

Featuring artist Henry Wingate and Catholic Charities Migrant and Refugee Services

October 11, 2023 · 7:00pm

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon



### **Icon of Wisdom**

*Images of Our Lady in Art, Sound, and Care for the Elderly*

Featuring artist Veronica Royal and Catholic Charities Saint Martin de Porres Senior Center

October 27, 2023 · 7:00pm

All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas







# Take aim at holiness

*Quo Vadis Paintball Challenge*

Saturday October 28, 2023

8:15am - 2:00pm

Corpus Christ Parish/Pev's Paintball/Aldie, VA  
Mass, Paintball, Lunch with priests &  
seminarians. Dads welcome.

Cost: \$50, includes gear and ammo.  
Aid available. Register by Oct. 13.

[www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis)



# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday October 1

Ezra 18:25-28

Ps 25:4-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

### Monday October 2

#### The Guardian Angels

Zechariah 8:1-8

Ps 102:16-23,29

Matthew 18:1-5,10

### Tuesday October 3

Zechariah 8:20-23

Ps 87:1b-7

Luke 9:51-56

### Wednesday October 4

#### St. Francis of Assisi

Nehemiah 2:1-8

Ps 137:1-6

Luke 9:57-62

### Thursday October 5

Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12

Ps 19:8-11

Luke 10:1-12

### Friday October 6

Bar 1:15-22

Ps 79:1b-5,8-9

Luke 10:13-16

### Saturday October 7

#### Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12,27-29

Ps 69:33-37

Luke 10:17-24

Today's Gospel story was meant to shock people who think they're okay spiritually but do not honestly examine how well they do the Father's will.

Jesus said that tax collectors and prostitutes (professions considered to be the most contemptible and unholy) were entering the kingdom of God ahead of religious experts!

These so-called "experts" knew the correct answer to the question that Jesus posed – they knew to say yes to God – but knowing the right answer and actually DOing the right answer is the dividing line between heaven and hell.

God doesn't want right answers; he wants righteous actions. God doesn't want dutiful compliance to Church teachings; he wants obedience motivated by love and an enthusiastic attitude of serving in the mission of the Church.

What's the value of going to Mass every Sunday, for example, if it doesn't result in deeds of holiness outside the Mass?

Do you know someone who's saying "no" to coming to Mass? If they're doing good works because they genuinely love God, who's to say they won't reach full unity with him sooner than people who attend every Mass but do little to help others?

God wants us to do both: Know the right answers and be righteous. Go to Mass faithfully and be changed by it. Say yes



to his calling to make the world a better place by uniting ourselves to Christ in church and following him out the door, taking him to everyone we meet.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What opportunities to serve God in your parish or out in the community have you said "no" to? Spend some time praying to understand whether or not that was an invitation from Christ himself.
- † What can you say "yes" to now?
- † What types of people today are despised the most?
- † Who seems least likely to get into heaven? (A terrorist perhaps? An ex-spouse?) How is it possible (to our surprise) that we might be greeted by them when we arrive in heaven? How would you feel about it?



## Sylvester Stallone: «Ser católico me pone donde debo estar» Rocky, Rambo y Stallone son duros, pero Dios siempre está ahí

Por: Fernando de Navascués | Fuente: Religión en Libertad

Siendo de origen italiano, no es muy difícil concluir que **nació en el seno de una familia católica**. Cierto.



Y tan cierto como que metido en el mundo de los artistas, del cine, de la televisión... **su fe quedó aparcada en algún momento y en algún lugar de su vida**.

Efectivamente, **Rambo, Rocky o simplemente Sylvester Stallone fue así**. Pero también Dios ha tenido una llamada especial para que volviese a la fe: la enfermedad de su hija Sophia.

Porno en 1970

Sylvester Stallone nació en Nueva York, en 1946, en el seno de una familia de inmigrantes católicos. Su madre era profesora de danza y su padre, peluquero. Sylvester pronto reclamó para sí un lugar sobresaliente en el mundo de la escena.

Al principio tuvo algunos papeles secundarios para Woody Allen e, incluso, en la famosísima serie de Kojak, pero los estudios eran caros y el trabajo no abundaba. Así que lamentablemente se abrió una de las páginas más oscuras de su carrera cinematográfica participando en 1970 en una película pornográfica.

El boxeador Rocky, su gran éxito

La sequía continuó hasta que en 1975 escribió el guión de Rocky y al año siguiente se estrenaba la película convirtiéndose en un éxito internacional, y haciendo del boxeador un icono del mundo del cine que habría que pasar de generación en generación, y en donde la presencia de la fe cristiana no anda muy lejos.

Una enfermedad, la puerta hacia la fe

Los tiempos cambian, **dejó de ir a la iglesia y prefirió buscar fama y fortuna**, pero Dios llamó de nuevo a su puerta y le encaminó de nuevo hacia la fe de su infancia. Para ello el Señor se valió de su hija Sophia.

**Sophia nació con una enfermedad del corazón**. En noviembre de 1996, con tan sólo dos meses de edad, tuvo que someterse a una operación a corazón abierto. Afortunadamente la operación salió bien, se encuentra en perfecto estado e, incluso, hace vida normal.

Parece que todo quedó arreglado. Sin embargo en una entrevista concedida a los medios, Stallone trata de encontrar las palabras para describir lo que provocó el abandono de su fe y **el revulsivo que supuso la enfermedad de su hija**. Algo muy clásico y que sucede a tantas personas: "No lo sé. Es la vida. Tu carrera profesional te está llevando por un lado, y dejas de estar en comunicación con tu familia".

Para los actores, el peso de la fama es "muy fuerte", y agregó: **"Yo no tenía ninguna base sólida detrás de mí o gente que me ayudase a mantener los pies en el suelo**. Me sedujo extremadamente la nueva libertad que había alcanzado".

Al tercer matrimonio

En cuanto a su vida afectiva, en 1974 se casó con la actriz Sasha Czack, de la que se divorció en 1985. En este mismo año se casó Brigitte Nielsen, cuyo matrimonio se rompió dos años después.

Sin embargo, todo empezó a cambiar a partir de la boda con su tercera y actual esposa, Jennifer Flavin, la madre de Sophia.

"Cuando me casé, todo cambió", dijo, sobre todo "cuando mi hija nació enferma y **me di cuenta de que realmente se necesita un poco de ayuda aquí. Comencé a poner todo en las manos de Dios**, su omnipotencia, su perdón".

Stallone explica que **ser católico "me pone donde debo estar. Estaba solo en el mundo**. Pensé que iba a tener que manejar las cosas a mi manera."

Entonces "pensé que **si me pongo en las manos de Jesús** y pido comprensión y orientación, básicamente me estoy quitando el yugo de encima y **usando Su inteligencia y sabiduría para tomar las decisiones correctas**".

El mensaje cristiano en sus películas

Se trata de un proceso que no sólo afecta a su vida personal, sino también a su profesión: "Realmente **siento que cuando escribí el primer guión de 'Rocky', alguien dirigía mi mano**".

Algo muy similar sucede con la última película de la saga, "Rocky Balboa", donde **el actor finaliza la película "señalando con su dedo hacia arriba y muestra respeto a Jesús"**.

En ella se busca que el espectador, cuando vea la película, trate "de ser capaz de escuchar a su corazón y no tanto su mente, siguiendo la orientación de alguien mucho más poderoso que tú: Jesús", explica Stallone.

En Rocky I: antes que nadie, Jesucristo

"En 'Rocky I', la primera persona que vimos fue a Jesús", explicó en referencia a una escena de apertura del club de boxeo donde hay un gran mural de Jesucristo en una pared del fondo.

Y si un sexto "Rocky" no es suficiente, hay "Rambo IV" donde el mensaje es más claro: **"Rambo es un ateo que no cree en nada**. Su trabajo consiste en llevar a un grupo de misioneros católicos río arriba en un territorio muy hostil, y Rambo **está allí para llevar la Palabra de Dios y la medicina a los nativos**".

Parece ser que el héroe de la pantalla grande, de cuerpo descomunal, experimentado luchador, para quien la vida y a la muerte no valen nada, mientras se dedica a salvar al mundo también está necesitado de Dios.

## Vigésimosexto 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 ideas 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 más, 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**





# CUARENTA HORAS

Diócesis de Arlington



## La Devoción de las Cuarenta Horas

La *Devoción de las Cuarenta Horas* es un período de oración pública continua en presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. Cristo nuestro Señor está real y sustancialmente presente en este gran Sacramento, y a través de nuestra participación en la devoción entramos en su presencia, recordamos la salvación que ganó para nosotros, nos regocijamos en él y nos convertimos en signos de su divina renovación en nuestro mundo.

La devoción de las *Cuarenta Horas* se originó hace seiscientos años en Milán. La Práctica se extendió rápidamente en Occidente a través de figuras como San Felipe Neri, San Ignacio de Loyola, el Papa Clemente VIII y el Papa Clemente XII. San Juan Neumann, el cuarto obispo de Filadelfia, la promovió fervientemente en los Estados Unidos, y en 1866, la devoción fue aprobada para su uso en todo Estados Unidos.

En la Diócesis de Arlington, las *Cuarenta Horas* se celebraron ampliamente después del establecimiento de la diócesis en 1974 y ha seguido siendo una devoción importante en muchas parroquias. Al recordar nuestra herencia católica durante el primer año de preparación previo al jubileo de oro diocesano, cada parroquia de la Diócesis de Arlington celebrará las *Cuarenta Horas*.



## MISA DE APERTURA

Las *Cuarenta Horas* se abren con la celebración de la Misa, porque la "celebración de la Eucaristía en el sacrificio de la Misa es verdaderamente el origen y el objetivo del culto que se muestra en la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa" (*Eucharisticum mysterium*, no. 3e).

## EXPOSICIÓN

Al concluir la Misa, el Santísimo Sacramento se expone solemnemente en una custodia en el altar.

**O SALUTARIS HOSTIA** · ¡Oh Víctima de Salvación!

O salutaris Hostia, / Quae caeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia, / Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino / Sit sempiterna gloria,  
Qui vitam sine termino / Nobis donet in patria. Amén.

¡Oh Víctima de salvación!, que abriste el cielo al mortal;  
En esta guerra mundanal revístenos de tu valor.

Al Trino Dios, honor y prez, se le tribute sin cesar,  
Y que, en la patria celestial, sin fin vivamos junto a él.  
Amén.

## ADORACIÓN

La adoración de la Santísima Eucaristía se lleva a cabo durante el resto del período de oración pública, interrumpida solo para la celebración de la Misa diaria. De hecho, la Exposición está "destinada a reconocer la maravillosa presencia de Cristo en el Sacramento" y "nos invita a la unión espiritual con Él que culmina en la Comunión sacramental" (*Sagrada Comunión y Adoración de la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa*, no. 82).

## BENDICIÓN

Las *Cuarenta Horas* se cierran con una Bendición solemne, en la que la Iglesia unida en oración es bendecida con el mismo Cuerpo de Cristo.

## TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM · CAYENDO EN ADORACIÓN

Tantum ergo Sacramentum / Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum / Novo cedat ritui:  
Præstet fides supplementum / Sensuum defectui.  
Genitori, Genitoque / Laus et Jubilatío,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque / Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque / Compar sit laudatio.  
Amén.

Al augusto Sacramento veneremos con piedad. /  
Que el Antiguo Testamento / a este rito de lugar / y  
la fe nos dé el aumento / que al sentido ha de  
ayudar.

A Dios Padre y a Dios Hijo / alabemos con ardor. /  
Alabanza a Dios bendito le rindamos con honor, / y  
al Espíritu Divino / ensalcemos con loor. Amén.

**VERSO Y ORACIÓN**

V/. Les diste Pan del cielo.

R/. Que contiene en sí todo deleite.

Oremos.

Oh Señor Jesucristo, que en un Sacramento maravilloso nos has dejado el memorial de tu pasión: Concédenos, te suplicamos, que de tal modo veneremos los sagrados misterios de tu Cuerpo y Sangre, que discernamos constantemente en nosotros el fruto de tu redención; tú que vives y reinas con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

**ALABANZAS DIVINAS**

Bendito sea Dios.

Bendito sea su Santo Nombre.

Bendito sea Jesucristo

verdadero Dios y verdadero Hombre.

Bendito sea el Nombre de Jesús.

Bendito sea su Sacratísimo Corazón.

Bendito sea su Preciosísima Sangre.

Bendito sea Jesús

en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.

Bendito sea el Espíritu Santo Consolador.

Bendita sea la Incomparable Madre de Dios

la Santísima Virgen María.

Bendita sea su Santa e Inmaculada Concepción.

Bendita sea su gloriosa Asunción.

Bendito sea el Nombre de María Virgen y Madre.

Bendito sea San José su casto esposo.

Bendito sea Dios en sus Ángeles y en sus Santos.

Que el corazón de Jesús, en el Santísimo Sacramento, sea alabado, adorado y amado con afecto agradecido, en todo momento, en todos los tabernáculos del mundo, hasta el fin de los tiempos. Amen.

**RESERVA**

Santo Dios, Alabamos tu Nombre

Santo, santo Dios de amor; / ¡ Señor de todo, nos inclinamos ante Ti! / Todo en la tierra tu reclamo Paula, / Todos en el Cielo te adoran; / Infinito Tu vasto dominio, / Eterno es Tu reinado.

Santo Padre, Santo Hijo, / Espíritu Santo, Divina Trinidad; / Aunque en esencia eres Uno solo, / Dios indiviso te reclamamos; / Y adorando doblamos rodillas, / Confiando firmemente en el Misterio.

**SOBRE LA ORACIÓN Y LOS HIMNOS**

Las oraciones y los himnos de las *Cuarenta Horas* son dignos de meditación en oración. Son expresiones hermosas y profundas de nuestra fe católica en la muerte y resurrección salvadoras de Cristo y en su presencia real en la Eucaristía.

O *Salutaris Hostia* y *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum* son secciones de himnos originalmente compuestos por Santo Tomás de Aquino para la fiesta del Corpus Christi. El primero proviene de *Verbum Supernum Prodiens*. El Segundo es de *Pange Lingua Gloriosi*, que también ha venido para acompañar el Traslado del Santísimo Sacramento el Jueves Santo.

La oración "Oh Dios, que en este maravilloso Sacramento" también es de los textos de Santo Tomás de Aquino para el Corpus Christi, y sigue siendo la oración de apertura de la Misa de esta fiesta.

Las *Alabanzas Divinas* fueron compuestas en italiano por el Padre Luigi Felici (siglo XVIII) y ampliadas unos años más tarde por el Papa Pío VII.

*Santo Dios, Alabamos Tu Nombre* parafrasea el *Te Deum*, un himno del siglo IV que aún se canta en el Oficio de Lecturas. *Santo Dios* fue compuesta en alemán por el Padre Ignaz Franz (siglo XVIII) y traducida al inglés por un sacerdote americano, el Padre Clarence Walworth. Los versículos anteriores son el primero y el quinto del original de ocho versículos.

✱ Oración del Jubileo de Oro Diocesano para el Año II ✱

Oh María,

Madre de la Iglesia,

en ti el Verbo se hizo carne.

Todas las generaciones se regocijan

y te llaman bienaventurada,

porque el Poderoso ha hecho grandes cosas

por ti y a través de ti.

Al prepararnos a la celebración

de nuestro Jubileo de Oro,

ayúdanos a regocijarnos contigo,

recordando las grandes cosas

que Dios ha hecho por nosotros.

Ayúdanos a imitarte

a recibir la Palabra, que es tu Hijo,

para llevar la Palabra al mundo.

Él vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.







Jesus told this parable to the chief priests and elders.

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below.  
 ↑ ↓ → ← ↗ ↘ ↙ ↚



"There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go."



Jesus asked the chief priests and elders, "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. The parable was about the kingdom of God. The chief priests and elders were like the son who said he would go, but didn't.

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

How did Jesus answer?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

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

Jesus replied,

"  
 \_ U \_ F \_ U \_ W \_ W \_ L \_ W \_ B \_ V \_  
 \_ L \_ B \_ I \_ A \_ V \_ N \_ V \_ E \_ Y \_  
 \_ K \_ N \_ Y \_ B \_ G \_ U \_ V \_ E \_ U \_ P \_  
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 \_ F \_ Z \_ Y \_ X \_ Y \_ C \_ U \_ C \_ U \_ G \_  
 \_ T \_ V \_ J \_ Y \_ P \_ X \_ V \_ J \_  
 \_ ? \_"

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## Jesus' Authority and the Parable of 2 Sons



Jesus was in the temple. What happened?



Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.

10 they	26 gave	18 teaching	19 came	1 was	12 authority	21 things
9 priests	8 While	2 these	25 this	28 the	11 asked	13 people
3 the	23 are	17 You	24 and	16 By	4 to	27 And
6 chief	14 who	22 doing	20 of	15 Jesus	5 elders	7 what

2 x 4	23 - 8	16 ÷ 16	40 - 22	12 + 16		
13 - 7	26 - 17	3 x 8	9 - 6	1 x 5	14 + 6	
9 ÷ 3	32 - 19	7 + 12	8 ÷ 2	8 + 7	4 x 4	2 + 5
18 - 6	4 + 19	9 + 8	11 + 11	20 ÷ 10		
3 x 7	22 - 12	6 + 5	15 + 12	20 - 6	8 + 18	
6 + 11	5 x 5	30 - 18	?	?		

How did they answer and what did Jesus say in return?

Write the word that means the same as the one given. Then fill in the blanks.

- rich **w** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- wet **d** 8 9 10 11
- mad **a** 12 13 14 15 16
- happy **j** 17 18 19 20 21 22
- shy **b** 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
- friendly **k** 30 31 32 33



They answered,

"  
 \_ 1 \_ 2 \_ 8 \_ 18 \_ 32 \_ 5 \_ 30 \_ 13 \_ 18 \_ 1 \_  
 \_"

Then Jesus said, "  
 13 2 31 5 6 2 15

1 31 4 4 31 5 2 29 22  
 19 18 28 23 7 1 26 24 5  
 12 28 5 6 18 15 31 5 19 31  
 3 10 8 18 31 32 14  
 5 6 2 25 2 5 6 31 13 14 25  
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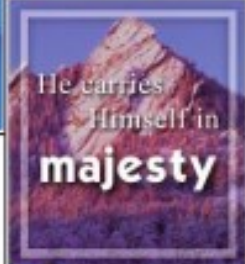
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