

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

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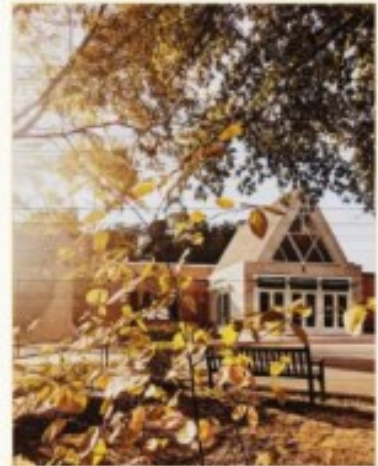
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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish
 7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./
 1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.

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

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday
 or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a
 baptism, please visit our website:
<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

MARRIAGE POLICY: Please contact the Church as soon
 as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
 your wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
must be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on
 Tuesday (5 days prior to publication). Please note: this
 deadline can change due to holiday office closings.
 You may email submissions to
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 from the Sacristy staff at all services**

28th
 Sunday
 in
 Ordinary
 Time

28^o
 Domingo
 del
 Tiempo
 Ordinario

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



*"The Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a wedding feast."
~ Mt 22:2*

My dear parishioners,

We can all remember special dinners with family and friends. I think of Thanksgiving, wedding receptions, and Christmas dinners where most people pull out all the stops and fill the table with festive foods. Sumptuous meals and choice wine are mentioned often in scripture as symbols of heaven and the fullness of life.

We need to know, and Jesus wants us to know, that God invites all to the great banquet of salvation. Everyone is invited, but not everyone accepts or comes prepared. Not everyone's behavior is acceptable.

God wants to truly care for us. God wants to wipe away our tears. God desires that we all share in the feast of heaven. God will give us the strength we need to meet every circumstance of life. We have all been invited in Baptism to the banquet, but somewhere along the line we may have passed up the invitation. That would be terrible if we miss the banquet of heaven! Remember the great gift we have in being part of the banquet and the many ways God invites us during our lives. Let's RSVP with a "YES"... and as a church, figure out how to share this invitation to those who feel left out. Jesus said in the great commission "go, make, baptize, teach."

Love and blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor



**Bishop Burbidge statement
following declaration of war by Israel**

I ask the faithful in the Diocese of Arlington and all people of good will to join in prayer for peace following a terrorist attack in Israel. Our hearts are shocked and saddened by the death of hundreds of people, and thousands more who are wounded or dispersed already. It is my hope and prayer that the international community will work together to help ensure a peaceful and just resolution for the good of all. At this time, we also pray that the victims and their families find strength and support.

May we join with one voice in asking God to grant eternal rest to the deceased, console those who grieve, and guide political leaders to bring an end to the war without further violence.

Forty Hours Devotion

Beginning in November 2021, parishes throughout the Diocese of Arlington started holding 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.

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.

Nativity Catholic Church Schedule

<https://nativityburke.org/40-hours-eucharistic-devotion/>

Sunday, 15 October 2023

5:30pm *Sunday Mass* | Opening Mass for Forty Hours Devotion with Solemn Exposition at the end of Mass

6:30pm *Vespers* | Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
9:45pm *Compline* | Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament afterward

Monday, 16 October 2023

7:30am *Mass* | Simple Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist at the end of Mass

8:00am *Lauds* | Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
7:00pm *Vespers with Homily* | Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours with a Conference on the Eucharist
10:00pm *Compline* | Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards

Tuesday, 17 October 2023

7:30am *Mass* | Simple Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist at the end of Mass

11:30am | Reposition of the Most Holy Eucharist in preparation for Mass

12:00pm *Mass* | Exposition following Mass

12:30pm *Daytime Prayer* | Midday Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:30 pm | Solemn Benediction and Reposition

7:00 pm | Closing Mass for Forty Hours Devotion



A RETURNING SERVERS WORKSHOP:
Will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00pm
(REVISED DATE)

FAMILY GAME DAY



Get ready for a day of fun, games, and delicious food at our Family Game Day hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Family Ministry! This event is perfect for families with children or grandchildren of any age! Scan the QR code to register. Families must register by Oct. 19 at 4pm to attend!



SUNDAY, 22 OCT
2023



2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.



**NATIVITY'S
BACKFIELD (OR
CAFETERIA IF RAIN)**



THANK YOU!

On behalf of the West Springfield District Station, I want to extend a huge thank you from all the police officers here. They were amazed by the generosity of Nativity Catholic Church and could not believe how much food and drinks were donated. I believe that this may have been one of the biggest snack donations we have ever received at the station, and we can't thank you enough for your faith community's support.

Faith and Blue Weekend is built on the premise that, by the police and faith community working together, we can create a stronger and safer community. We hope to continue our strong relationship with Nativity Catholic Church, so please know that we are here for you and encourage you to reach out anytime with any questions or concerns!

*PFC Liam May, Community Outreach Officer
West Springfield District Station*





Thank you to our Fall Festival Volunteers!

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS' EFFORTS IN MAKING THE FALL FESTIVAL EVENT POSSIBLE AND SUCCESSFUL.

NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Did you know there's an Italian-American Museum in D.C.? It opened quietly during the pandemic, but hopes to make a big impact. This month, the Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society will hear about the museum and all it entails. Liz DiGregorio, museum director, will explain how the museum came about; the different, curated themes of each of its four floors, the Italian history of the neighborhood; and relationship to Holy Rosary Church, which features an Italian Sunday mass.

Membership sign-ups for the 2023-24 season continue and Festa di Natale ticket sales start, exclusively for members at the moment. Available tickets will be sold in the narthex at a later date. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings for \$5. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, if you can.

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT NATIVITY PARISH

AMUSING

ENJOYMENT



FUN

MUSIC

DINNER & DESSERT

NATIVITY'S MASQUERADE BALL

RAFFLE PRIZES
SILENT AUCTION

DJ -BOBBY G.
MASTER ENTERTAINER
DANCING

PHOTO BOOTH
CASH BAR
(BEER & WINE)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023



6:30 PM - 11:00 PM



TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON

MASKS AND/OR COSTUMES ENCOURAGED
BUT NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND HAVE FUN

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

SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE

Recently, persons using fake email addresses pretending to be Fr. Bob Cilinski, have been requesting special favors and/or gift cards. Please note that Fr. Bob (or any of the other priests) **DOES NOT and will NEVER email, text or ask anyone** for any kind of financial assistance or favors. Please be careful and delete these kinds of emails or messages immediately. If you are unsure or have any questions, please call the parish office at 703 455 2400.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Nativity's 2023
Soccer Challenge Champions**

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Vincent Sikora Council would like to congratulate our Nativity 2023 Soccer Challenge Champions: Gracie Redpath (girls 9 year old), Gabriel Svercl (boys 9 year old), Siena Corso (girls 10 year old), Brian Stegmaier (boys 10 year old), Sofia Yildirim (girls 11 year old), Nicholas Peters (boys 12 year old), Nora Svercl (girls 13 year old), Tyler Batrla (boys 13 year old), and Matthew Tatian (boys 14 year old). Well done!



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

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

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES
It is that time of year again!



Nativity's Boy Scout Troop 1100 is selling Christmas wreaths to help fund our camping activities. All sales will be online and shipped directly to the buyer. If you usually buy a fresh wreath, consider supporting our troop. They make great gifts to send to family across the miles. Sales take place in October to be assured of on time delivery. Please use this QR code to go directly to the sales page for Troop 1100 or go to: <https://giftitforward.com> and use fundraising code: TR1100VA001.



We will be selling after Mass October 21/22. Please contact Elizabeth Tramel at andrewandelizabeth@gmail.com with any questions Thank you for your support!!

WALGREENS FLU CLINIC - SAVE THE DATE
Saturday and Sunday, October 21/22, after all Masses.
please have your insurance information ready.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join Nativity Catholic School on **Friday, October 27th from 7:00-8:00pm** for a **Trunk or Treat**. All vehicles setting up will need to arrive between **6:00-6:30pm**.



For Volunteer and Car Registration (trunk registration must be diocese compliant) visit:

<https://nativityburke.org/trunk-or-treat/>

TRUNK OR TREAT



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

Monday, October 16th

7:30 am Anniversary of Pedro & Michelle Haworth

Tuesday, October 17th

7:30 am † David Arens
12:00 pm † Rev. Richard Martin

Wednesday, October 18th

7:30 am † David Arens
3:00 pm † Norina Firmani (BHC)

Thursday, October 19th

7:30 am † Henrietta T. Critelli
12:00 pm † Felicidad De Chandeck

Friday, October 20th

7:30 am Special Int. for Devin Ichikawa
9:00 am † John Dunn

Saturday, October 21st

9:00 am Special Int. for Bernard Bresnahan
5:00 pm † Van Nguyen
7:00 pm † Jose Peralta-Limas

Sunday, October 22nd

7:00 am † Erika Cadran
9:00 am † Deceased members of Tapia-Lima Family
11:00 am Parishioners
1:00 pm † Bob Davis
5:30 pm † Nellie Rawski

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

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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life

HELP SAVE LIVES

Friday, October 20, 2023
From 7:00am – 7:00pm
Location: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA
Sign up for one hour at: <http://bit.ly/3roaU9F>



**ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
Wednesday, 8 November at 7:30pm**

All parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a patriotic ceremony at the Holy Spirit Parish School Gymnasium, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale. Local scouts from both parishes will help retire the flags and the West Point Glee Club will perform. If you have a worn or soiled flag that needs to be retired, drop it in one of the special collection boxes available in the Narthex and inside the Nativity school entrance. This patriotic event is a great way to celebrate Veteran's day and to show the proper reverence and respect for the symbol of freedom that is our American Flag. A reception with light refreshments and fellowship will follow the ceremony.

For more information, contact John Ostrowski at jaostrowski89@gmail.com



During the last few months, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we joyfully welcomed the following into our Parish Community:

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| Isabella Rose Rainville | John-Paul Francesco Navarro |
| Lucia Anne Massaro | McElwain |
| Carl Khalil Rajeh | Jonah Avery Tongbua |
| Everett Ray Magill | Eleonor Munoz |
| Bennett Howarth | Cannon Edward Cooke |
| Maxwell James Stewart | Nolan Wolf Broadwater |
| Aidan Daniel Gorka | Gianna Jayne Broadwater |
| Evan Rosas | Bryson Anthony LeMelle |
| Hailey Olivia Bruckner | Jackeline Elvira Constanza |
| Charlotte Jane Nappi | Scarlet Noelia Constanza |
| Margaret Catherine O'Hara | Evelina Faye House |
| Evelyn Marlene Coleman | Daniel Jacob Allen |
| Margaret Grace Grubb | Julian Vaccarella |
| Sophia Rosas-Vaquero | Jeremiah Jackson Nowak |
| Savannah Indigo Olivia | Julian Rodriguez |
| Ella Emarie Rodgers | Jimena Mae Robinson |
| Avery Catherine Augliera | Evan Philip Sauter |
| Emilia May Richards | Ava Kathryn Goeken |
| Melanie Naomi Cayax | Sloane Hazel Wilver |
| Luca Guy Jasien | Dane Alexander Hamilton |
| Nathan Allen Deal | Anna Rose Eichhorst |
| Genevieve Cynthia Harlowe | |

CONGRATULATIONS!

A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry

On the last day of the Season of Creation - the Feast of St. Francis, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, an urgent plea addressed to all people of goodwill - it is composed of six Chapters:

In the first, "*The Global Climate Crisis*," Pope Francis warns that climate change is undeniable, and its effects are becoming increasingly evident "despite some attempts to minimize or ridicule them" (LD 6). He further regrets that the main cause of this problem is human activity and adds that, while we cannot correct such damage, we can still take steps to prevent even more serious damage in the future.

In the second Chapter, the Holy Father addresses the "*technocratic paradigm*" and stresses that nature is not a resource to be exploited without end and urges us to recognize that unbridled ambition is not ethically sustainable (LD 28). In the third Chapter, Francis refers to "the weakness of international politics" and stresses the urgent need for global cooperation through new multilateral agreements between States because current and past approaches are insufficient (LD 43). In the fourth Chapter, the Pope reflects on "*climate conferences: progress and failures*" and encourages to overcome the selfish positions of countries for the benefit of the global common good (LD 44, 52) and in the fifth Chapter to reflect on "*what is expected from COP28 in Dubai?*" if we do not want to doom humanity.

In the last chapter, "Spiritual Motivations," the Holy Father calls upon people of all religious confessions to respond. He also reminds Catholics that in the light of faith there is a responsibility to care for God's creation and that this implies respect for the laws of nature and recognition of the beauty and richness of God's creation.

Finally, Pope Francis invites us to walk in communion, together, synodically, and to commit ourselves to "reconciliation with the world that shelters us" (LD 69). Excerpted from the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development To read the Apostolic Exhortation in full:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html



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.



Pastoral Care

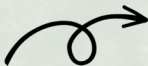
Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God's Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times. Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.

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!



**ALL SAINTS DAY
Wednesday, November 1st**

The Solemnity of All Saints is on Wednesday, November 1st. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 31
Vigil Mass at 5:30PM

Wednesday, November 1
7:30AM, 9:00AM (school), 12:00PM,
5:00PM and 7:30PM (bilingual)

**ALL SOULS DAY
Thursday, November 2nd
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

Each year All Souls Day is a day of special prayer for all those who have died. We pray that those souls in need of perfection may swiftly pass through their purification and come into the presence of God.

It is the grace of the Communion of Saints that we can have this special relationship of prayer with those who have departed this life. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, November 2
7:30AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM (Mass of Remembrance)

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00PM**

One of our most beloved traditions at Nativity Church occurs every year during the month of November. This is the month when the whole Church remembers those who have passed from this world in hope of eternal life. At Nativity we celebrate a special Mass for those of our parish family who have died in the past year.

We wish to invite your family and friends to this special Eucharist. This special Mass will take place on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm.

Please know that you are in our prayers and in the prayers of the community of Nativity.

Love and Blessings,
Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

**Annual Mass in Commemoration
of All the Faithful Departed with Bishop Burbidge**

The Mass in Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 11:00am at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Included in this beautiful liturgy will be the traditional blessing of the gravesites of deceased priests. Please join us as we pray for our loved ones who have gone on to their eternal reward. Rain Site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale.

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PRESENTS

RALLY

*** ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED! ***



A DAY FILLED WITH FAITH AND FUN!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JIMMY MITCHELL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND

MUSICIANS: BEN WALTHER & BAND

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
 DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION
 Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

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

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

EDGE: GRADES 6-8
 Alternating Sundays | 3:30-5:00pm & Fridays | 7:00-8:30 pm




REGISTER FOR RALLY

All high schoolers are invited to join us at RALLY for a day of talks, inflatables, music, great food, Mass with the Bishop, and more!


Who: All high schoolers (Grades 9-12)
When: Sunday, October 22 | 11:00am - 9:00pm
Cost: \$30

[See website for full schedule](#)
 Before attending, please register for the 2023-2024 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

✉ cym@nativityburke.org 📺 @nativitycym

Kairos Prison Ministry Needs Cookies & More: Collection on Monday, October 16, Tuesday October 17, Wednesday October 18 by 8:00am. Drop off in the Nativity Kitchen.



Why Bring Cookies? The baking of cookies is an essential part of the ministry. The cookies are a method to attract the residents to the Kairos program. They are to be homemade because it shows our love for them in a concrete way.

Prayerfully baked: This part of the ministry shows the men of Buckingham love in a way that goes beyond mere words. When the residents learn that many people put in so many hours for them, it reaches them in a way that our words cannot.

The types of cookies that are generally acceptable are: Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Molasses, and Chocolate Chip. Cookies should be between 2 inches and 2-1/2 inches in diameter and not more than 1/2 inch thick. **It is very important not to use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies.**


Packing the Cookies: Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a quart-sized ziplock bag. If you use sandwich or gallon sized bags, your cookies will have to be re-bagged before going into the prison. Place one dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the type of cookie. Freeze all cookies if not using within 3 days.

Other Ways to Help: If you're not able to bake cookies there are other ways to contribute. You can decorate posters. These can be full size, half size or 8 1/2 x 11.

Decorated Placemats: **DO NOT** put any stickers of any kind on them but **DO** add a spiritual image and/or any spiritual messages. If signing the placemat, use first names only.

Monetary Contributions: Normally, each KAIROS volunteer pays his/her own way, however, some volunteers need financial assistance. Besides travel, food and lodging for weekends and reunions, there are other expenses like state and national dues, bibles for KAIROS graduates, music books, and weekend supplies. Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is qualified as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All gifts are tax deductible. Make checks payable to "KAIROS of Virginia." In the memo section make a note "For Buckingham CC." Questions? Contact us on our website at www.kairos-bkcc.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by



Francis Critelli
 In Loving Memory of
 Henrietta Critelli

DONUT SUNDAY

NEXT WEEKEND





Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday. 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. Linktree Universal Sign-up Link: https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992

14-15 Oct, St Lucy Food Drive: Blue Bags Out: Volunteer on linktree.
20 October, 40 Days for Life: All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life Infront of an Abortion Clinic on the sidewalk for one hour blocks, 7:00am to 7:00pm. Event lead: RickLoffredo@outlook.com. Volunteer on linktree.
21 October, St Lucy Food Drive: Food Drop off: Volunteer on linktree.
22 October, 1:00pm - 6:00pm, Fall Family Picnic & Games. Cooks, servers and game helpers are needed. Volunteer on linktree.

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

27 October, Trunk or Treat 2023: 1 or 2 hour blocks between 5:00pm & 9:00pm to pre, cook, treat & clean-up.

3, 4 & 5 November, Masquerade Ball: Event set-up assistance needed: It takes a lot of volunteers to set-up, request your assistance to make this evening a huge success. Volunteer on linktree.

6 November, 6:45 PM Mass of Remembrance: Need volunteers to be Reading Lectors, Drivers for Windows, and reserve attendance.

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

Name Tags: Email Vince Augelli at VaKC23@gmail.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.

3rd Degree Knights: Grow with 4th Degree - participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Vince Augelli at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today!

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

** Event pre and post management tools are available on linktree. Program Chairs & Event leads, please review and complete all Event tasks.*



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. Thank you and God bless you!



Cost of attendance: \$135- card or check
 Includes eligibility screening, assistance in form completion, reminder calls throughout the process.

Saturday October 21, 2023
 Nativity in Burke Parish (School Cafeteria)
 6398 Nativity Ln, Burke, VA 22015
 Pre-registration required
 Doors open 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Get Ready to Set Your "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" for World Mission Sunday, next Weekend!

Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!





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)
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Cereal & Oatmeal
Canned Veggies
Canned Fruit

Please no glass containers

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

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At Nativity School, Counting Our Blessings



Catholics worldwide celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron and protector of all God’s creatures, exuding a deep love of nature, on October 4, every year. The feast commemorates the life of St. Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. Nativity celebrates St. Francis’ feast day by holding a Blessing of the Animals each year.

This past October 4, all Nativity students and staff gathered outside on the playground with live or stuffed animal companions – and photos and drawings of their pets – to sing and to pray for their pets’ health and protection. Father Bennett blessed all who gathered in His name.

At Nativity, faith fills us. Love lives here. Nativity Stars are filled with the Holy Spirit!

~ Important Upcoming Dates ~

- Wednesday, October 18 - Chipotle PTO Fundraiser
- Thursday, Oct. 19 - Preschool, 1st Grade Field Trips
- Thursday, Oct 19 - Spirit Wear Day
- Friday, October 20 - Christ House
- Thursday, October 26 - 8th Grade Popsicle Sale
- Friday, October 27 - No School, Teacher Work Day
- Friday, October 27 - Trunk or Treat, 7 - 8 pm
- Tuesday, October 31 - Dress Down Day
- Tuesday, October 31 - Classroom Halloween Parties
- Tuesday, October 31 - Halloween Parade, 2:15 pm
- Wednesday, November 1 - Winter Uniform Begins



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

ECHO was recently offered the opportunity to be the recipient of a Bonefish Grill charity night event. Bonefish Grill, 5920 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria, will commit a share of their proceeds to support ECHO on Wednesday, October 25, from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Diners do not have to present a flyer or do anything else to participate except enjoy their meal.

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CBA | 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 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.

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment or to go grocery shopping and are unable to drive? The Shepherd's Center-Fairfax Burke provides these services. Feel free to contact the Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke at 703-323-4788 for information.

DID YOU KNOW VIRGINIA HAS NEW POLITICAL MAPS?

Your districts for the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate are changing! The Virginia Catholic Conference Election Resource Hub has everything you need to find your new districts and discover the candidates running this year!

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



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

WWW.VACATHOLIC.ORG/ELECTION2023



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The Knights of Columbus - Ladies Auxiliary

Formed to assist and support the Knights, our Church and the four virtues of Charity, Unity, Sorority and Patriotism. We are spouses, daughters, mothers, or sisters of Knights of Columbus who are in good standing or deceased. Our fellowship and informational meetings are the First Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. Contact kdelatte65@gmail.com for information or to be added to our email distribution list.

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.

**Free Time After College Classes? Join the Nativity School Extended Care Team
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Love working with children? Creative with Fingerpaint? Like to Sift Sand? The following qualifications are necessary:

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



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

**The Fairfax Choral Society
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Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 PM

"To Thee All Angels Cry Aloud"

The program will include:
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Works by Herbert Howells, W.A. Mozart and others
An arrangement of "O God Beyond All Praise"



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eucharisticrevival.org

Ladies: Discover the Gifts You Have Been Given
 You are invited to a GIVEN Gathering event on Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Saint Thomas à Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave, Reston. The event, hosted by the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and created by The GIVEN Institute, is designed to inspire you to receive the gift you are, to realize the gifts you have been given, and respond with the gift that only you can give. The event includes talks by Sister Mary Gabriel, SV, Mary Lenaburg and Katie Weiss as well as opportunities for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Coffee, light pastries available in the morning and lunch provided in the afternoon. Cost is \$55. To learn more and to register visit <https://giveninstitute.com/arlington-given-gathering/>.

Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)
 Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: **"Foundation for the CDA - SEEF."**
 Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with any questions. Thank you!

NEED TO TALK?
 Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling.
 To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.

Nativity's Young Adult Ministry
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Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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



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 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

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

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

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



WISH YOU WERE HERE!



**Sunday, Oct. 22
OPEN HOUSE
1-3 p.m.**

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See you soon!
42341 Braddock Rd.
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Scan to register for Open House or visit www.paulvi.net/openhouse





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



The Importance of Sunday Mass

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

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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.

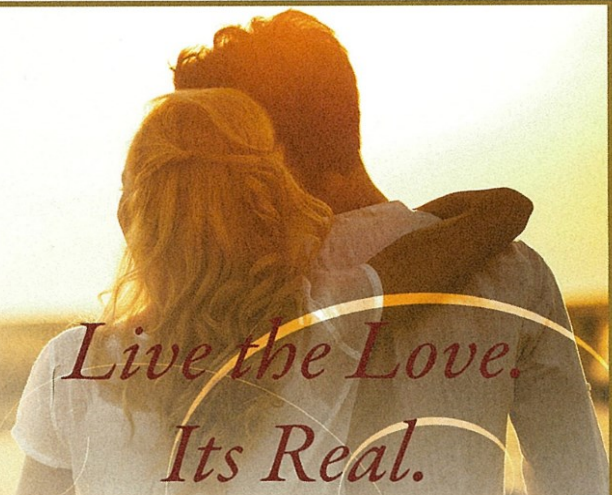
Studies show that people who are married are happier, healthier and have more financial resources than people who are not married.

“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!



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.

The Choice Wine is a program of
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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 or visit our website at ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat



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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 15

Isaiah 25:6-10a
 Ps 23:1-6
 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
 Matthew 22:1-14

Monday October 16

Romans 1:1-7
 Ps 98:1-4
 Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch

Romans 1:16-25
 Ps 19:2-5
 Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist
 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
 Ps 145:10-13,17-18
 Luke 10:1-9

Thursday October 19

**Sts. Isaac Jogues &
 John de Brébeuf, Priests,
 and Companions, Martyrs**
 Romans 3:21-30
 Ps 130:1b-6b
 Luke 11:47-54

Friday October 20

Romans 4:1-8
 Ps 32:1b-2,5,11
 Luke 12:1-7

Saturday October 21

Romans 4:13,16-18
 Ps 105:6-9,42-43
 Luke 12:8-12

In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers: people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet without entering into a genuine relationship with God.



You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Genuine Christians are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love.

Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a friend of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up

boundaries against them.

Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, i.e., into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality. We should

love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship.

God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However,

healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on.

And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How many Godly, healthy friendships do you really have?
- † Where can you go to find more people who want to be in a holy, Christ-centered, faith-building relationship with you?
- † What makes a friendship truly good?
- † How do you know when the time has come to say no to an unhealthy, unholy relationship? How have you handled it?
- † Where have you gone to find support and healing and growth?

DOMINGO XXVIII Y ¿TU? ¿COMO LE RESPONDES? Javier Leoz



Metidos tan de lleno en nuestros problemas, puede que el Señor pase a nuestro lado, y no percibamos su presencia. Puede que, incluso, pensando que estamos cumpliendo su voluntad –volcados en proyectos y mil historias- nos llame el Señor y encuentre aquello de “ocupado, no molestar”.

El Evangelio de hoy cobra fuerza cuando, Dios, sale al camino de nuestra existencia y nos encuentra indiferentes, perdidos, sin ánimo, distraídos y sin afán que montar un castillo de ilusiones, pero sin contar con El.

1. Si echamos una mirada a nuestras celebraciones puede que lleguemos afirmar aquello de “*más que una fiesta parece un funeral*”. ¿A qué se debe? ¿No será porque nuestras actitudes no son las de la alegría, el gozo sino que, por el contrario, queremos someter a Dios a nuestro capricho y antojo?

Hay un viejo proverbio que dice “*el infierno está lleno de desagradecidos*”. Y, la vida que llevamos, puede que en multitud de ocasiones nos haga ser aparentemente así: desagradecidos.

-Con los amigos. Cada día tenemos más excusas para huir de compromisos que exigen dedicación, diálogo, encuentro, etc. Siempre aducimos lo mismo “nos falta tiempo”.

-Con la familia. La televisión, el ocio, el deporte, hacen que sean coartada perfecta para no educar –en primera línea o comprometidamente- a los hijos o, simplemente, para evadirnos de una comunicación sincera

-Con Dios. También, el Señor, está pagando los platos rotos de nuestras ocupaciones. No hace mucho que el Papa Benedicto XVI alertaba del peligro que suponía el “*intento de silenciar a Dios en la sociedad*”. Y es que, a veces, en el conjunto de nuestra vida, nos cuesta responder y aceptar a Dios con generosidad, desde la oración, etc, etc.

El activismo, la acción desenfadada, nos puede llevar a un desentendimiento de Dios. A confinar al Señor en segundo plano y a no caer en la cuenta de que, el Señor, es precisamente dueño de nuestro tiempo y de todo lo que acontece en ese espacio. No podemos idolatrar nuestros proyectos, nuestras ilusiones en detrimento de nuestra fe. No podemos endiosar lo que creamos sin ser conscientes que, aquello que realizamos, es porque Dios así lo quiere y ahí nos envía.

Este domingo es un momento muy conveniente para preguntarnos: aquello que hacemos ¿en nombre de quién y por qué lo hacemos? ¿Somos felices diciendo a todo que sí, menos a Dios que le decimos muchas veces que no?

2. Hoy, como en los tiempos en los que Jesús diserta con esta parábola, también hay un pueblo al que el Señor invita, llama y quiere sentar a su mesa. Ese pueblo somos nosotros. Y, parte de ese pueblo –como también entonces- está, estamos tan ocupados, que Dios encuentra la misma resistencia. ¿Es así? ¿Cómo respondemos a Dios? ¿Con qué actitud venimos a la Eucaristía? ¿Con traje de fiesta o con el buzo de nuestra pereza, egoísmo, envidias, etc?

En nuestra agenda diaria o semanal ¿por qué no apuntamos la Eucaristía diaria, el rosario, la visita al Santísimo, una buena confesión o una visita al enfermo como algo importante para nuestra vida cristiana y como llamada de Dios?

Ya veis, queridos amigos; el Señor sigue invitando a su fiesta. Lo sigue haciendo con fuerza y con la misma delicadeza con que lo hizo al antiguo pueblo de Israel. Lo hace sabiendo que, los entretenimientos del mundo, puede que se antepongan a la gran fiesta a la cual El nos invita.

¿Por qué será que preferimos aquellos festejos que aligeran nuestros bolsillos y nos dejan vacíos por dentro?

¿Será a caso que, la fiesta del Señor –por ser gratuita – no la valoramos como aquellos otros manjares que se pagan a precio de oro o a costa de la carne?

¿Por qué preferimos ir por la vida, vestidos casi de carnaval, y a la Eucaristía no vamos con el traje de la hermandad y de la alegría, del optimismo y de la ilusión, de la esperanza y de la confianza?

¿Por qué, y esto si que es serio, nos cuesta tanto mostrar el traje de la fiesta –la fe, el amor a Dios, la oración pública, la comunión con la Iglesia, la misa diaria o dominical, nuestra identidad cristiana, etc, etc? Respondamos al Señor. Lo hagamos con el traje que nos puso en el día de nuestro bautismo: el traje de los hijos de Dios cosido con los colores de los hilos de la fe, la esperanza y la caridad.

¿DONDE COMPRO TU TRAJE DE FIESTA?

Si me asomo al escaparate del consumismo,
me convertiré en objeto

Si me adelanto al mundo de la moda

alguien se encargará de poner un precio

¿DONDE COMPRO TU TRAJE DE FIESTA?

Si miro al mundo,

corro el riesgo de hacerme con algo efímero

Si miro al cielo,

siento que es un vestido que me viene grande

Si me miro a mí mismo,

creo sentirme desnudo de lo que Tú quieres, Señor

Si te miro a Ti, Señor,

creo haber encontrado la mejor tela

y la mejor prenda para sentirme reconfortado.

¿DONDE COMPRO TU TRAJE DE FIESTA?

Dime, Señor, dónde y cómo

Dime, Señor, a qué precio

Dime, Señor, si todavía estoy a tiempo

de que, tus sastres,

me lo hagan a la medida de mis posibilidades.

¿DONDE COMPRO TU TRAJE DE FIESTA?

Un traje con el tono de la esperanza

Un vestido adornado por la caridad sin límites

Una vestidura que sea tan larga,

como tu mano prodigiosa, Señor

Un ropaje que irradie la alegría

que, por arriba y por abajo,

desgrana el Evangelio.

Una prenda, mi Señor,

que me recuerde constantemente

lo mucho que me quieres.

¿DONDE COMPRO TU TRAJE DE FIESTA?

¡Dímelo, Señor!

Porque, si me invitas a tu banquete

no puedo acudir como el mundo me incita

Porque, si me llamas, no puedo responder

con los cosidos de un sastre de tercera

¡Dímelo, Señor!

¿Dónde y cómo comprar un traje para tu fiesta?

¡Ya lo sé, mi Señor!

Tu voz, tu Palabra, tus sacramentos, la oración,

la caridad y la justicia, el amor y el perdón,

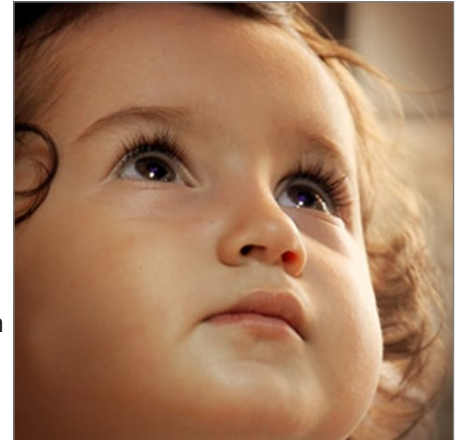
la paz y la reconciliación... ¡cuántas cosas, Señor!

son las pistas que Tú me das

para encontrar un vestido nuevo

un traje perfecto para la fiesta de tu amor. Amén.

na oración por la quietud



Ron Rolheiser (Tras. Benjamín Elcano, cmf) - Lunes, 2 de octubre de 2017
Defeneos y sabed que yo soy Dios. La escritura nos asegura que, si estamos en sosiego, lograremos conocer a Dios; pero llegar a la quietud... es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo.

Como Blaise Pascal aseguró una vez: "Todas las miserias de la persona humana vienen de que nadie puede permanecer en sosiego durante una hora". Lograr la tranquilidad parece que está más allá de nosotros mismos, y esto nos deja con un cierto dilema: necesitamos quietud para encontrar a Dios, pero necesitamos la ayuda de Dios para encontrar la quietud. Con esto en mente, ofrezco una oración por la quietud.

Dios de la quietud y el sosiego...

Calma la agitación de mi juventud: aquieta esa hambre que me haría estar por doquiera, esa hambre de estar conectado a todos, que quiere ver y gustar todo lo que hay, que me priva de la paz la noche del viernes. Calma esos grandiosos sueños que me quieren hacer sobresalir, ser especial. Dame la gracia de vivir más gozosamente dentro de mi propia piel.

Calma la fiebre que respiro de toda la energía que me envuelve, que hace sentir pequeña mi vida. Déjame saber que mi propia vida es bastante, que no necesito hacer una afirmación de mí mismo, aun cuando todo el mundo señale esto de mí desde un millón de pantallas electrónicas. Dame la gracia de apoyarme en la paz en mi propia vida.

Calma mi sexualidad, ordena mis deseos de promiscuidad, mis concupiscencias, mi dolor polimorfo, mi implacable necesidad de más intimidad. Acalla y ordena mis deseos terrenos sin quitarlos. Dame la gracia de ver a otros sin un egoísta color sexual.

Calma mi ansiedad, mis angustias, mis inquietudes, y líbrame de estar siempre fuera del momento presente. Que las inquietudes de cada día sean suficientes en sí mismas. Dame la gracia de saber que tú has pronunciado mi nombre con amor, que mi nombre está escrito en el cielo, que soy libre de vivir sin ansiedad.

Calma mi implacable necesidad de estar ocupado todo el tiempo, de ocuparme de mí mismo, de estar siempre planeando para mañana, de llenar todo minuto con alguna actividad, de buscar alboroto más bien que silencio. Alivia la desconocida ira que siento por no llevar a cabo mucho de lo que he deseado en mi vida, el fracaso que siento ante todo lo que he dejado sin experimentar ni acabar. Calma en mí la amargura que viene del fracaso. Líbrame de los celos que vienen sin ser llamados cuando acepto de mala gana los límites de mi vida. Dame la gracia de aceptar lo que la circunstancia y el fracaso me han dejado.

Calma en mí el temor de mi propia sombra, el temor que siento ante las poderosas y oscuras fuerzas que inconscientemente me amenazan. Dame el coraje de afrontar mi oscuridad como también mi luminosidad. Dame la gracia de no tener miedo ante mi propia complejidad.

Calma en mí el congénito miedo de que no soy amado, de que no soy digno de ser amado, de que el amor tiene que ser ganado, de que necesito ser más digno. Acalla en mí la persistente sospecha de que nunca se me tiene en cuenta, de que soy raro, un extraño, de que las cosas son injustas y de que no soy respetado ni reconocido por quien soy. Dame la gracia de saber que soy un hijo amado de un Dios cuyo amor no necesita ser ganado.

Calma en mí mi falso temor de ti, mi propensión a una piedad mal dirigida, mi necesidad de tratarte como a un dignatario distante y temido más bien que como a un amigo cercano. Dame la gracia de relacionarme contigo de una manera intensa, como un confiado amigo con el que puedo bromear, competir y relacionarme con humor e intimidad.

Calma mis implacables pensamientos, los rencores que alimento de mi pasado, de las traiciones que he sufrido, de la negatividad y abusos a los que he estado sujeto. Acalla en mí la culpa que cargo de mis propias traiciones. Calma en mí todo lo que está herido, no resuelto, amargo e incapaz de perdonar. Dame la tranquilidad que viene del perdón.

Calma en mí mis dudas, mis ansiedades sobre tu existencia, sobre tu interés y sobre tu fidelidad. Acalla en mí la compulsión a dejar una marca, a plantar un árbol, a tener un hijo, a escribir un libro, a crear alguna forma de inmortalidad para mí mismo. Dame la gracia de confiar, aun en la oscuridad y duda, en que me darás la inmortalidad.

Calma mi corazón para que pueda saber que tú eres Dios, para que pueda saber que tú creas y sustentas cada aliento mío, que en cada segundo llamas a la existencia al universo entero -yo mismo no menos que todos los demás soy tu amado- que quieres que nuestras vidas florezcan, que desees nuestra felicidad, que nada cae fuera de tu amor y cuidado, y que todo y todos están seguros en tus amorosas y cuidadosas manos, en este mundo y en el futuro.



The king noticed that one of the guests was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked why. The man didn't say anything. The king had him thrown out of the hall!



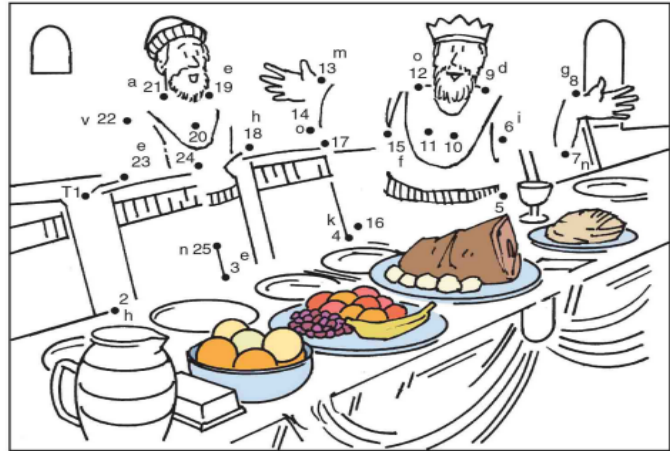
Write the letter missing from each set based on alphabetical order. Find verse 14.

- “ F
 DEG NPQ QST KLN YZB MOP WXZ
 ZBC PQS CDF
 HJK LMO TUW HJK RSU CDF BCE
 ACD TWV SUV DEG CDF UVX
 YZB QST DFG
 ABD FGI NPQ QRT CDF LMO ”

Parable of the Wedding Banquet

What is it that Jesus says is like “a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son”?

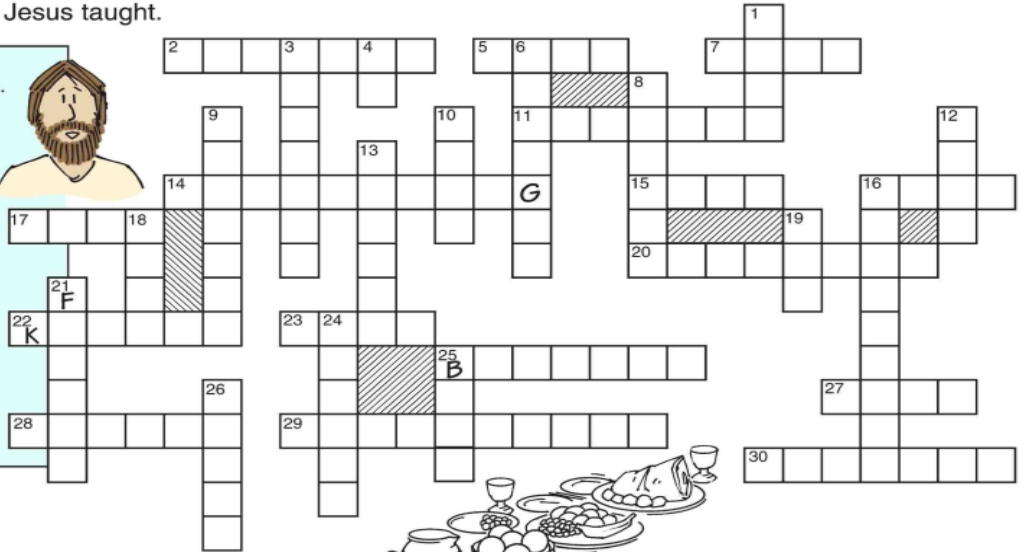
Connect the dots and write the letters in the order you find them on the blanks below.



Here is the parable that Jesus taught.

First, fit the words into the puzzle. Next, transfer the words to the lines. Then, read the parable.

no burn wedding
 bad city banquet
 good both refused
 hall ready enraged
 king killed destroy
 sent invite corners
 tell people servants
 come street attention
 more filled everything
 paid guests mistreated
 army invited



The 27) _____ 15) _____ his 20) _____ to 5) _____ those who had been 9) _____ to 12) _____ to the 2) _____ (25A) _____. They 11) _____ to 12) _____! He 15) _____ (7) _____ (20) _____ to 5) _____ them that 14) _____ was 26) _____. They 10) _____ 4) _____ (16D) _____ – and even 29) _____ and 22) _____ the servants! The 27) _____ was 6) _____. He 15) _____ his 16A) _____ to 3) _____ them and 25D) _____ their 23) _____. Then he 15) _____ his servants to 24) _____ (28) _____, (17) _____ (1) _____ and 19) _____, from the 13) _____ (30) _____. They 21) _____ the 18) _____ with 8) _____!



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