



"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13



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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



"Five of them were foolish, and five were wise"
- Matt 25:1-13

My dear parishioners,

Can you think of five traits of foolishness in yourself and five of wisdom? Imagine them as characters within you. Write them down and reflect. What emerges when you sit with the foolish ones? What emerges when you sit with the wise ones?

We come to Mass on Sunday to thank God and rediscover the perspective that gives meaning to our everyday lives. We hear from the Scriptures today words that give us renewed hope and redirect our attention and our efforts toward goals that matter for eternity. We are encouraged to be among the wise who live in such a way that they are ready for the Lord's return by living lives of loving service. Maybe this prayer will allow God's word to speak to our hearts.

"Wake me from my slumbers, my God: may my attention to your Word this week be the oil for my lamp, so that I may greet you when you come to me each day"

Next Sunday is World Day of the Poor established by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis writes "This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favorable moment to encounter the God we seek. With their trust and readiness to receive help, they show us in a quiet and often joyful way, how essential it is to live simply and to abandon ourselves to God's providence."

Next Sunday, November 18/19 is also Commitment Sunday for our parish Offertory Renewal. Thanks to all parishioners for your generous stewardship for the work of the church. You can return your pledge card to the parish office. Thank you and let us pray for one another this week.

Love and blessings,

Fr. Boh Cilinohi

Fr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



The Knights of Columbus invite all the Children of Nativity Parish to join them in the Parish Cafeteria on Saturday morning, December 2nd from 9:30AM to 11:00AM for fun, fellowship and a chance to meet and have breakfast with Santa.

There will be a continental breakfast, Christmas crafts and a little something from Santa for all boys and girls who attend. So that Santa knows you will be there, we request you let his elves know that you plan to attend; send them your family name, and the number of children and adults coming. You can use whichever way is best for you: email to bpb7992@gmail.com or text to 703-402-8513.



Bishop Burbidge's Message for National Vocation Awareness Week

My dear young friends,

I address you this Vocation Awareness Week drawing on the words of Pope Francis from World Youth Day: "All of us were called by name. At the beginning of the story of our lives, before any talents we may have, before any shadows or wounds we may be carrying in our hearts, we were called. Why? Because we are loved."

Let that sink in: God loves you, and he calls you by name for a unique and wonderful plan for your life. For many of you, this will be as a husband and father or wife and mother. In God's mysterious plan, he calls some to the priesthood and religious life, to offer themselves entirely to the service of the Church. This can be unexpected, but as Pope Francis also reminded the young people in Portugal, "God loves surprises," adding, "he always keeps us alert, and he keeps us surprised." This is not something to be feared, but rather embraced, trusting in God the Father who loves us.

I encourage you this week to focus not only on the vocation we all have, to be holy, but also on the personal vocation to which God is calling you. Are you willing to spend some time with him? Are you willing to let him lead you, to surprise you, to lead you to a holiness you never thought possible?

Know of my prayers for you, as your Bishop who wants to see each of you fulfilled as God's beloved sons and daughters.



*** ALL PARISH EVENT *** NATIVITY'S 5K/FUN RUN SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 7AM - 11AM REGISTRATION OPEN - EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT UNTIL 11/1

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



ON CAMPUS AT NATIVITY 6400 NATIVITY LANE BURKE, VA 22015

JOIN US IN FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NATIVITY SISTERS' ORDER

HANDMAIDS OF REPARATION OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

PROCEEDS WILL ASSIST WITH THEIR PROJECTS IN:

- BUILDING A CONVENT AND SCHOOL IN CONGO
- EDUCATION AND SUPPLIES FOR OUR RELIGIOUS SISTERS
- SUPPLIES FOR THE IVORY COST CLINIC AND SCHOOL



DINE IN AND CARRY OUT ALL DAY ON NOVEMBER 14TH & 15TH



SPARTAN'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

When you place your order on the phone or in person make sure you tell them you are supporting the

"Nativity Sisters' Fundraiser"

to make sure that proceeds will be donated to our Sisters Gifts can be also purchased on their website.

Enter code: Nativity Sisters

to ensure our Sisters receive credit

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR ORDER AND THEIR MISSIONS, VISIT THEIR WERSITE-

HANDMAIDSOFREPARATION.ORG



The Gift shop still has several White House Ornaments for sale. They each cost \$22 (including tax).

Get yours while they are still available!

FALL MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



Program



Come to ANY or ALL of the remaining sessions! Fridays from 6:30-8:30 PM

Teachers Lounge

NOVEMBER

marriage@nativityburke.org
or see Upcoming Events in the parish
website

Family Ministry

Connecting families from the time you are expecting through elementary school







Have you been looking for a way to connect with Catholic families for community, encouragement, and growth? There are MANY families with young children at Nativity and in our ministry, "family" encompasses families in all shapes and sizes- married couples, single parents, adopted children, one child, multiple children, etc.

Support Our Seminarians Help Build the Future of Our Diocese Make Your Gift Today!



Mail your check made out to: **Foundation for CDA-SEEF** 200 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 811 Arlington, VA 22203

Contact: John French • john.french@arlingtondiocese.org

To make a gift online: https://arlingtondiocese.org/Donate_SEEF

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moung Adult Ministry

- WHO ARE WE? WE ARE AN ALL-INCLUSIVE GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 19-39 WHO ARE IN THE "MIDDLE" WHETHER THEY ARE SINGLE, NEWLY MARRIED, WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN, OR PERHARPS A RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATE!
- WHAT DO WE OFFER? SMALL GROUPS, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, BASKETBALL, ETC.



The Women of Nativity (WON) Annual Advent Tree

THE TREE IS UP! PLEASE TAKE THE ORNAMENTS OF YOUR CHOICE AND RETURN THE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH NARTHEX ON THE COLLECTION DATES OF NOVEMBER 25 & 26 AND DECEMBER 2 & 3.

WRAPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH NEWLY
PURCHASED GIFT ARE ON THE BACK OF THE ORNAMENT.
SEVERAL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WE SERVICE HAVE
REQUESTED THE GIFTS BE UNWRAPPED FOR EASIER
DISTRIBUTION AND TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF
THEIR PROGRAM INVOLVING YOUNG CHILDREN. PLEASE
SECURELY ATTACH THE ORNAMENT YOU HAVE CHOSEN
TO THE GIFT. THIS HELPS US GREATLY IN
SEPARATING AND BAGGING THE GIFTS FOR
THE VARIOUS GROUPS.

GIFT CARDS SHOULD BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE RECIPIENT MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE. PLEASE WRITE GIFT CARD \$ AMOUNT ON THE GIFT CARD. IT IS EASIER TO HANDLE GIFT CARDS IF THEY ARE NOT WRAPPED.

WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ADVENT TREE PROJECT.

It is important to return gifts on the scheduled dates to meet the delivery requirements of the charities. It would be sad if we could not fulfill a child's request. Again, we thank our caring parishioners who will make this a special and happy holiday for many of our less fortunate neighbors! Please feel free to contact Patrice Chadbourne at patdaychad@yahoo.com or Kathy Mc Hugh at irish5579@gmail.com with any questions.

Charity Ornaments Charity's Name & Description

PURPLE CHRISTMAS BALL SOME (SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT)

LIGHT GREEN HOUSE APPALACHIAN HOME BUILDING PROJECT: HELPING THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLLECT ITEMS FOR THE FAMILY
WHO WILL RECEIVE A NEW HOME IN KENTUCKY NEXT

JUNE

PINK LAUNDRY BASKET LAUNDRY LOVE: HELPS INDIVIDUALS AND/OR FAMILIES
ONCE A MONTH AT A LOCAL LAUNDROMAT. PROVIDES

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE FAMILIES.

RED ORNAMENT NATIVITY PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED/SISTERS CHARITIES

YELLOW CHRISTMAS BALL HISPANIC OUTREACH PROGRAM
GREEN CHRISTMAS BALL ECHO - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

BLUE CHRISTMAS BALL ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, WASHINGTON D.C. KID'S GIFTS ORANGE GINGERBREAD MEN FATHER WILSON'S COUNSELING PROJECT

WHITE CHRISTMAS BALL LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER: WORKING TO BREAK CYCLE OF POVERTY AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

THROUGH A VARIETY OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
SALMON CHRISTMAS BALL MIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES/ CATHOLIC CHARITIES:
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO HELP FAMILIES GET SETTLED IN

THEIR NEW COUNTRY

DIVINE MERCY CARE (DMC) COMMITTED TO HELPING ALL WOMEN ACCESS PRO-LIFE MEDICAL CARE BY PARTNERING WITH PRO-LIFE DOCTORS

TO BUILD THE CULTURE OF LIFE. ALSO PROVIDE CHARITY
SUPPORT TO TEPEYAC OB/GYN IN FAIRFAX

GABRIEL PROJECT CATHOLIC CHARITY SPONSORED; DONATIONS ASSIST

UNWED MOTHERS WITH PRE/POST-NATAL NEEDS HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL WORK OF THE ORDER OF MALTA, PROVIDING

STATE-OF-THE-ART PEDIATRIC, OBSTETRIC, AND GYNECOLOGICAL CARE TO WOMEN AND

CHILDREN OF THE HOLY LAND
MULTI-COLORED SMALL TAGS SENIORS OF ALEXANDRIA - GIFT CARDS

FOR RESIDENTS OF ANNIE B. ROSE HOUSE

ALTAR FLOWERS - Donated by

Tom and Kathleen Powers With Special Intention for All Veterans

and

Jessica Mayfield Mayo
In Loving Memory of
My Mother Sadye Sanders

Your Life was a Blessing, Your Memory a Treasure, You are loved Beyond Words and missed Beyond Measure









PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl meeting for November will be held on Monday morning, November 13th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome!



Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity Displays - \$75



Delivered in time for Advent!

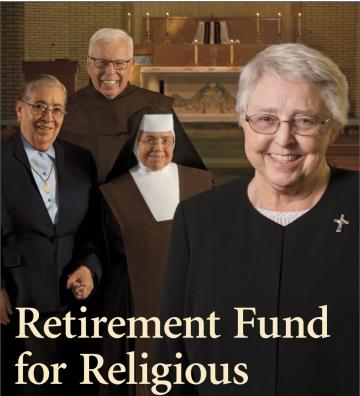
If you are interested in purchasing one like this one with your own custom caption, please scan the QR Code below and use the form to complete your order.

Or email: handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com, and we will email you a copy of the online form.

Limited Supply - We only make 30 each year







Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes, often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. This weekend your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime, second collection this weekend.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 13th

7:30 am † Anicia Regio

Tuesday, November 14th

7:30 am † David Arens 12:00 pm † Mary Ellen Franks

Wednesday, November 15th

7:30 am † Aura Garcia

3:00 pm † Melakou Yoseph (Burke Healthcare)

Thursday, November 16th

7:30 am † Aurora Lao 12:00 pm † Diane Garduno

Friday, November 17th

7:30 am † Angela De Mericie Nguyen Thi Kim Ngoc

9:00 am † Paul Luti

Saturday, November 18th

9:00 am Parishioners

5:00 pm † Cosme Manuel Rosal 7:00 pm † Difuntos Legionarios

Sunday, November 19th

7:00 am † Deceased McGowan family members

9:00 am † Sam Gensel

11:00 am † James Martin Brady 1:00 pm † Michael R. Gallagher

5:30 pm † Andres Yelice

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

Please note that the current Mass Intentions Calendar has been opened from Jan 1 - Jun 31, 2024. We are limiting the requests to 5 intentions per family/household per calendar year. Visit the parish office or email akenner@nativityburke.org to schedule intentions.

In Mary's Footsteps - A Group for Widows

Our group of faith and fellowship will meet on November 13th at 11:00 in the Father Ready room. We strive to walk on in our Blessed Mother's footsteps of strong faith and peace, as she did after St. Joseph passed. We have monthly meetings, typically on the second Monday of the month at 11:00am, gather for monthly dinners and other outings. For more information, contact Cat Sands at csands@nativityburke.org. God bless you!



ROSARY MINISTRY - HELP WANTED Can you count to 10!!

Please join us for our November rosary ministry meeting. Tuesday, November 21st from 1:00-3:00pm in the Father Ready room. We will be teaching

you how to make mission rosaries and prayer bracelets.

Come join us in praying the Rosary every Tuesday and Thursday after the noon Mass. We will be praying the special intention for peace in Israel and Ukraine. Please sign up on the church website under rosary ministry at nativityburke.org.

Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society Wine Event at Capacity!

Thank you to all who RSVP'd for the Nativity Italian Heritage and Cultural Society Tuscany wine tasting. We have a large crowd coming. Should be a fun-filled evening!

The event is now full. We're not taking any more reservations. Absolutely no walk-ins will be admitted that evening.

Reminder: if you are a current member, there is a \$5 charge for this event. If you are bringing guests, they pay a \$5 guest fee, plus the \$5 event fee — \$10. We are only taking CASH for the event. If you have not renewed your membership for this season, you may do so that night.

If you are on the RSVP list, see you Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm.



Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider subbing for us...

We are in need of substitute teachers for the new school year with the following minimum qualifications:

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

To apply, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146. Thank you!



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.



SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE

Recently, persons using fake email addresses pretending to be Fr. Bob Cilinski and other parish staff members, have been requesting special favors and/or gift cards. Please note that Fr. Bob, or any of the other priests or parish staff members, **DO NOT and will NEVER email, message, text or ask anyone**

for any kind of financial assistance, special requests 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.

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 7:00 pm in the Fr. Ready Room. Contact kdelatte65@gmail.com for information or to be added to our email distribution list.



Keep in touch with Nativity via email



Stay up-to-date with Nativity via our Parish Flocknote Email!

We send a weekly (short!) email with upcoming events, and occasional updates

Scan the QR Code below

Or sign up on our website: nativityburke.org/email-and-text/

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera, a QR Code Reader App, or Google Lens

Questions?

Contact Mary Castellano Nativity's Social Media Coordinator socialmedia@nativityburke.org







A Message from the Nativity Creation Care Ministry about the upcoming Fair Trade Sale

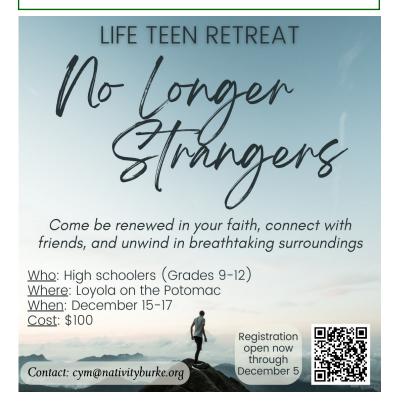
Only 2 more weeks! Fair Trade sales event coming to Nativity on November 25-26.

Your Nativity Creation Care Ministry is excited to introduce you to a wide variety of handcrafted meaningful holiday gifts at our Fair Trade sale in the school cafeteria on these dates. Soup and coffee mixes and other food items, jewelry, gifts for children, ornaments, Nativities, clothing accessories, home decor, kitchen items and more. Featured products will include metal wall art, inspired by nature and sustainably made using recycled oil drums by our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that as consumers we have a specific social responsibility: "It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply—economic act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise." (Caritas in Veritate, no. 66)

The impact of Fair Trade goes way beyond a fair, living wage; it empowers those living in poverty, especially women who are often the most marginalized, to create positive change in their lives and their communities. When women earn a fair wage, they can support their families, but they also gain respect and confidence. Their families grow stronger and they reinvest in the future, becoming leaders in their community. Because Fair trade respects the local laws and customs of producer groups, this often allows women to work at home to stay with their children or childcare services are provided on site.

For more information about Fair Trade and the sale, visit https://nativityburke.org/fair-trade/ or contact Kim Young at nativitycreationcare@gmail.com.

We welcome your assistance for a 2 hour time slot as a shopping assistant. See the volunteer link posted on the church website page above.



NATIVITY CREATION CARE FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY MARKET —
 IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA • 6400 NATIVITY LANE, BURKE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | 4:00-7:00 PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

















BUYING FAIR IS EXTENSION OF FAITH





People and the planet should not be exploited for the things we buy.



People should be paid fairly for their work.



Small, local businesses are the heartbeat of our communities.



Our everyday purchases can have a positive impact on the world.



Every product has a story.



Your purchase is an important part of the fair trade cycle.

CREATE A CYCLE OF EMPOWERMENT

Fair Trade Winds will donate 10% of sales to Nativity Creation Care Sustainability and Garden programs.

Reusable fabric bags donated by Virginia Green Baggers—while supplies last.

QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER? NATIVITYCREATIONCARE@GMAIL.COM WWW.FAIRTRADEWINDS.NET
Cash, check, & credit cards accepted.





ALL 6TH-8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO ...

AN EXCITING EVENING FILLED WITH HIGH-FLYING FLIPS, JUMPS THAT DEFY GRAVITY, AND AN UNFORGETTABLE TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

SKY ZONE

7:30-10:00

5325 PORT ROYAL RD, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151 REGISTRATION OPENING SOON! COST \$35

CONTACT: CYM@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG

CHILDREN'S ROSARY



Rosaries and prayer books are provided. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed. Parents are encouraged to attend in the role of "guardian angels" of the prayer movement. Second and Fourth Saturday of each month in the Nativity School Chapel at 4:00pm. For more information contact: margaretfisher@gmail.com.



ART OF LIVING WITH LESS

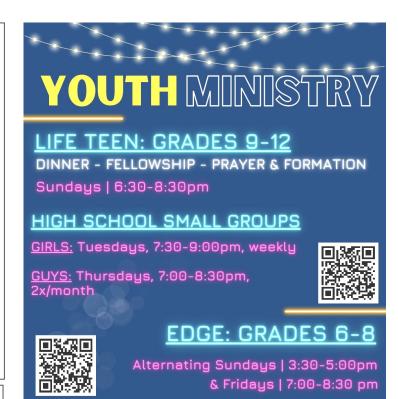


MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY DATE NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH CAFETERIA FROM 6:30-8:30 PM

Childcare | Dinner | Fellowship Deadline to guarantee Childcare slots: November 1:





SAVE THE DATE: SKY ZONE

All middle schoolers are invited to join us at Sky Zone for an exciting evening filled with high-flying flips, trampoline slam dunks, ultimate dodgeball, & more!

Who: All middle schoolers (Grades 6-8) When: Friday, December 1 | 7:30pm - 10:00pm Cost: \$35

Registration Form Coming Soon

See website for full schedule

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

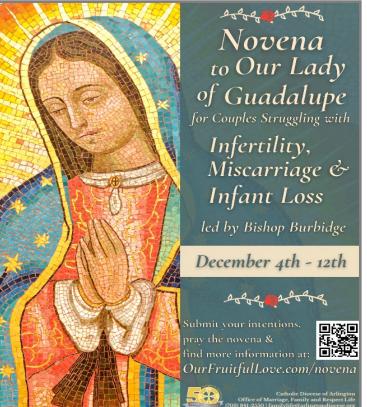
cym@nativityburke.org o @nativitycym



The Care for Our Common Home Ministry at St. John Neumann in Reston is presenting Food Choices Matter - How What You Eat Affects You, Others, and the Environment on Monday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. ET via Zoom.

Our individual and collective dietary choices—particularly our consumption of meat, dairy products, and eggs—have a significant impact on our health, global food security, and the environment. Shifting to a more plant-based diet is one of the most effective things we can do to improve the well-being of ourselves and others, reduce pollution and climate change, and prevent suffering in other sentient creatures. Presenter, Dr. Mary E. McGann, RSCJ, is on the faculty of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California. Her most recent book, The Meal That Reconnects: Eucharistic Eating and the Global Food Crisis (Liturgical Press, 2020), received the 2021 Catholic Media Association First Place Award for Catholic Social Teaching. To receive the Zoom link, email nativitycreationcare@gmail.com





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.

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!

Pray for Peace in the Middle East with fellow Parishioners!

The Nativity Rosary Ministry leads the rosary 3 times a week and we encourage all to join us. The rosary is prayed after the noon Masses on Tuesday and Thursday at Nativity, and we gather via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7:30 PM.

Contact Brenda Zepf at zepfinb@gmail.com for the link (which is sent out just before the meeting) Come and pray the rosary with us. We are praying for the people experiencing the terrors of war with the killing, the fear, the evil destruction and the horror in which the families find themselves.

We must pray for these people in any way and every way that we can. Feel free to take a rosary from the rosary board.

We are reaching out to God in trust and we know He will hear us! Again, join us in prayer for the Middle East.

Diane Fields, diane.l.fields44@gmail.com.



Organist and NPR Host Peter DuBois in Concert

St. Andrew the Apostle Concert Series presents organist Peter DuBois in a free pipe organ concert featuring works by Bach, Schumann and French Romantic composers on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 4:00pm at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Clifton, Virginia. He is also the host and producer of NPR's With Heart and Voice, a weekly program of sacred choral and organ music featured on more than 125 public radio stations nationwide. A meet-the-artist reception will follow the performance. For more information visit www.st-andrew.org/concerts or call 703-817-1770.



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Family Science Night: Discovering a Night of Family Fun!

The Children's Science Center from Fair Oaks Mall sent a small team to run the science night. There were about 10 station offering 10 different STEM activities, including drawing the connection between pollution and water runoff, using slime to complete an electric circuit that could play music, digging to find fossils, using vacuums to show the affect on air removal from different objects, and mimicking different animal adaptations that help them eat, particularly bird beaks. Additionally, the Center offered a wind tunnel where students created an object that could hover, without moving directly over the top of the wind tunnel. Each of the stations were run by parent volunteers, and students could freely move from station to station, wherever their interest and curiosity led them.







Is Your Child Turning 3 or 4 By Next Fall? We've Got Just The Spot – In Our Classroom!

Email Jen Behan at jbehan@nativityschool.org to schedule a tour of our classrooms, playground, and lunchroom – and to meet our teachers. Please bring your child, too – we can't wait to meet you!





~ Important Upcoming Dates ~

Sunday, Nov. 12 - Discover Catholic Schools Week Thursday, November 16 - 'Christmas Trees' Go Home Friday, Nov. 17 - Perishable Items for Baskets Due Friday, Nov. 17 - K & 1st Grade Thanksgiving Program Saturday, November 18 - Nativity 5K Monday, Nov. 20 - Perishable Items for Baskets Due Tuesday, November 21 - 1st Trimester Ends Wednesday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Break Begins Tuesday, November 28 - Back to School Today Thursday, November 30 - HSPT, 8th Grade

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!



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1 & 2 December, Breakfast with Santa. Prep Friday and give tons of smiles on Saturday. Volunteer on linktree.

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday November 12

Wisdom 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Monday November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wisdom 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-10 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday November 14

Wisdom 2:23 – 3:9 Ps 34:2-3,16-19 Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday November 15

Wisdom 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4,6-7 Luke 17:11-19

Thursday November 16

Wisdom 7:22b – 8:1 Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175 Luke 17:20-25

Friday November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wisdom 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b Luke 17:26-37

Saturday November 18

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43 Luke 18:1-8 This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us what it means to be truly foolish. We believe in Christ – good! We pray – good! We put time into our faith growth and we value opportunities for more faith formation – very wise! And we say that we trust God – wonderful!

But what happens when God doesn't answer our prayers fast enough? What if we need Christ's loving embrace or his

protection from evil and yet we're suffering with no end in sight? Where is Jesus then?

Usually, God's timing is not ours. We think we have the right idea about how soon God should intervene when we ask for his help. Right now is a good time for it, right? Of course! But perhaps not from God's perspective. (Why do we want to leave God in charge anyway, if he doesn't see things our way, huh?)

When we despair over unanswered prayer, the reality behind it is that we're emotionally unprepared for any timing that's different from what we think it should be.

The foolish bridesmaids thought the groom would arrive before their lamps burned out. They thought they understood the situation. Do we? Furthermore, if God's plans are illogical – if they don't make sense to us – we distrust them. And then we get ourselves into the mess of trying to handle things apart from God.

We cannot trust our logic. We cannot trust our perception or



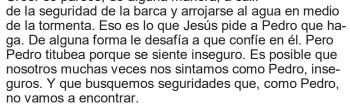
our understanding of the situations we're in. The sooner we decide to enjoy the absurdity of being a Christian, the sooner we will find out that God's ways are awesomely much, much better than anything we can imagine!

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What have you resisted doing because it doesn't make sense?
- † What can you do, where can you turn, to whom can you go for help in discerning whether or not it's God's plan for you?
- † How do you know when an illogical plan is really what God wants you to do?
- † What's happened in your life that has taught you to trust the Holy Spirit's surprises?
- Share a lesson you learned when you weren't ready for God's plan because you didn't believe it.

Fernando Torres cmf Vivir es confiar

El Evangelio nos plantea hoy el tema de la fe. Y lo hace de una forma muy gráfica, con un ejemplo que todos podemos entender. Creer se parece, de alguna manera, a salir



Es que a veces desearíamos que la fe fuera el resultado de una demostración científica. O bien que hubiese sido un milagro o algo extraordinario lo que hubiese provocado nuestra fe. En el fondo, se supone que la fe nos pone en relación con Dios. Y Dios es considerado en estos casos como un ser lejano, poderoso y en el fondo peligroso para la vida de las personas. Como no nos sentimos seguros frente a él, queremos pruebas convincentes.

La realidad es que la fe brota de la misma actitud básica

sobre la que se establece cualquier relación. Un ejemplo bien claro de esto lo encontramos en la relación de amor de una pareja. Ninguno de los dos podrá decir nunca que está absolutamente seguro del amor del otro o de la otra. Él o ella solamente tienen indicios: sonrisas, palabras, caricias, llamadas telefónicas... pero nada más. Esos indicios confirman el amor pero nunca son pruebas concluyentes. Al final, la persona, cada uno, cada una, tiene que dar un paso al frente y confiar. Y fiarse del otro. Con Dios sucede exactamente igual. No tenemos más remedio que fiarnos de él. Porque no tenemos ni tendremos nunca pruebas concluyentes de su existencia. Solamente tenemos testigos. Un testigo mayor: Jesús, que pasó la vida haciendo el bien, curando a los enfermos y amando a todos los que se encontró por el camino precisamente en nombre de Dios. Él nos dijo que su amor era fruto del amor de Dios, que nos amaba con el mismo amor de Dios y que tenemos que confiar en él. Y tenemos otros muchos testigos. Los muchos hombres y mujeres que le han seguido, que han confiado en él y que han vivido amando y haciendo el bien. Pero no tenemos pruebas matemáticas ni físicas ni químicas de ese amor. Nos tenemos que fiar. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos invita a echarnos al agua, a vivir sin miedo, confiando en el amor de Dios. Nos invita a creer en Él y confiar en que con Él podemos sortear los peligros de la vida. Porque su amor está siempre con nosotros.

Para la reflexión

¿Somos capaces de confiar en las personas con que vivimos? ¿O quizá se ha instalado en nuestro corazón una desconfianza radical? La fe es creer que Dios está ordenando la vida y la historia para el bien. ¿Creemos y confiamos de esa manera en Dios? ¿Colaboramos con él para que su plan de salvación salga adelante?

XXXII DOMINGO ORDINARIO - A Evangelio: Mat 25,1-13 -Gozar del banquete de la vida

Con un ejemplo –la parábola de las diez doncellas que salen a recibir al esposo– tomado de la vida ordinaria de su tiempo, y muy conocido y experimentado por muchos de sus oyentes, Jesús nos instruye sobre la necesidad de vivir siempre preparados para dar cuenta Dios de nuestra vida, cuando El nos llame.

No sabemos cuando será ese momento. Pero no solo por prudencia táctica hemos de estar preparados y en gracia de Dios, sino por que merece la pena vivir iluminados y enriquecidos por la fe cristiana y moldeados por el calor de la caridad y del compromiso cristiano a lo largo de los días de nuestra vida.

Señor, que nos adviertes de la necesidad de estar siempre preparados, para cuando Tu nos llames. Quiero ser como las doncellas prudentes que fueron a esperar al esposo con las lámparas aprovisionadas de aceite.

No solo estuvieron a punto para recibirlo, sino que durmieron felices mientras le esperaban, y disfrutaron del encuentro y de la entrada al banquete.

No solo evitaron el reproche y rechazo del esposo, sino que participaron en la fiesta con alegría y satisfacción personal y comunitaria, compartiendo su presencia con todos los invitados a la fiesta de la vida.

Quiero aprender, Señor, la lección de la prudencia y del aprovechamiento del tiempo; de la puntualidad al comenzar a hacer las cosas y del orden y buena organización al trabajar, al divertirme y al ayudar el prójimo.

Que nunca me domine la pereza, la comodidad egoísta e imprudente, el cálculo individualista o la "cuquería" humana, al cumplir con mis deberes profesionales, familiares y sociales, y con los propiamente religiosos y apostólicos.

El ejemplo de los santos y de los buenos cristianos me ilumina y estimula, y algunas veces me inquieta y descorazona, pues me reprochan mi indiferencia y precipitación, mi tibieza y mediocridad ...; pero iqué bien me hacen sus biografías y sus testimonios, sus palabras y su ejemplo de vida!

Su alegría es evidente, y su trabajo y generosidad se desborda en obras buenas y en testimonio apostólico. Ayúdame, Señor, a imitarles y a disfrutar de la vida como ellos lo hicieron y fueron felices.

Y que, al final, pueda ser reconocido por Ti, y entrar en el banquete del Reino, en el día y la hora que decidas para mí.

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez

Ciclo A. XXXII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario A Julio César Villalobos, C.M.

Escuché una vez esta historia. Había una vez un Señor que estaba en el desierto extenuado, cansado, sin ganas de avanzar hacia adelante, y por supuesto, con sed. Se había desmayado por unos instantes...Al despertar, divis a lo lejos algo "raro". No sabía qué era. ¿Será una ciudad para que me acojan?, ¿será un espejismo?, ¿será una ilusin o algo pasajero?, ¿será que vienen por mí?...empezaba a hacerse estas y otras preguntas más. Mientras se hacía estas preguntas, hacía todo el esfuerzo por acercarse a esa cosa rara. Mientras más se acercaba, podía divisar algo más concreto. De pronto las fuerzas se le fueron, y por 2da vez se desmayó por unos instantes: ¿será mi última oportunidad que la vida me da para descubrir lo que realmente necesito para vivir?... De pronto divis que era una máquina vieja, toda sucia, llena de xido, sin uso...era una máquina para sacar agua manualmente.

Y pens para sí: ¿"funcionará esta máquina? o ¿me doy por vencido? Se acerca a esta máquina. Al lado de ella hay una botella con una inscripción dentro. Empezó entonces a manipular la palanca de esa máquina vieja de sacar agua manualmente. Lo hacía una y otra vez, de arriba abajo. Pero se cansó y por 3ra vez se desmayó por unos segundos. Cuando se despert hizo lo que le dijeron en su sueo: "sigue así y conseguirás lo que quieras". Se levant y retom su tarea. Hizo tantos esfuerzos que hasta se intentó colgar de aquella palanca para que tenga mejor movilidad...y ¿saben?...no consigui nada. Esta vez no se desmay, pero sentado razon por última vez: "¿y si hago mi mejor esfuerzo y pienso que si lo consigo?"... Insisti por 3ra vez con aquella máquina, de tanto insistir vio que salía na pequea gota, y luego otras más... hasta que consiguió un buen chorro de agua.

Pudo tomar el agua que quiso, se bañó, etc. Pero mirando aquella botella, con esa inscripcin que decía: "manipula la palanca y conseguirás el agua que quieras", tomó unas hojas de plantas viejas que había por allí y las utiliz como "lapicero"...y escribi en ese papel: "POR FAVOR CREAN LO QUE DICE EL MENSAJE". Si analizamos las lecturas de hoy domingo, podemos ver que estas cambian "ligeramente" de lenguaje. Como preparándonos a los acontecimientos que se avecinan: Adviento y Navidad.

La esperanza, que es Dios mismo, está puesta en la 1ra lectura como la Sabiduría (Sab.6,12-16). Esta está a nuestro alcance, y nos da seguridad: "...el que vela por ella pronto se ve libre de preocupaciones". Dios nunca nos abandona. Él permanece fiel aunque nosotros le fallemos. Si amamos de verdad a Dios, lo podremos sentir, tocar, palpar, proclamar, lo podemos ver.

Entendemos por qué el salmista dirá: "Mi alma está sedienta de ti", "toda mi vida te bendeciré y alzaré las manos invocándote" (Salmo 62). Por eso es que urge la necesidad de buscar a Dios y dejarse encontrar por él. El Señor de la historia, perseveró en su intento de beber agua, no se desanimó a pesar de las dificultades.

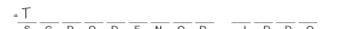
Simplemente aprendió a confiar. Dios no falla, él llega sin avisar, pero llega. El evangelio de hoy (Mt.25,1-13) nos muestra un pasaje, con una parábola muy conocida por todos: la Parábola de las 10 vírgenes. Unas prudentes y otras necias. Por un lado están las personas que quieren aceptar a Dios en su vida. Por otro lado las personas que no quieren a Dios en su vida, o las personas que quieren prescindir de Él. ¿No será que el mundo está como está porque prescinde siempre de Dios? ¿Qué hubiera pasado si aquel hombre de la historia no hubiera perseverado?, simplemente no hubiera conseguido lo que esperaba. Buscar la Esperanza, no falla. ¿Te animas a encontrarla?

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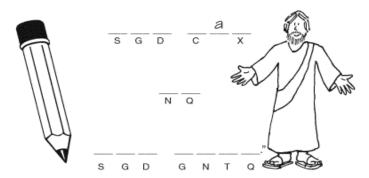
Jesus told His listeners that like the bridesmaids with the bridegroom, no one knows when the Son of Man (Jesus) will return.

On the lines, write the letter that follows the one given. Find Matthew 25:13.





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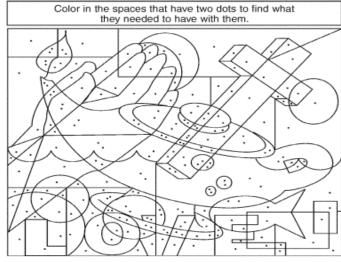
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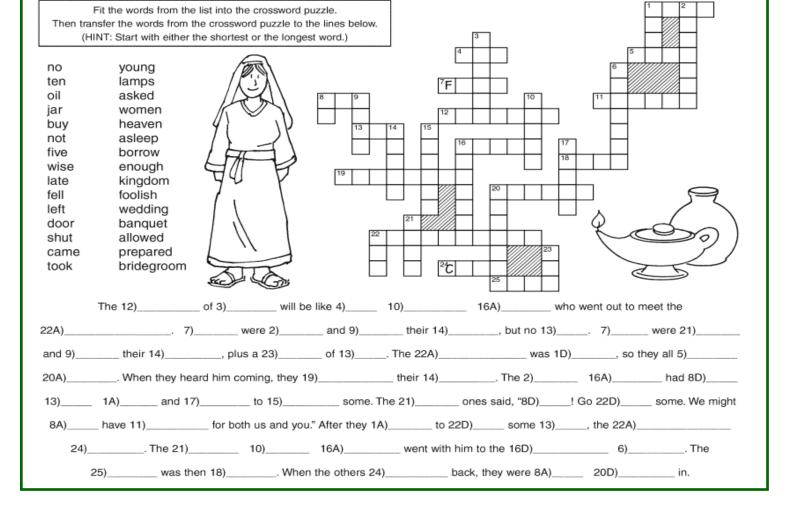
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The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus told a parable about

10 young women who were waiting as bridesmaids for the groom to come to the wedding. They didn't know when he would arrive, so they needed to be prepared.







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