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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**



My dear parishioners,

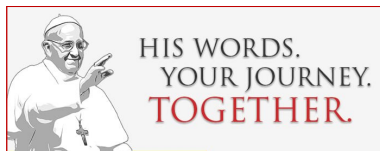
This week we pause to give thanks for all the gifts God has bestowed on our country. How blessed we are to live in the United States of America where there is freedom and opportunity. Despite many struggles and flaws and sometimes falling short of its ideals, our nation still shines with the light of truth that we are one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

As we give thanks, let us pray for those throughout the world who suffer from poverty, war and grave injustices. The following message from Pope Francis stirs our hearts to pray and work for peace in other lands that long for the freedom and resources we share, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine and Sudan.

Thanksgiving blessings to you and your families,

*Fr. Bob Cilinski*

Fr. Bob Cilinski,  
Pastor



*Monday, November 13, 2023*

For some months Sudan has been in the throes of a civil war that shows no sign of abating, and which is causing numerous victims, millions of internally displaced people and refugees in neighboring countries, and a very grave humanitarian situation. I am close to the sufferings of those dear populations of Sudan, and I address a heartfelt appeal to local leaders to facilitate access to humanitarian aid and, with the contribution of the international community, to work in search of peaceful solutions. Let us not forget these brothers and sisters of ours who are in distress!

And our thoughts turn every day to the very serious situation in Israel and in Palestine. I am close to all those who are suffering, Palestinians and Israelis. I embrace them in this dark moment. And I pray for them a lot. May the weapons be stopped: they will never lead to peace, and may the conflict not widen! Enough! Enough, brothers! In Gaza, let the wounded be rescued immediately, let civilians be protected, let far more humanitarian aid be allowed to reach that stricken population. May the hostages be freed, including the elderly and children. Every human being, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that the sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart.

*Pope Francis*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is said that the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who witnessed for life during Nativity's recent All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life (40 Days for Life Fall Campaign). By supporting the vigil, you lived out the Gospel message for this noble cause by continually lifting up in prayer the most vulnerable - the weakest and most defenseless among us - the unborn and newly born babies, and also their moms in crisis situations!

All 12 of the time slots from 7:00am -7:00pm were covered with at least one person. About 45 of the maximum 72 slots (an increase by 25% from last campaign) were filled by our Nativity parishioner sidewalk saints - peacefully praying from dawn to dusk for the at-risk moms considering abortion; the end of the killing of the innocent, weak, and helpless unborn children by abortion; and for the conversion of those promoting abortion. To ensure we had coverage, some of you even held vigil for multiple hours!! Pictured 6-7am, 9-10am, 10-11am, and 6-7pm time slots. A large witness of 25 vigil participants (19 shown) from at least three parishes, including 10 Nativity parishioners were at the 10:00-11:00am time slot!

God has used 40 Days for Life to establish a proven track record of saving babies' lives, saving women from making a tragic mistake, and closing abortion facilities in over 1000 cities in 64 countries.

Thank you again and God bless you!  
Rick Loffredo



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 12:00 NOON  
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 & WILL BE  
CLOSED ALL DAY ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23  
& FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24



### Nativity Stars Gala & Auction We Need Your Help!

Planning for our biggest fundraising event, The Nativity Stars Gala & Auction, is in FULL Swing! Funds raised at the event will provide financial assistance for STEM and student enrichment activities, plus other resources to help our students thrive at school.

There are many volunteer opportunities and activities which do not require VIRTUS training or Diocesan certification. Many Lead/Committee roles are available, however we are IN NEED of the following:

- Auction Procurement (Live & Silent) Chair(s)/Committee
- Food & Beverage Chair(s)/Committee
- Entertainment & Decorations Chair(s)/Committee
- Sponsorship Chair(s)/Committee
- Raffle Sales Coordinators
- Event Logistics Coordinator
- Event Volunteer Coordinator



Please click on the QR code to join the planning committee. We thank you for your help and support in making this event a wonderful success! Any questions, please email [auction@nativityschool.org](mailto:auction@nativityschool.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!



*Novena  
to Our Lady  
of Guadalupe  
for Couples Struggling with  
Infertility,  
Miscarriage &  
Infant Loss*

*led by Bishop Burbidge*

*December 4th - 12th*

Submit your intentions,  
pray the novena &  
find more information at:

[OurFruitfulLove.com/novena](http://OurFruitfulLove.com/novena)



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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

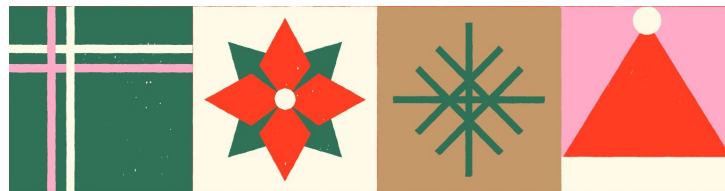
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## ANNUAL NATIVITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SPONSORED BY THE CRAFT GROUP  
IN THE FR. READY ROOM ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND  
FROM 9:00AM - 1:00PM &  
AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS  
AND ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD  
AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

The Annual Christmas Bazaar will again be having many lovely hand crafted items for sale.



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT NATIVITY MINISTRIES.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



## 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 patdavchad@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



Michael and Ann Stubbs  
In Loving Memory of  
Son Sam Gensel

### OFFERTORY RENEWAL COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Many thanks to all parishioners for your generosity to our parish offertory and prayerfully renewing your support for the work of the church at Nativity. You can return your offertory pledge card to the office or place it in the collection basket. Our stewardship gives praise and thanks to God

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."*  
Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

### SAVE THE DATE - Stella Marina Kit Build

Looking for something to do this Christmas with your kids or visitors? Come join Stella Marina on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 10:00am in the Nativity cafeteria to make 1,000 birthing kits! Celebrate the Epiphany by giving the gift of a safe birth to a mom and baby - in honor of Jesus and Mary! To sign up, use the link: <https://signup.com/go/CexWnOf>.  
Questions: email Meg at [meg@stellamarina.org](mailto:meg@stellamarina.org)

Join Nativity's Italian Heritage and Cultural Society on December 16 for the annual Festa di Natale Christmas gala! Catered Italian buffet dinner, wine, live musical entertainment, raffles. Tickets on sale after Mass today in the narthex. This event always sells out, so get your tickets today. See ad in the bulletin for more information!

**DONUT  
SUNDAY**  
THIS WEEKEND



**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.

**National Eucharistic Revival**

Catholics all across the country are in the middle of a National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops that aims to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

In the months to come, you will see and hear about more opportunities to deepen our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Scan the QR code from the banner in the Narthex to sign up for news about the National Eucharistic Congress planned in Indianapolis next summer, July 17–21, 2024. They expect 80,000 people to fill Lucas Oil Stadium with all the fans cheering for the same side, our Lord in the Eucharist!

Plus, there will be four routes of Eucharistic Pilgrimages that will make their way across the country and converge in Indianapolis! These pilgrims will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. The route from the east, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, plans to pass by our nation's capital, blessing locals and tourists alike with his real Presence. All routes will meet in Indianapolis at the National Eucharistic Congress.

**To find out how you can participate, go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/> and sign up for news from the National Eucharistic Revival.**

**NO HANDS BUT YOURS MINISTRY**

AN ORIGINAL NATIVITY MINISTRY DOING GOD'S WORK BY SERVING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF HIS FLOCK. WE WORK DISTRIBUTING FOOD, CLOTHING, AND PERSONAL ITEMS TO THE POOR AND HOMELESS IN D.C. AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, RAIN OR SHINE.

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT THE NATIVITY PARISH WEBSITE OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN DAILY/SUNDAY RUNS, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN RUBINO AT: [JOHN.ALBERT.RUBINO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHN.ALBERT.RUBINO@GMAIL.COM).



**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, November 20th

7:30 am Jack & Wendy Kennedy - 40th wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, November 21st

7:30 am † Tina Minter  
12:00 pm † Brian Licud

Wednesday, November 22nd

7:30 am † Samuel Gensel  
10:00 am † Robert Leever (*Heatherwood*)

Thursday, November 23rd

9:00 am † Kathleen McHugh

Friday, November 24th

7:30 am † Sandra Baker

Saturday, November 25th

9:00 am † Karen Sneec  
5:00 pm Parishioners  
7:00 pm † Jose Peralta-Limas

Sunday, November 26th

7:00 am † Elizabeth Keenan  
9:00 am Spec. Int. for Patrick & Kayla Kelley  
11:00 am † Felix Basurto  
1:00 pm † Vicenta Cuellar Pedraza  
5:30 pm † Kathy Cunning

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

*Please note 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](mailto:akenner@nativityburke.org) to schedule intentions.*

*"Well done, good and faithful servant..."*

How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).



**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](http://nativityburke.org).

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

# BOOK FELLOWSHIP

...ous, engaging, wonderfully readable set of reflections on  
Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## Intimate *Graces*

*How Practicing the Works of  
Mercy Brings Out the Best in Marriage*

Teresa Tomeo (Pastore)  
*and* Dominick Pastore

Foreword by Greg and Julie Alexander  
Cofounders of The Alexander House

WITH DEACON KELLY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2  
7:00-8:30 PM  
CAFETERIA



RSVP: [MARRIAGE@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG](mailto:MARRIAGE@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG)  
OR THE PARISH WEBSITE UNDER "UPCOMING EVENTS"



ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED TO...

# SKY ZONE

## Trampoline Park

AN EXCITING EVENING FILLED WITH A FILLED WITH HIGH-FLYING FLIPS, TRAMPOLINE SLAM DUNKS, ULTIMATE DODGEBALL, AND MUCH MORE!

**WHO:** MIDDLE SCHOOLERS (GRADES 6-8)  
**WHERE:** 5325 PORT ROYAL RD, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151  
**WHEN:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 6:00-10:00PM  
**COST:** \$35

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER  
NOW THROUGH NOV 28

Contact: [cym@nativityburke.org](mailto:cym@nativityburke.org)



### Nativity Catholic Church Invites you to a Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 9th at 6:45pm

Mass will be followed by a procession to the Father Martin Center and a reception. There will be a Mariachi Band alongside Latin American dancers. All are invited!

# 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 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 | 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Cost:** \$35  
**Register now on the website through Nov. 28**

[See website for full schedule](#)

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

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

### 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](mailto:bpb7992@gmail.com) or text to 703-402-8513.



*Nativity Italian Heritage  
and Cultural Society*  
**Festa di Natale**

Dinner and Gala Event on December 16th at 7:00pm,  
doors open at 6:30pm. Live Music featuring Laura Farrell,  
dinner catered by Boyd & Parker Events.

**TICKET AND EVENT INFORMATION**

\$35 for adults and \$15 for children 14 and under.  
Sales to the public after Masses on November 18 & 19 and  
December 2 & 3. NIHCS Members ONLY ticket sales at the  
November Program Meeting, just 160 tickets available.

For more information, email [NIHCS.Burke@gmail.com](mailto:NIHCS.Burke@gmail.com)  
or call (571) 239-2944.





## Handmaids of Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Advent Project

Help our Nativity Sisters  
reach their fundraising goal!

The very special Advent season draws near. It's time to begin preparing for the coming of our Lord whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Families both individual and parish, participate in traditional activities during this Church season. It's also a time to remember our sisters and brothers throughout the world who need physical and spiritual comfort.

Every year our Religious Order, Handmaids of Reparation of the Sacred Heart reaches out to families in our RE program and parish for prayers and monetary support during the Advent season.

Our mission has always been driven by a commitment to improving the lives of those in need, both spiritually and materially. Over the years, we have witnessed the transformative power of faith and education, and it is with this belief that we have embarked on a significant endeavor in Congo.

We understand that times can be challenging for everyone, and your generosity is deeply appreciated. Your support is not just a financial contribution; it is a gesture of solidarity, an affirmation of faith, and a symbol of love for your fellow human beings.

To learn more about our Missions, and our Annual Advent Project, and to donate, please visit our website or scan the QR-Code. Thank you kindly for your prayers and continuous support.

Prayerfully,  
Sister Donatella Merulla and  
Sister Mary Attilia Todaro

To learn more and to donate  
please visit their site:  
[handmaidsofreparation.org](http://handmaidsofreparation.org)



### NEED TO TALK?

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

### Donate Your Car to Catholic Charities!

If you are thinking of replacing your car with something new, please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. Proceeds from the sale of working and non-working cars provide critical funds for our volunteer programs. It's easy, we handle all the paperwork and you receive an IRS donation receipt. Email [Cars@ccda.net](mailto:Cars@ccda.net) or call (703) 841-3898.

## 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.

### 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!



SR. CONSTANCE & THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ARE

## COOKING UP SOME FUN FOR FIAT!

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



**December 9, 2023, 10am-3pm**

**St. Jeanne Jugan Residence**

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

Includes Mass, adoration, baking and lunch.

Cost: \$15

For more info and to register, visit

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

**Register by November 21.**

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Vocations



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

Nativity Creation Care Ministry invites you to make a difference with your holiday shopping this year! The ministry is sponsoring a Fair Trade Sales event in the Nativity School cafeteria during Thanksgiving weekend.

In the pastoral letter, Economic Justice for All, the US Catholic Bishops stated that "The economy should work for people, and not the other way around." 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." Fair Trade creates opportunities for us to respond to this call in a small but significant way every day through the choices we make as consumers. When we make the conscious choice to purchase Fair Trade items, we are putting the values of Catholic social teaching into action, and working to realize our vision of economic justice.

Many fair trade brands go above and beyond simply paying a fair wage to artisans. They invest in the lives of each artisan in a holistic way that encompasses a mutual respect for their well-being, safety and livelihood. For some brands, part of this is fighting human trafficking by providing alternative employment under safe working conditions.

Please consider all your gift giving needs and shop the Fair Trade sale here at Nativity on November 26-27. Haitian metal art, clothing accessories, holiday décor, household items, children's items, cookie and soup mixes, coffee and more will be offered—each item has a story to tell about the artisans who created it. Credit cards accepted. Bring your visiting family and friends!

For more information, see the ad in this bulletin and on the church website under News and Events. You can also access a sign-up genius to volunteer for a 2 hour slot to help at the event.

## LIFE TEEN RETREAT

# No Longer Strangers

*Come be renewed in your faith, connect with friends, and unwind in breathtaking surroundings*

Who: High schoolers (Grades 9-12)

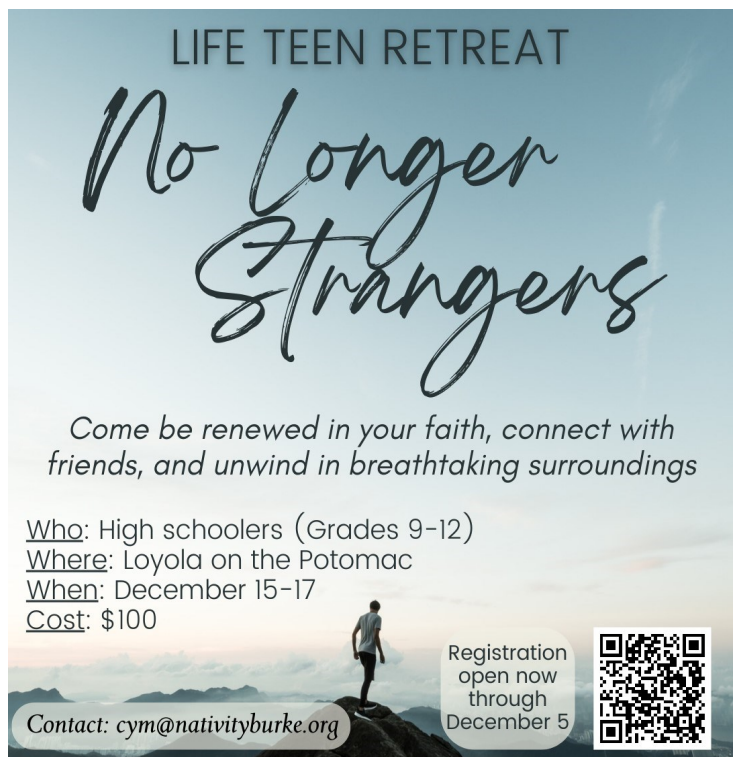
Where: Loyola on the Potomac

When: December 15-17

Cost: \$100

Contact: [cym@nativityburke.org](mailto:cym@nativityburke.org)

Registration open now through December 5



— **NATIVITY CREATION CARE FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY MARKET** —  
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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 8:00 AM–3:00 PM**



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HELP TO CREATE A **CYCLE OF EMPOWERMENT**

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



*Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.  
 The first one said, "My, it's getting late."  
 The second one said, "There's fun and learning in the air!"  
 The third one said, "Join us -- if you dare!"  
 The fourth one said, "Let's sign our three-year-old up for school."  
 The fifth one said, "Attending Nativity preschool is very, very cool!"*

**Email Jen Behan at [jbehan@nativityschool.org](mailto: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!**

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**~ Important Upcoming Dates ~**

- 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
- Mon, Dec. 4 - Fri, Dec. 8 - Catholic Charities Week
- Mon, Dec. 4 - Thurs, Dec. 7 - Santa's Workshop
- Wednesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas Day
- Friday, December 15 - 12 NOON Dismissal
- Friday, December 15 - 7 p.m. 7&8 Grade Dance
- Monday, December 18 - Class Parties
- Monday, December 18 - 7 pm, Christmas Pageant
- Tuesday, December 19 - Pajama Day!
- Tuesday, December 19 - Polar Express Day
- Wednesday, December 20 - 11:30 am Dismissal
- Thursday, December 21 - No School/Christmas Break

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Join us at Nativity to see how your child would spend his/her days here - learning, praying, sharing, loving, and laughing. We may be just the school for which you've been searching!  
 Yes, Catholic education is worth the investment!

Nativity Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education accessible to those who desire it, and offers financial assistance to make their dream come true. Contact Mrs. Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, for more information, at (703) 455-2300 and/or [smurph@nativityschool.org](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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**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](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992)  
**Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events.**

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

**19 November, Donut Sunday:** Support the parish and meet fellow parishioners. \*Joint support with Religious Education.

**Food for Others:** Volunteer drivers for food distribution to the poor. If you have a truck, SUV 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](mailto:sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net).

For Fridays, please contact Br. Matt Stockburger at [mstock\\_w@yahoo.com](mailto:mstock_w@yahoo.com).

**Name Tags:** Email Vince Augelli at [VaKC23@gmail.com](mailto: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 [handyknights@nativity.org](mailto:handyknights@nativity.org).

**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](mailto: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 school cafeteria: 7:30pm rosary, 7:45pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Vince Augelli at [fn2996@vakofc.org](mailto: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!

**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:

- ◆ 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 and Successful background check

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



# Quo Vadis Father-Son Seminary Visit



Quo Vadis events are for young men in high school interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocation.

## What's college seminary like? See for yourself!

Meet the seminarians and their formators  
See where they live, pray, eat and study  
Tour their campus at Catholic University

Fathers are welcome but not required.

**Saturday**  
**January 27**  
**8:45am-2:15pm**



For more information and to register, visit  
[ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](https://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis).

Deadline to register is January 18.

Sponsored by the Office of Vocations 703.841.2514 /  
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# Have You Heard?

**WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A  
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[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



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# MASS & BRUNCH

for adult children of divorce

Let's keep our focus on Jesus through  
what can be a complicated season

December 16, 2023 | 11:30am

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
3304 Washington Blvd, Arlington

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This event is free but please RSVP at:  
[arlingtondiocese.org/acodmass](https://arlingtondiocese.org/acodmass)



# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday November 19

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
Ps 128:1-5  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

### Monday November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63  
Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158  
Luke 18:35-43

### Tuesday November 21

2 Macabees 6:18-31  
Ps 3:2-7  
Luke 19:1-10

### Wednesday November 22

**St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**  
2 Macabees 7:1,20-31  
Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15  
Luke 19:11-28

### Thursday November 23

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Sirach 50:22-24  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Luke 17:11-19

### Friday November 24

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**  
1 Macabees 4:36-37,52-59  
1 Chr 29:10b-12d  
Luke 19:45-48

### Saturday November 25

1 Macabees 6:1-13  
Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19  
Luke 20:27-40

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us not to bury the gifts that God has given us. To do so is to be a "wicked, lazy servant!"

Ouch.

We all have at least one buried talent. There's more we could be doing for the kingdom of God, but we think: "Not me. I'm not gifted enough" or

"Someone else can do it better" or "God can't be telling me to do *that*" or "I don't have the time, the financial resources, the know-how, or good enough health".

There's no holy excuse for wasting anything good that God has given us, but sadly it happens quite often, because we don't realize how necessary our talents are for the Church and our joint mission of spreading Christ's influence upon the world.

What's pushing your gifts and talents aside? What's interfering with your usefulness to the

kingdom of God? Now is the time to open wide your potential and release your talents into God's plans!

We are all gifted "enough" to make a difference for God's kingdom, because our abilities come from him. We're his servants, and it's up to him, not us, to decide what we're capable of doing. Even the homebound and the bedridden have a divine purpose that can be accomplished in their

circumstances and sufferings. Often, these precious people are very powerful prayer warriors and have some of the soundest wisdom on earth.



Have you wondered: "If God is so good, why does he allow evil?" The answer is: It's we who allow it! We are the Body of Christ on earth. We are his hands and feet and vocal chords. Jesus wants to make our world more

heavenly; he does it through us.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † What good have you done? Hear God assuring you: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you greater responsibilities. Come, share your Master's joy!"
- † What "greater responsibilities" can you say yes to using the gifts that he's provided? What's stopping you from saying yes?
- † How would you recommend, based on your experiences, that Christians invest the gifts of God?
- † How do you identify (a) your giftedness and (b) God's purpose for it?

**Fernando Torres cmf**

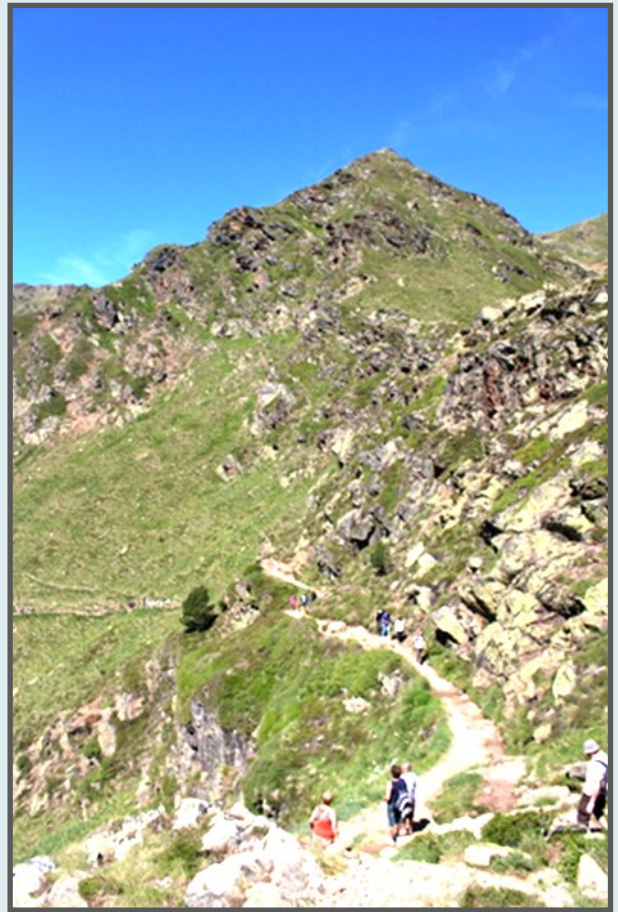
### ¿Qué es la Palabra de Dios?

Vivimos en un mundo en el que hay muchas palabras. Los medios de comunicación han hecho que abunden y sobreabunden. Canciones, radios, televisiones, periódicos, revistas, voces, redes sociales... Tanto que a veces de tantas palabras como nos rodean no somos capaces de entender nada de lo que se dice. La palabra ha dejado de comunicar y se convierte en ruido. Sin embargo, en la Iglesia seguimos diciendo que la Palabra de Dios ocupa el lugar más central y privilegiado que puede existir en nuestra comunidad creyente. Pero, ¿qué es eso de la Palabra de Dios?

De entrada, Palabra de Dios son las lecturas que se leen cada día en la misa. Están tomadas de una colección de libros que llamamos la Biblia. Hasta ahí todos lo sabemos. Pero, y también sabemos, los libros que forman la Biblia no son libros normales. Para nosotros, los creyentes, esos libros están inspirados por el Espíritu Santo. Recogen la historia de Dios con la humanidad, las continuas ofertas de salvación hechas a una humanidad que parece siempre metida en su laberinto de violencia, dolor, desamor y muerte. Son fruto –y esto es lo más importante– del amor que Dios nos tiene. Son un testimonio vivo de ese amor. Leer esos libros es encontrarnos con una palabra que es portadora del amor de Dios. Por eso, los leemos con veneración. Su palabra no es una palabra normal, no es ruido, no está vacía de significado. Por eso, la escribimos con mayúscula. Es la Palabra. Cuando realmente la acogemos en nuestro corazón, nos abre el entendimiento y los sentidos y nos lleva a tomar conciencia de la voluntad de Dios: que todos los hombres y mujeres se salven, que todos encuentren la vida y la vivan en plenitud.

Hoy la primera lectura nos habla así de la Palabra de Dios. Como la lluvia hace fecunda la tierra y la llena de vida, así la Palabra de Dios hará que se cumpla la voluntad de Dios y nos llenará de vida. Pero, como dice el Evangelio, el efecto de la Palabra en cada uno de nosotros depende también de nuestra capacidad de acogida. Ante unos oídos cerrados, no hay palabra que valga. Ante unos oídos acogedores, la Palabra es capaz de transformar el corazón de la persona y hacer que produzca frutos para la vida de la persona y de la humanidad.

Domingo tras domingo escuchamos la Palabra de Dios. En nuestra manos está abrir nuestros oídos y nuestro corazón para que esa Palabra pueda hacer realidad la voluntad de Dios. Acogerla, aceptar sus exigencias –que nos llevan a vivir una vida más plena– es una actitud básica de nuestra vida cristiana. Sin ese alimento de la Palabra, nuestra vida terminará siendo tan infecunda como las rocas, las zarzas o el camino.



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**Ciclo A. XXXII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario A**  
**Pedro Guillén Goñi, C.M.**

La parábola de los talentos, que nos presenta el evangelio de este domingo, contiene diversas aplicaciones para nuestra vida cristiana. Nos invita a crecer en una vigilancia activa, a no dejarnos adormilar por la pereza, por la rutina o por la comodidad. ¿Nos hemos parado a pensar la cantidad de “talentos” (virtudes o cualidades) que tenemos? ¿Los aprovechamos al máximo o, por el contrario, perdemos las oportunidades que la vida nos brinda para rendir al máximo lo que somos y tenemos?. ¿Somos buenos administradores de los bienes recibidos? ¿Los hacemos rendir a favor de los demás?. El Señor reparte dones y espera frutos siempre en beneficio de los demás porque no somos dueños sino administradores de la gracia y cualidades que el Señor nos otorga. No exige frutos iguales para todos porque tampoco los dones recibidos han sido los mismos pero sí exige a todos la misma laboriosidad, la misma dedicación y el mismo esfuerzo porque el Reino de Dios no es para los ociosos, conformistas o perezosos. El Señor ha puesto en nuestra vida inteligencia para pensar, corazón para amar, bienes materiales para trabajarlos, hacerlos rendir y disfrutarlos. No podemos dejarlos escondidos en lo más hondo de nuestro ser sin que produzcan frutos; por el contrario deben mejorar nuestra propia condición personal y ayudar a los demás en su propio proceso de su respuesta en la fe. ¡Cuántas oportunidades nos brinda la vida para demostrar nuestra exigencia y compromiso y, sin embargo, absorbidos por nuestra propia mediocridad no somos capaces de rendir al máximo! ¡Cómo nos admira aquellas personas que, desde la pequeñez o grandeza de sus propias intuiciones y virtudes, son capaces de progresar, de entender la vida en afán de superación y no conformarse con lo que hacen!. La vida es como un gran teatro. A algunas personas les toca representar papeles de protagonista, a otras de actores secundarios. Lo importan del gran drama del mundo no es qué función hacemos dentro de él sino que el que hemos elegido lo cumplamos con rigor. Al consumir las etapas de la vida que tengamos la sensación del deber cumplido, de la seriedad de respuesta positiva a nuestras propias responsabilidades. Damos gracias en el día de hoy por tantas personas que desinteresadamente, con humildad, “desgastan” su vida y distribuyen “sus talentos” por la causa del Reino, por construir un mundo donde florezca el amor, la justicia, y la paz. En la Eucaristía recibimos el don de Dios, el pan de los fuertes, que nos da la fuerza necesaria para hacer de nuestra vida una ofrenda permanente de servicio a favor de los hombres.

Será el mejor y mayor fruto que podamos presentar a Dios desde nuestra sencillez y pobreza.

**Fuente: Somos.vicencianos.org**  
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**Evangelio: Mat 25,14-30 Parábola de los talentos**

Cercano ya el final del Año Litúrgico, o eclesiástico, la Liturgia de la Santa Misa, propone a los cristianos para la reflexión y la meditación, los textos evangélicos que hablan del fin del mundo y del juicio particular que tendremos a la hora de la muerte. De esta manera Nuestra Santa Madre la Iglesia nos recuerda y advierte de la necesidad de ser responsables con nuestra vida, de aprovecharla bien, y de rendir en nuestro trabajo diario y de hacer todo el bien que podamos.

Para eso disponemos de muchos “talentos”, cualidades intelectuales, artísticas, deportivas, etc., así como de oportunidades suficientes, y muchos medios materiales, propios y comunitarios. Se trata de rendir según la voluntad de Dios, y no según nuestras meras preferencias personales. De ello habremos de dar cuenta a Dios en el momento oportuno.

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*Gracias, Señor, por estas lecciones, tan oportunas como imprescindibles, que nos das con la parábola de las doncellas prudentes y necias, y hoy con la de los talentos. Si los mayores necesitan meditarlas con frecuencia para aprender a conocerse mejor, para examinarse y rectificar, para arrepentirse y renovar propósitos cada día; los niños y jóvenes no pueden olvidarlas ni obviarlas por necesidad vital.*

*A todos nos enseñas, Señor, que para mantenernos siempre jóvenes, hemos de saber reconocer y apreciar los muchos “talentos” que Tú nos das habitualmente y a largo plazo, y los que puntualmente, como gracias actuales, nos vas proporcionando cada día.*

*Que sea sincero, Señor, para reconocer mis “talentos”, mis cualidades y posibilidades, las que Tú me das y yo pueda conseguir; y que sea responsable con ellas para darles el rendimiento oportuno en mi santidad personal, en mi trabajo profesional, en mi familia y en mis diversiones, y en tantos servicios sociales como, sin duda, puedo hacer, si soy generoso y optimista, valiente y sacrificado como Tu esperas de mí.*

*Que no viva o me quede ensimismado, tonta y tristemente, en mis “cosas”, en lo que soy y en lo que tengo, sino que siempre piense más en lo que puedo y debo hacer por los demás. Y sobre todo, Señor, que fructifique el talento, que sostiene y potencia a los demás: la fe en tu Palabra, la confianza en tu Persona, y el amor a Ti y en consecuencia a los demás. Deseo oír y saborear tus palabras: “Muy bien; eres un empleado fiel y cumplidor. Como has sido fiel en lo poco te daré un cargo importante: pasa al banquete de tu Señor”.*

**Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez**



The master was displeased with the 3rd servant who had hidden the money. He took it from him and gave it to the servant who had the most.

Write the words from the coins on the correct lines.

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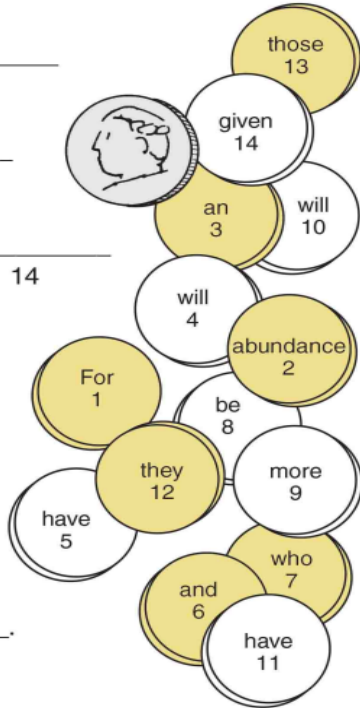
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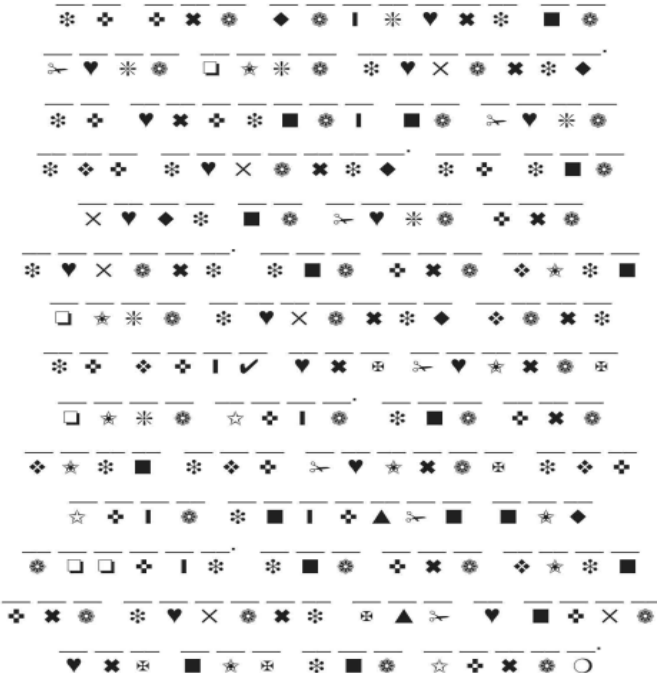
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He distributed the money to them in a certain manner. What did they do with it?

Use the code to finish this story.

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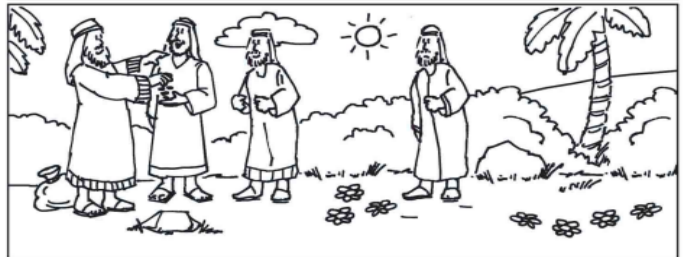
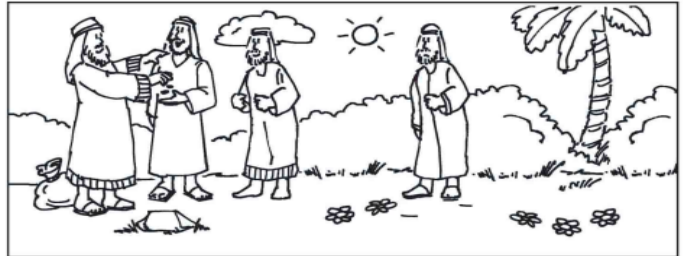
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November 19, 2023 • Matthew 25:14-30

## The Parable of the Talents

Before he left on a journey, a master entrusted his servants with some talents (a type of money).

Find 15 things that are different in the bottom picture.



When the master returned, he called his servants to him to settle his accounts. His words to the first two servants are below.



Circle the underlined words in the puzzle.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in

charge of many things. Come and share

your master's happiness!"

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