A Message from our Pastor Fr. Bob Cilinski

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."
- John 1:6-8, 19-28

My dear parishioners,

Joy is the main message this week because it's Gaudete *"Rejoicing"* Sunday. John the Baptist points us to one greater than he ... *"I am not the Christ ... I am not worthy to carry his sandals."* Jesus is the true light of the world and His coming to us fills us with joy.

St. Paul instructs us to always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants us to do.

The Catholic Charities collection this Sunday, is used to provide services to the vulnerable and poor throughout the Diocese. We, as the people of Nativity share in the spirit of Christmas gift-giving by our participation in this collection. This is wonderful! Thank you so much for your generosity. We will touch the lives of hundreds of families this Christmas.

May Christ, who was born into poverty and to Mary and Joseph who were homeless, give you peace and the fullness of joy in your love for one another.

Advent blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Pastor

Oh God ...

Oh God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain. help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion.

THANK YOU to All Nativity Parishioners from WON

The Virtual Advent Tree was a success because of the generosity of our Nativity Parish Family. WON enthusiastically supports and administers the Project, but our parishioners make it possible. We are overwhelmed again by the outpouring of love which was especially needed by so many this year. On behalf of the families who received your gifts and gift cards through the Advent Giving Tree Project: THANK YOU!!!

#JustOneYes Advent Campaign https://nativityburke.org/joy/

Join Bishop Burbidge and Catholics throughout the Diocese through Wednesday, January 6 in prayer, acts of service and more!

Help us turn #JustOneYes into countless yeses for the transformation of the world. In exchange for your commitment, you'll receive free daily email meditations during the seasons of Advent and Christmas courtesy of Magnificat: **https://mailchi.mp/arlingtondiocese/joy2020**

Advent Wreath Prayers

If you are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 3: O God, who sent John The Baptist as a voice crying out in the desert, open our ears to hear his message as we light the pink candle. Shape our lives so that they will become a straight path to you. Make us ready to greet your Son when he comes to us. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 4: O God, who sent your angel Gabriel to announce good news to Mary, make us happy with your word of life. Let our hearts be so filled with love for you that they glow with the lights of these four candles. May we live in a way that will please you. Through Christ our Lord.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

On Saturday, December 19, 2020 after the 9:00AM Mass at the Nativity sign on Old Keene Mill Road. In case of inclement weather, the Rosary will be prayed inside church.
Masks and Social Distancing required at either location.
For more information, please contact Jane Hamilton at mdhamilton@aol.com

We will offer additional opportunities for confession this Advent season in addition to our regular confession times on:

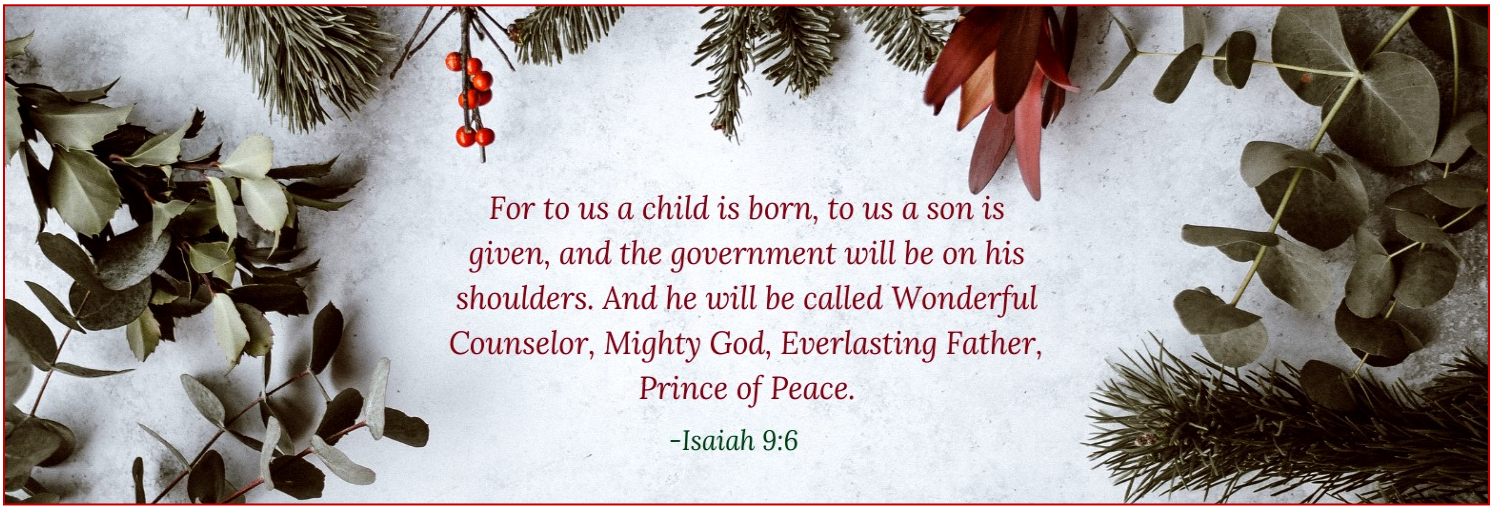
Wednesday, December 16 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Monday, December 21 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
& 2:00 – 4:00 pm

NATIVITY
CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE 2020

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. OVERFLOW FROM THE CHURCH WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND MASS IN THE CAFETERIA AND FR. MARTIN CENTER.

24
3:00 PM
6:00 PM
9:00 PM
MIDNIGHT (12:00 AM)

25
7:00 AM
10:30 AM
1:00 PM SPANISH



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

-Isaiah 9:6

Rosary Rally to Celebrate The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

All are welcome to join Fr. Hayes for a Rosary Rally outside the front entrance of Nativity on December 12th, from 12:00-12:45pm on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The event will begin with a blessing from Fr. Hayes, followed by Soledad providing a quick 2-3 minute message on Our Lady of Guadalupe in both English & Spanish. We will pray the Full Rosary prayers and The Joyful Mysteries. The first, third and fifth mysteries in English and second and fourth in Spanish. We have handouts for all who would like to participate in both languages. Please wear a face covering and maintain social distancing. Lawn chairs are welcome. Feel free to bring banners!

The 2021 Altar Flower Book has many dates available. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please call 703-455-2400 or stop by the parish office to sign up.

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. To donate, email Cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898.

You can now designate Nativity Church or Nativity School as the beneficiaries of your Amazon Smile! You can choose Nativity by going to: **YOUR ACCOUNT, YOUR AMAZON SMILE** and designating Nativity. Amazon then contributes a small percentage of each purchase to Nativity. For questions, please contact Ann Benson at 703 455 2400.

PAPAL BLESSING PARCHMENTS

The gift of an Apostolic Blessing, formally inscribed on parchment and sent from Rome, is a traditional means of marking milestone events such as wedding anniversaries, baptisms, first communions, confirmations and significant birthdays. These parchments are produced by the Holy See's Office of Papal Charities, or Elemosineria Apostolica, which is charged with exercising charity to the poor in the name of the Holy Father. Since the time of Pope Leo XIII, the production of these parchments has served as an important means of funding charitable works. Papal Blessing Parchments may now be ordered online directly from the Elemosineria Apostolica using their website, **elemosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments.** A number of beautiful formats are available for each type of event.

By the Grace of God

http://www.ccda.net/donate/ChristmasCollection

Please donate to the 2020 Annual Parish Christmas Collection
Your Generosity is Deeply Appreciated.

THIS weekend, we will be taking up the Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities – charged with carrying out the Corporal Works of Mercy throughout our diocese. These are important and much needed works. This collection provides ~10% of their annual budget. The needs are greater than the Bishop's Lenten Appeal can support. Can you make this important Christmas gift to the poor today?

Please prayerfully consider a gift to our own Catholic Charities as a Christmas gift to the poor. Your gift can bring the love of Christ to the farthest reaches of our diocese and show how the Church is committed to helping all people regardless of their faith.

Thank you for your generosity. If donating by check, please note Catholic Charities on the memo line or make a gift online at www.ccda.net/donate/ChristmasCollection.

Give a Gift for Life this Christmas

Post-Abortion Healing
Project Rachel

Pregnancy Assistance
Gabriel Project

2 easy ways to make a tax-deductible contribution:

1. Donate online at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife
2. Mail a check payable to Gabriel Project/Project Rachel

Please mail donations to:
Gabriel Project/Project Rachel
Catholic Diocese of Arlington
P.O. Box 1960
Merrifield, VA 22116-1960

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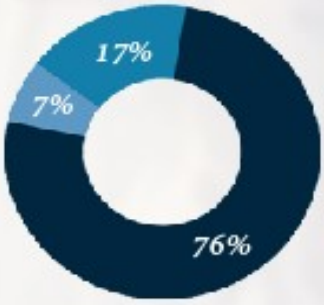

- Pregnancy Assistance
- Help After Abortion
- Miscellaneous expenses

Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Care Given: $196,964.72

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Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you to help decorate our parish home, Nativity Church, for Christmas. If you would like to share in decorating our Christmas Sanctuary, please fill in the bottom of this flyer and drop it by the parish office after any Mass, or submit it online **no later than Wednesday, December 16th**. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Christmas Bulletin. Please return the entire sheet and **PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.**

Thank you,
Fr. Bob Cilinski

Please print this page, fill in the information requested below, attach your gift to this sheet, and mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office. You can also go to our website at https://nativityburke.org/christmas-flowers/ and fill in the form online.

Print clearly the information EXACTLY the way you would like it to appear in the Christmas Bulletin. If you prefer to be ANONYMOUS, please check here_____ and only the special intention or the deceased name(s) will appear in the bulletin, NOT YOURS.

Flowers Given by: _____

(Print your name(s) or your family name EXACTLY the way you would like it to appear.)

In Loving Memory of: _____

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(Print the name(s) of the deceased/or write in your own special intention.)

Nothing below this line appears in the bulletin. This information is for your gift ONLY.
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NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR – Even if you have asked to remain anonymous in the bulletin.

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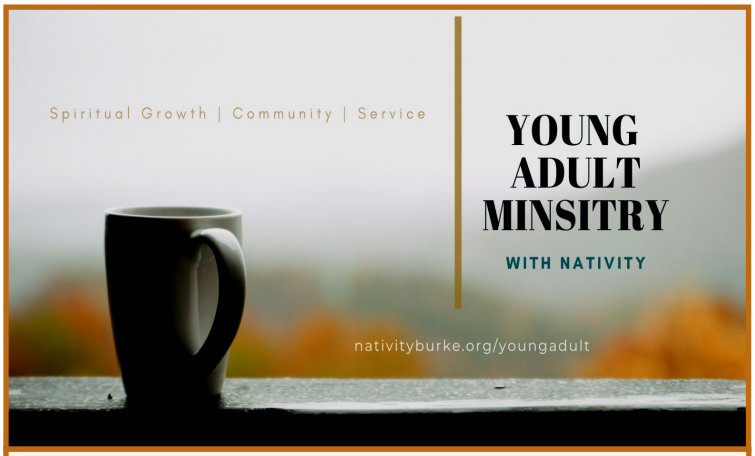
Your parish envelope number (if known) _____



Young Adult Ministry

Serving people ages 21-39
nativityburke.org/youngadult

"Young Adult Ministry with Nativity"

@nativityyam

Our young adult community is still staying connected, even now! We're grateful to the young adults who've shared their gifts these past few months by assisting with live-streaming Masses and providing music, and to those who have made videos of how they're staying connected to God this year.

To find out more about our ministry and how you can participate in the community, visit our social media accounts or page on the website.

College Ministry

Serving people ages 18-21
nativityburke.org/college

College students- we're thinking about you and praying for you. As more colleges send students home for the remainder of the semester, we want to check in on you while you're here. **If you're local and interested in getting more involved,** contact Alison. Text 703-577-5329 or email afram@nativityburke.org.

Young Family Ministry

Serving families with children newborn- elementary
nativityburke.org/young-family-ministry/

In our ministry, "family" encompasses families in all shapes and sizes- married couples, single parents, adopted children, one child, multiple children, etc. It's a chance to talk to others about the joys and challenges of raising a family, and also to learn from someone just a step ahead of you. If you have a young child, we welcome you in our community!

Our ministry is happy to stay connected and support young families during this time of distance. If you're interested in updates, send us an email at yafamilyministry@nativityburke.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

https://nativityburke.org/knightscouncil7992/
Facebook: Knights of Columbus Father Sikora 7992
Twitter: @kofc7992

Join the Knights! Do you want to make a difference as a Catholic Gentleman? Then join the Knights of Columbus! Please contact DGK Br. Adrian Santillan-Lecaside or GK Barry Basselgia with any questions or if you need a form 100. If you want a quick easy alternative way to join the Knights, try Online Membership. It only takes 5-10 minutes. Just go to Go to https://www.kofc.org/ and click "Join" and put Council 7992 as your preferred Council. We'll do the rest for you to make you a member of our Order and our Nativity Council!

Council Meeting: Our regular business meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meetings are conducted virtually via GoToMeeting.

Name Tag Assistance: If you have not received a name tag, please provide your name so the Worthy Warden Tom Siepmann can place the order at: siepmann1@hotmail.com.

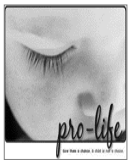
Handy Knights Ministry: Need a hand with minor home repairs or know someone who needs help? If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, there is a ministry within the Knights of Columbus that may be able to assist, the "Handy Knights." You can reach us at the following email: handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

Food For Others Food Recovery Ministry: Consider joining our ministry to recover food on Tuesdays between 11:00AM and 1:00PM from the Giant location on Burke Center Parkway and delivering it to Food For Others in Fairfax. We average 300-400 lbs of food picked up per week, but have seen loads over 900lbs. If you are interested contact me at rkascolella@verizon.net.

Join Nativity's Usher Ministry: Several weekend Masses at Nativity are in need of additional ushers. The greatest need is at the 9:00am, 12:45pm, and 5:30pm Masses on Sundays. Nativity offers an usher training program sponsored jointly by the Diocese and Nativity. If you are interested in joining the Usher Ministry, please contact Br. Tom Wilder at tom-wilder@earthlink.net.

Prison Ministry: Fr. Vaccaro is asking brother knights help in writing letters to those incarcerated. He has a list of names whose lives might be impacted for the better with your correspondence. Please contact him if interested.

Stephen Ministry: Brothers, Father Bob has enlisted the parish council to assess the possibility of establishing a Stephen Ministry in Nativity. This will be a parish program, and they are looking for volunteers from across the parish to join in this ministry. As Knights, our reputation for service precedes us, so Jim has asked that we canvass the council to see who can support as individual volunteers to serve as leaders and/or ministers. Contact parishioner Jim Crawford at jwcrawfordiii@gmail.com.info or to volunteer.



"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita" St Joseph Bakhita Prayer

Please support the TEPEYAC FAMILY CENTER, 4001 Fair Ridge Drive Suite 304, Fairfax, VA 22033-2917, with your prayers and financial resources. 703-273-9440 Details for this Pregnancy Resource Center can be found at www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com.

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? Listen; God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Take English, CompTIA, Citizenship or GED Online!
Register for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Citizenship, GED, ESOL for Childcare, or CompTIA ITF+ classes which are held twice a week with morning and evening schedules available. Different class levels are available. 12-week semester and spaces are limited. Call to schedule an appointment for registration and for pricing details. Please call (571) 208-1572 or email ewd1@ccda.net for more information.

APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING

On the weekend of January 2/3, the knights will be speaking at all Masses asking for help to build Nativity's 23rd home in the heart of Appalachia. This June they will be building a four-bedroom home for a family of six that is living in a trailer that is literally falling apart. They hope to raise $80,000 to equal what was collected last year. Please help if you are able.
We encourage mail-in and electronic giving to the maximum extent possible. Please mail to the Church Office at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA, 22015. Checks should be made payable to Nativity Parish, but please annotate that it is for the Appalachia Home Building Project and include your envelope number for ease of posting. Please refer any questions to Bob Corsi, 703-239 2890, bobcorsi@cox.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 14
7:30am † Thomas Mikulsi

Tuesday, December 15
7:30am † Angela L. Vega
12:00pm † Joseph O'Sullivan

Wednesday, December 16
7:30am † Clyde Monnette
(BHC) † Patti Bradshaw

Thursday, December 17
7:30am † Timothy O'Lear
12:00pm † Thomas Frain

Friday, December 18
7:30am † Ernie Weeks
(School) 9:00am † U.T. Brown

Saturday, December 19
9:00am † Peggy Jean Bowser
5:00pm † Michael Andrew Boehm
7:30pm Parishioners

Sunday, December 20
7:00am Parishioners
† Thomas Frain
11:00am † Richard Ferraro
† Ernie Weeks
5:30pm † Kathleen Merjudio

The priest schedule for Masses is found on our webpage:
https://nativityburke.org/calendar/
In prayer, let us remember
the sick and deceased of the parish.

Volunteers Needed to Rescue and Sort Food

Help Catholic Charities fight food insecurity over the holidays! Food Rescue Drivers are needed to pick up food from grocery stores and deliver to our St. Lucy Warehouse using their personal vehicle (https://tinyurl.com/slpfoodrescue) and Food Sorters are needed to receive and sort food at the warehouse (https://tinyurl.com/slpwarehouse).
See links for info on shifts and to sign up. Thank you!

Good News
INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

3rd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday December 14
St. John of the Cross
Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a
Ps 25:4-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday December 15
Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13
Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday December 16
Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday December 17
Genesis 49:2,8-10
Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17
Matthew 1:1-17

Friday December 18
Jeremiah 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday December 19
Judges 13:2-7,24-25a
Ps 71:3-6ab,16-17
Luke 1:5-25

John the Baptist came to "testify to the light." What does this mean?

We know that Jesus is the Light of Truth shining in the darkness to draw us to eternal life. And we know that his Spirit enlightens us in the truth so that we can be saved from the destructive forces of our sins and follow our Savior to heaven. But what was the testimony of John? How did he testify to the light? And how does this affect our lives today?

John's testimony was: "I am not the Christ. I am a voice. A voice in the desert." His testimony brings us to the Light of Christ by challenging us with: "Where is your life arid and dry? Listen! Christ is coming to meet you there! Stop wandering around! Repent, change, do whatever is necessary to look for Jesus so that you can find him. He is coming to you!"

We've all experienced times when Jesus seems unavailable when we need him. What has opened your eyes to his presence? Whose voice has turned you back to God? It's time to do the same for others, to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those who are held captive in their sins, and to announce how to be blessed by a close friendship with the Lord.

We all have the same testimony and the same calling as John had: We are all supposed to be voices crying out loud enough to be heard above the din of the world. Many souls are lost in the wilderness of confusion, hopelessness, pain, heartache, and despair, not to mention sin.

What kind of a voice do you have? Because we have Christ within us, our very lives are the voice.

Even if our vocal chords do not utter a single word, the way we live in the light is how we speak the truth of the light. The better we live the truth, the louder and clearer is our message.

What people choose to do with our message is up to them, but it's up to us to speak it so that they're given that choice.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How has your life been changed by your faith in Jesus? What evil has been conquered, what darkness has been overcome?
2. How has the Spirit of the Lord anointed you?
3. What gifts do you have that enable you to give to the poor (the financially poor or the emotionally starving or the spiritually hungry) or to heal broken hearts?
4. How has God used you to provide liberty to captives and release to prisoners?
5. How are these a testimony that teach others about Jesus?

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NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
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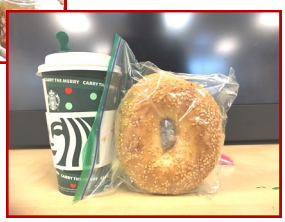
STARBUCKS WITH A SMILE --
For Dedicated Service

Imagine my delight when Father Bob and Ms. Kelly met me outside my classroom with a cup of my favorite Starbucks coffee and a bagel -- smiles all around! My colleagues and I were the recipients of a special ***'thank you'***, marking the end of our first trimester in, perhaps, the most unusual school year many of us have ever experienced.

"We wanted to honor our teachers with coffee and bagels to thank them for being heroes for our children," explained Maria Kelly, School Principal. *"The dedication they have shown this year is amazing. We are so proud and thankful for an outstanding staff."*



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A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
to our families for helping to make our transition back into the classroom -- and to keep us there -- truly a working partnership.

1. Daily student health questionnaires
2. Temperatures taken at drop-off every morning
3. Peanut-free lunches packed for students at home
4. Students wear masks to school and have 3 clean masks in their backpack
5. A sink in every classroom
6. A hand sanitizer wall dispenser in every classroom
7. Desk shields in every classroom
8. Space markers in the hallways
9. Student desks 6 feet apart in every classroom
10. *Excited teachers ready to teach daily!*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Serving students in Grades 5 thru 12 in a variety of teen groupings

For Complete Information Visit the Nativity Website

Starting September 2020 - All gatherings will take place bi-week outside in the fresh air

- All Groups meet from 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- Masks required - Bring a Camp Chair
- Parent involvement is requested to support this ministry during COVID-19

EDGE is middle school ministry Grades 5, 6, 7, 8
LifeTEEN is high school ministry Grades 9-10-11-12

Bi-Weekly

Mon EDGE	Grades 5 & 6	5:00-6:30pm
Tues EDGE	Grades 7 & 8	5:00-6:30pm
Wed LifeTEEN	Grade 9	5:00-6:30pm
Thur LifeTEEN	Grades 10-11-12	5:00-6:30pm

YM Meeting Calendar
Visit parish the web site - Youth and Family
LifeTEEN or EDGE - YM Calendar

No Drop-Ins | SignUp Required
Visit Web Site to get on the CYM Flocknote for Updates, SignUp and Gathering Reminders

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Get the Weekly CYM UPdate!
Via FlockNote

High School: nativityburke.org/cym/lifeteen/
Grades 5-8 nativityburke.org/cym/edge/

ADULTS—YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A YOUNG PERSON

YOU can make a difference in the life of a young person - leading them closer to Christ. College-Age, Young Adults, Parents, Grandparents, Retirees ...all are welcome to share the Catholic faith!
Contact Ms. Ingrid to inquire how **YOU** can make a difference.

prepare Him room
#JUST ONE YES
TO CHANGE THE WORLD

III de Adviento, Ciclo B.
¡Estad siempre alegres en el Señor!
Autor: P. Raniero Cantalamessa, ofmcap
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¡Estad siempre alegres en el Señor!

El tercer domingo de Adviento se llama domingo «de la alegría» y marca el paso de la primera parte, prevalecientemente austera y penitencial, del Adviento a la segunda parte dominada por la espera de la salvación cercana. El título le viene de las palabras «Estad siempre alegres» (gaudete) que se escuchan al inicio de la Misa: «Estad siempre alegres en el Señor; os lo repito, estad alegres. El Señor está cerca» (Filipenses, 4,4-5). Pero el tema de la alegría invade también el resto de la liturgia de la Palabra. En la primera lectura oímos el grito del profeta: «Desbordo de gozo con el Señor, y me alegro con mi Dios». El Salmo responsorial es el Magnificat de María, intercalado del estribillo: «Me alegro con mi Dios». La segunda lectura, finalmente, comienza con las palabras de Pablo: «Hermanos: Estad siempre alegres».

Ser felices es tal vez el deseo humano más universal. Todos quieren ser felices. El poeta alemán Schiller cantó este anhelo universal al gozo en una poesía que después Beethoven inmortalizó, haciendo el famoso Himno a la Alegría que concluye la Novena Sinfonía. También el Evangelio es, a su modo, un largo himno a la alegría. El nombre mismo «evangelio» significa, como sabemos, feliz noticia, anuncio de alegría. Pero el discurso de la Biblia sobre la alegría es un discurso realista, no idealista ni veleidoso. Con la comparación de la mujer que da a luz (Juan 16,20-22), Jesús nos ha dicho muchas cosas. El embarazo no es en general un período fácil para la mujer. Es más bien un tiempo de molestias, de limitaciones de todo tipo: no se puede hacer, comer ni llevar puesto lo que se desea, ni ir adonde se quiera. Sin embargo, cuando se trata de un embarazo deseado, vivido en un clima sereno, no es un tiempo de tristeza, sino de alegría. El porqué es sencillo: se mira adelante, se pregusta el momento en que se podrá tener en brazos a la propia criatura. He oído a varias madres decir que ninguna otra experiencia humana se puede comparar a la felicidad que se experimenta al convertirse en madre.

Todo esto nos dice algo muy preciso: las alegrías verdaderas y duraderas maduran siempre desde el sacrificio. ¡No hay rosa sin espinas! En el mundo, placer y dolor (lo hemos observado ya en una ocasión) se siguen el uno al otro con la misma regularidad con la que al elevarse una ola que impulsa al nadador hacia la playa le sigue un hundimiento y un vacío que le succiona hacia atrás. El hombre busca desesperadamente separar a estos dos «hermanos siameses», de aislar el placer del dolor. Pero no se consigue, porque es el propio placer desordenado el que se transforma en amargura. O de improviso y trágicamente, como nos dicen las crónicas diarias, o un poco a la vez, a causa de su incapacidad de durar y del tedio que genera. Basta pensar, por poner un ejemplo más evidente, qué queda de la excitación de la droga un minuto después de que haya cesado su efecto, o a dónde lleva, también desde el punto de vista de la salud, el abuso desenfrenado del sexo. El poeta pagano Lucrezio tiene dos poderosos versos al respecto: «Un no sé qué de amargo surge de lo íntimo de cada placer nuestro y nos angustia incluso en medio de nuestras delicias».

Al no poder, por lo tanto, separar placer y dolor, se trata de elegir: o un placer pasajero que lleva a un dolor duradero, o un dolor pasajero que lleva a un placer duradero. Esto no vale sólo para el placer espiritual, sino para toda alegría humana honesta: la de un nacimiento, una familia unida, una fiesta, el trabajo llevado felizmente a término, el gozo de un amor bendecido, la amistad, una buena cosecha para el agricultor, la creación artística para el artista, una victoria para el atleta.

Alguno podría objetar: ¿pero entonces para el creyente la alegría, en esta vida, será siempre y sólo objeto de espera, sólo un gozo «de lo que está por venir»? No; existe una alegría secreta y profunda que consiste precisamente en la espera. Es más, es tal vez ésta, en el mundo, la forma más pura de la alegría; la alegría que se tiene en esperar. El poeta Leopardi lo dijo maravillosamente en la poesía Il sabato del villaggio. La alegría más intensa no es la del domingo, sino la del sábado; no es la de la fiesta, sino la de su espera. La diferencia es que la fiesta que el creyente espera no durará sólo algunas horas, para después ceder de nuevo el puesto a «tristeza y tedio», sino que durará para siempre.

III Domingo Adviento - B
Evangelio de la Misa: Jn 1,6-8,19-28
Preparar la Navidad

Sigue la invitación a preparar la Navidad mirando al personaje, Juan el Bautista, que "no es la luz, sino testigo de la luz".
De él aprendemos a situarnos ante Cristo, Luz que viene a iluminar la mente y el corazón de los hombres, para conocer la verdad, y caminar en la vida
por sendas de caridad, de justicia, de solidaridad, de optimismo y de felicidad, en definitiva de amor de Dios entre los hombres.

_____

Qué ejemplo más maravilloso nos das, Señor, con Juan el Bautista. De su mano quiero prepararme para recordar, un año más, tu nacimiento en Belén, y celebrar gozosamente tu llegada a la tierra para regenerarnos con la gracia de Dios, y así más fácilmente poder vivir también nosotros como hijos de Dios.
Empapado por esta consideración de ser hijo de Dios, y urgido a vivir en el amor de hermanos con todos los hombres, quiero, Señor, mostrarme como Juan el Bautista siempre humilde y sencillo; trabajador y apostólico, sacrificado y generoso; quiero parecerme a esa "voz que clama en el desierto"; y así ser testigo de tu verdad y lucero de tu paz y tu perdón, para que, familiares, amigos y conocidos, abran los corazones a tu maravillosa doctrina de gracia y de amor, de justicia y de santidad.
Señor, quiero contribuir a que esa presencia tuya entre nosotros, que tanta gente no percibe, se haga visible no solo por la institución oficial de tu Iglesia y por las proclamas organizativas de los creyentes, sino por mi vida de fe, por mi caridad con todos los hombres, y sobre todo con los más necesitados, por mi responsabilidad laboral y social, por hacer de mi familia un hogar luminoso y alegre, donde reines Tú, y en consecuencia donde rija tu santa ley de amor y de paz, de alegría y felicidad, profunda y contagiosa.
Mis defectos y mis pecados me apartan con frecuencia de estos ideales cristianos, y por eso te prometo hacer una buena Confesión como preparación imprescindible para celebrar esta próxima Navidad.
Por tanto, Señor, que mi vida "en gracia de Dios" y mi consideración de hijo de Dios, se manifieste sobre todo en mi vida de familia cristiana, y así esta Navidad te sientas más a gusto y feliz en nuestro hogar familiar en torno al Belén.

Padre Segismundo Fernandez Rodríguez

Ciclo B. III Domingo de Adviento
Julio César Villalobos, C.M.
El Adviento tiene un rostro: la alegría

Una vez, un joven de 15 años de edad estaba en su escuela, jugando con sus compañeros, visitando la biblioteca de esa escuela, de pronto el encargado de la biblioteca le pregunta: "Oye, ¿tu madre no se llama María Rosa? El joven contest: claro, ¿y por qué preguntas eso? Escuché por la radio que tu madre se acaba de sacar un premio por un poema que tú enviaste por el día de la madre, contestó el señor encargado de aquella biblioteca. No se imaginan el grito de alegría que lanzó este joven de 15 años, una alegría que fue tan contagiante que sus demás compañeros de escuela también danzaron con él.

¿Todas las noticias que ves, que escuchas, que sabes, que te cuentan son siempre motivo de gozo o de tristeza?, ¿de fastidio o de desesperanza?, ¿de indignación de o de incertidumbre?… Para Isaías, ¿cómo es el Mesías que viene? (cf.Is.61,1-2ª.10-11). Aquel sobre quien el Espíritu Santo le asiste y le unge, con un fin:"dar buena noticia a los que sufren".
Si estamos con Dios, ¿cmo no alegrarnos con él? Por eso es que debo "desbordar de gozo con el Seor". Y todo esto ¿por qué?: "Porque me ha vestido con traje de salvacin".

Hoy Dios nos quiere vestir de gozo, porque pronto vendrá y eso sí que es buena noticia en un mundo donde las malas noticias son el pan de cada día. ¿Saben cuál es el querer de Dios según el Apóstol San Pablo? (cf.1Tes.5,16-24): que estemos alegres, que oremos constantemente, QUE NO APAGUEMOS EL FUEGO DEL ESPÍRITU. Adviento es un tiempo para el gozo y para la apertura al Espíritu Santo. Pero, ¿cuántas veces he ido apagando el Espíritu de Dios en mí o en los demás?

Juan el Bautista, un nuevo personaje del Adviento, que aparece en el evangelio de hoy (Jn.1,6-8.19-28), nos trae una buena noticia que nos llena de gozo: "Yo bautizo con agua, pero medio de ustedes hay uno que no conocen, que viene detrás de mí, y al que no soy digno de desatar la correa de su sandalia".

Él (por San Juan Bautista), vino con la misión depresentarnos al que nos da la paz y el gozo, la esperanza y las ganas de vivir…ese es Jesús. Viene, como testigo de la luz. ¿Cuántos de nosotros somos testigos de luz o de las tinieblas? Adviento es un tiempo para ratificar ese compromiso de ser luz para otros_que la han perdido.

Adviento tiene un rostro: la alegría.
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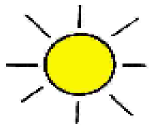

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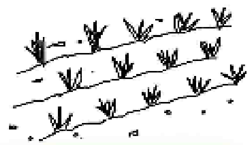

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What else did Isaiah say?

Subtract the letters listed, then unscramble the remaining letters and write them in the blanks.

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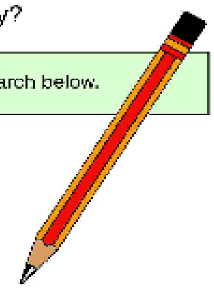
What did the Lord say?



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