

His Mercy from Generation to Generation



Today is a very special Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Quite a big deal! And today, filled with Easter joy, we acclaim with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, "His mercy is...from generation to generation" (Lk. 1:50).

The Paschal Mystery is the definitive revelation of God's mercy. Jesus' passion and death on the cross is the revelation of God's love: He "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). And his resurrection shows that love is stronger than sin and death. In the resurrection a new promise is given, "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh" (Ez 36:26).

In his encyclical *Rich in Mercy* n.9 St. John Paul II teaches that Mary had a unique role in the revelation of God's mercy and thus we call her "Mother of Divine Mercy." In her Magnificat, Mary reminded us that God's mercy extends from generation to generation. In the Paschal Mystery, Mary "made possible with the sacrifice of her heart her own sharing in revealing God's mercy [...] Her sacrifice is a unique sharing in the revelation of mercy, that is, a sharing in the absolute fidelity of God to His own love" (RM 9). In the resurrection, nobody rejoices as much as Mary and was more fully embraced by Jesus who brought joy and comfort to those he associated to his mission. "Mary, then, is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy. She knows its price, she knows how great it is. In this sense, we call her the Mother of mercy" (RM 9).

In this time of the Church, Mary, as our mother and the mother of the Church "by her manifold intercession she continues to obtain for us the graces of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she takes care of the brethren of her Son who still journey on earth" (RM 9; *Lumen Gentium* 62). The saint Pope also makes a beautiful point about Mary: "on the unique tact of her maternal heart, on her particular sensitivity, on her particular fitness to reach all those who most easily accept the merciful love of a mother" (RM 9).

Mary was touched in a unique way by God's mercy both in her joys and sorrows. Mary is for us the example to be embraced by divine mercy and to be merciful with others. She teaches us to proclaim that God's mercy is "from generation to generation."

On this Divine Mercy Sunday let's imitate Mary being part of this revelation of divine mercy in the way we are merciful to others just as God is merciful (Lk 6:36).

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19



Divine Mercy Sunday

Masses this Week

The Annunciation of the Lord, April 4:

6:30 am +Robert Groves
9:00 am +Lourdes and Ricardo Hidalgo

Tuesday, April 5:

6:30 am +Antonin Scalia
9:00 am +Harold Baker

Wednesday, April 6:

6:30 am +Joseph Mazur
9:00 am +Dionisio Opend

Saint John Baptist de la Salle, April 7:

6:30 am +Jennie Vaticano
9:00 am +Jimmy Andrew

Friday, April 8:

6:30 am +Helen Duffy
9:00 am (L) Dana Leite Stangel

Saturday, April 9:

8:00 am + Joseph Lam
5:00 pm +Toni Koehler
7:00 pm +José Antonio Flores

Third Sunday of Easter, April 10:

7:30 am +Sophia Barsh
9:00 am +Marguerite Showers
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Teshome Kabthiymer

Congratulations to the youth and adults who received the three Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Vigil:

Brandy, Bernim, Christopher, Cassaundra, Bilibaldo, Jazmin, Nancy, Sheyla, Robert, Benedicte, Divine, Henry, Arisbet, Ashley, Jocelyn, Vilma and Jesus. May they continue to seek the Lord and live the Catholic faith. Thanks to our catechists and clergy for their dedication in the faith formation of these new Catholics.



"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 3, 2016 That the gift of Christ's peace will remain with all priests, deacons and those in the consecrated life who, sent in His name, proclaim the victory over the world through faith in Him, we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Teddy Schwab, Patricia León-Duarte, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprahit, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, April 3:

Adoration Chapel 8:30 am-1:00 pm Adoration Chapel Open
Hannan Hall 8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Church 1:00-1:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, April 4:

Parish Office 7:00-8:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, April 5:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-12:00 noon Bible Study
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish
Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 6:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 7:30-8:30 pm Baptism Class in English

Thursday, April 7:

Hannan Hall 6:30-8:00 pm High School Bible Study
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Friday, April 8:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Cupertino Room 5:00-7:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 5:30-9:00 pm Homeschoolers
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Saturday, April 9:

Hannan Hall 9:00-12 noon Ghana Youth Group
Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
Hannan Hall 1:00-5:00 pm Couples for Christ
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal
Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm Youth Group Adoration

Third Sunday of Easter, April 10:

Church 7:30 am-2:30 pm Banica Donut Sale
School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Queen of Apostles School is now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. The kindergarten class is filling up quickly, so don't delay registering your child. Application packets are available at the school and online at www.queenofapostlesschool.org. Tours are given daily from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm or upon request. You can arrange a tour through the school's website or by calling (703) 354-0714.



Religious Education classes resume this Sunday, **Apr. 3.**

A meeting with Fr. Juan and parents of RE students desiring and preparing for First Holy Communion is scheduled for **Apr. 10** at 9 am at the School.

Religious Education Registration for the 2016-2017 RE school year will open on April 11. Classes begin in September. For new students, a birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable), and tuition must be submitted at the time of registration. Generally, students must attend and participate in RE classes for two consecutive years before receiving a Sacrament. In general, baptized students make First Confession and First Holy Communion in second grade or higher; baptized students receive Confirmation in eighth grade or higher. The QofA RE program is designed so that each year builds on the next.

Congratulations to our Catechists who will be certified as Master Catechists after completing the two-year Diocesan Master Catechist Training Program! The graduation liturgy is scheduled for **Apr. 29.**

High School Youth are invited to meet with Fr. Juan in Hannan Hall on **Apr. 12** at 7:30 pm. Fellowship and desserts precede Adoration.

Seeking Parish Families to Host a Student or Teacher from Spain Now in its second year, the Summer Exchange Program seeks more parish families to open their home to a student or teacher from Spain, **Jun. 30-Jul. 24, 2016.** Contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org for more information. Additionally, if you are interested in sending your high school aged student to Spain, please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with Fr. Leopoldo.

Toward a Family Friendly Parish (TFFP)

Maturing in Love - April Programming

Mark your calendar for April's TFFP activities in Hannan Hall: Friday, **Apr. 22** - 6:30 pm talk, Fr. Vives and Fr. J.D. Jaffe, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Arlington discuss Vocations

Saturday, **Apr. 23** - 6:00 pm movie, *Beauty and the Beast*

Women's Group The next Women's Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, **Apr. 13**, in Hannan Hall after the 9 am Mass. Come meet Mrs. Moira Quinn Leite, a professional with over 30 years of experience in managing major life transitions for seniors. Issues range from practical "downsizing" the family home to potential spiritual growth from these new experiences. This program will provide keen insights for parish men and women facing critical transitional decisions for themselves or family members, friends or neighbors. Come spend an hour of your time to learn more!

Car Raffle Please return your car raffle tickets to the parish office by **Apr. 11.** Each \$5 ticket gives you a chance to win five cars and \$20,000. Money raised from the raffle supports our parish school, Banica Mission, and Rome Pilgrimage. Additional tickets are available at the parish office during regular office hours.

Bishop Loverde to Celebrate Respect Life Mass at QofA

Save the date of Saturday, **Apr. 30**, when Bishop Loverde will celebrate the monthly Diocesan Respect Life Mass at our parish. Mass will be at 8 am. Immediately following Mass, the Bishop will proceed to 101 S. Whiting Street to lead the Rosary, at around 8:45 am. Please join us for the Mass and Rosary. Did you know that there were 1,613 abortions at the clinic at 101 S. Whiting St. in 2014? Did you also know that 368 babies have been saved nationwide during the Lent's 40 Days for Life initiative? Help our parish do our part in bringing an end to abortion by joining in prayer with our Bishop on Apr. 30.

Seeking Storage Space If you have a garage or a storage space where furniture and household goods can be stored until fall when items will be donated to Monsignor Beiting's Appalachia Mission, please call Karen at (703) 671-0089. Thank you!

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend the collection will go toward the **Poor Box.** Next weekend the collection will go toward the **ACCA & Missionaries of Charity.**