

Mercy...from Generation to Generation



In this year of mercy we are introducing St. John Paul II's encyclical *Rich in Mercy*. In doing so, we strive for a deeper understanding of divine mercy and its meaning. Today we will talk about numbers 10-12 in which the saint pope reflects about the hopes and sorrows of our generation and asks, *Is Justice Enough?*

St. John Paul II begins with Mary's Magnificat: "his mercy is from generation to generation" (Lk 1:50). In 1980, only 15 years after the II Vatican Council, was a generation encouraged by the opportunities of technological progress but also threatened by the real possibility of a nuclear war. Nonetheless, Wojtyla points to the division within the human heart as the real problem. Quoting *Gaudium et Spes*, he reminds that "Torn by a welter of anxieties he is compelled to choose between them and repudiate some among them. Worse still, feeble and sinful as he is, he often does the very thing he hates and does not do what he wants. And so he feels himself divided, and the result is a host of discords in social life" (GS 10).

In addition, there was a serious concern about a materialistic society that "accepts the primacy of things over persons [...]. Man rightly fears falling victim to an oppression that will deprive him of his interior freedom, of the possibility of expressing the truth of which he is convinced, of the faith that he professes, of the ability to obey the voice of conscience that tells him the right path to follow" (DM 11). In brief, "there is a growing awareness of yet another threat, even more destructive of what is essentially human, what is intimately bound up with the dignity of the person and his or her right to truth and freedom" (DM 11).

It is then when in n.12 he asks, "Is Justice Enough?" In effect, "The experience of the past and of our own time demonstrates that justice alone is not enough, that it can even lead to the negation and destruction of itself, if that deeper power, which is love, is not allowed to shape human life in its various dimensions [...]. Moreover, one cannot fail to be worried by the decline of many fundamental values, which constitute an unquestionable good not only for Christian morality but simply for human morality, for moral culture" (DM 12).

Thirty six years later we can see how these concerns are more serious. Let's think about the decision of the Supreme Court regarding civil marriage being no more the union of man and woman or the contraceptive mandate case that they are now discussing. Fundamental rights are being overruled by a society that sacrifices freedom for the ideology of the politically correct.

In this world the Church's mission is to announce God's mercy and conversion. Christ defeated the power of sin and death in his resurrection, opening for us a path of real humanity following Jesus.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rev 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30 (51)



Third Sunday of Easter

Masses this Week

St. Stanislaus, April 11:

6:30 am +Lila Charnley
9:00 am +Carmen Puigdoller

Tuesday, April 12:

6:30 am +Joseph Mazur
9:00 am +George Davis

Wednesday, April 13:

6:30 am +Constancia Monillas
9:00 am +Karl Henry Hummel

Thursday, April 14:

6:30 am (L) Rev. Alistair McKay
9:00 am + Bridget Carroll

Friday, April 15:

6:30 am +D. Isabel
9:00 am (L) Mary Joan Quinn

Saturday, April 16:

8:00 am +Carol Heins
5:00 pm +Ed and Nancy Hinter Long
7:00 pm +Mario Orellana

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17:

7:30 am +Anna Barnoski
9:00 am +Barbara Mazur
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Michael J. Leite

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 on Vocations: *Called to Love* by Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM

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



"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Third Sunday of Easter - April 10, 2016 For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, 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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, 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

Monday, April 11:

Parish Office 7:00-8:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, April 12:

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 13:

Hannan Hall 9:30 am-12:30 pm Women's Group
 Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, April 14:

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

Friday, April 15:

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

Saturday, April 16:

Outside 10:00 am-2:00 pm Knights of Columbus Car Wash
 Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
 School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
 Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00 pm School Auction
 School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Third Sunday of Easter, April 17:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education

Seeking Parish Families to Host a Student or Teacher from Spain

Thanks to the parish families who are opening their homes and hearts to students/teachers from Spain. Now in its second year, the Summer Exchange Program seeks more parish families to host a student or teacher, **Jun. 30 - Jul. 24, 2016**. For more information contact Susan Gray at (703) 354 8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. 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.

Vacation Bible School

We will be "Surfin' with the Holy Spirit"! Save the dates: **Jun. 27 - Jul. 1** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. For current 8th graders through adults interested in helping out, there will be a meeting in the school library on Sunday, **Apr. 17** from 2 to 4 pm. (If you will be 18 on Jun. 18, you will need to be VIRTUS Compliant. Please contact the rectory for paperwork and information on training.) For current fifth graders through adults interested in participating, there will be two preparation meetings: Saturday, **Jun. 18** from 1 to 4 pm starting in the school library, and Saturday, **Jun. 25** from 1 to 8 pm. Please contact vbs@queenofapostles.org for more information.

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!

A meeting with Fr. Juan and parents desiring and preparing for the May 7, 2016 First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday **Apr. 10** at 9 am in Queen of Apostles School.

Confirmation rehearsal for students from QofA School, Religious Education, Ghana Catholic Community and those who are home schooled, is on Monday, **Apr. 18** at 6:30 pm in QofA Church. A Confirmation student and his/her sponsor are to attend this mandatory rehearsal. The rehearsal will last about 2 hours.



Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education (RE) Program opens on Monday, April 11.

Queen of Apostles offers RE classes from kindergarten (age 5 by Sept.) through high school. Classes, taught in English, are held on Sundays from 9-10:15 am in QoA School with the first day of class on **Sept. 11, 2016**. Parish families and returning students are given first opportunity to register. 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. For new students, a birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable), and tuition must be submitted at the time of registration. For families with unbaptized children, please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or stop by the office (4329 Sano Street) for more information.



Banica Youth will be selling donuts after all Masses **this Sunday** to support their summer mission trip to Banica in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for your support!

Car Raffle - Tickets due Monday! Please return your car raffle tickets to the parish office by **Apr. 11**. Each \$5 ticket gives you a chance to win one of 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.

Stephen Ministry Commissioning On Sunday, Apr. 17 after the 12:00 noon mass, Queen of Apostles will commission Stephen Ministers and a Stephen Leader. These dedicated individuals are currently undergoing extensive training and preparation to begin a caring Ministry among us at Queen of Apostles Church. Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered one to one confidential caring ministry to those in pain or experiencing difficulties in life. Please show your support and appreciation.

Registration is now open for a 5-week Bible study entitled: *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*. Classes begin on **Apr. 19** in Hannan Hall from 10 to 11:30 am. For more information or to register, please contact Mary O'Donohue immediately at (703) 379-0255 or daodonohue@aol.com.

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