

Bethany: Where Jesus Dwelled in the Family



For three weeks we will take a break from our presentations on the encyclical *Rich in Mercy* which is accompanying us during this year of mercy. In two weeks we will celebrate Pentecost. For the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, it is the day in which the Church established us as a Religious Institute of Diocesan Right: a celebration which we want to share with our Parish family. For this reason, for the following three weeks, this column will be dedicated to presenting the Disciple's ministry within the family.

In today's Gospel Jesus says to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (Jn 14:23). By his Incarnation, the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every man, he is now part of the human history and wants to dwell within me, to be part of my family story, as he did when he went to Bethany to Lazarus' house.

In our family ministry, the Disciples are inspired by Bethany's family. We invite families to welcome Jesus, to share their life with him, to let him come and make his dwelling in their home becoming the main character in the family story. If we go through our family pictures, we'll find Jesus in our photo album: in the wedding, baptisms, first communions... Jesus is present when the priest visits the sick; he celebrates with the family when you attend together the Mass and have a special meal because it is Sunday. We invite the families to become new Bethanies to which Jesus will come and make his dwelling with you.

This year we are running in the Parish the "Towards a Family Friendly Parish" program. Each month we talk about a dimension of family life to help you to strengthen family life. We also suggest to you some projects and practices, thus inviting you to make Jesus more present in your daily life: the prayer corner, the Sunday meal, the family board games, the family tree, telling family and parent's stories to the children and grandchildren...

In today's first reading the Apostolic Church wrote to the Christians of Gentile origin: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities" (Acts 15:28). By proposing these practices we don't place an extra burden on your life. These practices are meant to facilitate the communication and connection within the family, so you can grow stronger, have abundant life and bear much fruit because Jesus is dwelling with you in this new Bethany that is your home.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Masses this Week

Saint Athanasius - Monday, May 2:

6:30 am +Mary Francis Byrne Amory
9:00 am +Rogelio and Cristina Sequeira

Saints Philip and James, Apostles - Tuesday, May 3:

6:30 am (L) Betty Jane Davis and +George Davis
9:00 am (L) The Davis Family

Wednesday, May 4:

6:30 am +Rogelio and Cristina Sequeira
9:00 am +Mariano Liacco, Jr.

Thursday, May 5:

6:30 am +Roy Jenkinson
9:00 am +John F.C. Kenney, Jr.

Friday, May 6:

6:30 am +Robert Russell
9:00 am +Meskerem Girma

Saturday, May 7:

8:00 am +Yebralem Haile
5:00 pm +Edith Langston
7:00 pm +Maria Jesus Andia

Ascension of the Lord - Sunday, May 8:

7:30 am +Katherine Krescanko
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +John and Jean Gavin



**Disciples
of the Hearts of
Jesus and Mary**

Did you Know? Though the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary came to Queen of Apostles in 2013, Bishop Loverde first welcomed the Disciples to the Diocese in 2004. It was their first mission to be established in the United States. Fr. Jose Granados, DCJM was then a professor at the John Paul II Institute at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM was a student at CUA working toward a MA, and eventually a PhD in Philosophy. The Disciples along with two of their brother priests had a residence in Falls Church near St. James Parish. Their mission in the Arlington Diocese was to support the family ministry and assist with parish needs. In 2009, the residence closed. However, the Disciples maintained their close relationship with Bishop Loverde and four years later returned to the Diocese of Arlington.

"Those who love Me will keep my word." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Teddy Schwab, Patricia León-Duarte, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Clarissa Trono De Guzman, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, 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 Jolson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, May 1:

Vestibule ACCA Food Collection
Church 1:00-2:00 pm Baptisms in Spanish
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Monday, May 2:

Parish Office 7:00-8:00 pm RCIA
Church 6:30-8:30 pm First Holy Communion
Rehearsal for May 7, 10 am Liturgy

Tuesday, May 3:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-12:00 noon Bible Study
Church 6:30-8:30 pm First Holy Communion
Rehearsal for May 7, 12:30 pm Liturgy
Cupertino Room 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish
Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 4:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Night
Cupertino Room 8:30-9:30 English Baptism Class

Thursday, May 5:

Hannan Hall 6:30-8:00 pm High School Bible Study
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, May 6:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:00 pm Nazareth Group
Cupertino Room 5:00-7:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary
School Gym 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym Night
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Saturday, May 7:

Church 10:00-11:30 am English First Holy Communion Mass
Church 12:30-2:00 pm Bilingual First Holy Communion Mass
Hannan Hall 11:30 am-3:00 pm First Holy Communion Reception
Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Ascension of the Lord, May 8:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

First Holy Communion is on Saturday, May 7 A Mass in English is at 10:00 am and a Bilingual Mass is at 12:30 pm.

Students attending the 10:00 am Mass are to be meet in Hannan Hall by 9:15 am on May 7. Students attending the 12:30 pm Mass are to meet in Hannan Hall by 11:45 am on May 7. Students are to be dressed for the First Holy Communion Liturgy. Parents and guests can proceed to the church to be seated in non-reserved seating.²

On Monday, **May 2, 2016** at 6:30 pm in the church, there is a mandatory First Holy Communion rehearsal for students attending the 10:00 am Mass in English on May 7.

On Tuesday, **May 3, 2016** at 6:30 pm in the church, there is a mandatory First Holy Communion rehearsal for students attending the 12:30 pm Bilingual Mass on May 7.

Rehearsal attendance is required for the child and parents.

Congratulations to our eight new Master Catechists: Christine Baughman, Patricia Becker, Gerard Christman, Thomas Gillespie, Eugenia Quintos, Miguel Quintos, Lynda Rudd, and Amanda Stuhldreher! They completed the two-year Diocesan Master Catechist Training Program and have been actively involved in Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program.

Flowers for Mary On Sunday, **May 1** for the 10:30 am Mass, Religious Education students will present flowers to Mary.

Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education (RE) Program is open.

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, **Sept. 11, 2016 - June 4, 2017**. Parish families and returning students are given first opportunity to register. Tuition is: \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children; \$150 for 3+ children in the same family. To register, stop by the Parish Office (4329 Sano Street) Monday - Friday, or on Sundays during RE class.

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Night

Pope John Paul II Council 4522 Knights of Columbus invites the Queen of Apostles parish to its **May 4th** - Fraternal Benefits Night, from 7:30-9 pm, with refreshments, in Hannan Hall. The event will cover their full line of life insurance, retirement, and long-term care products. Continuing to help chart a course to safe waters in the families' financial future, the event will also introduce all to the very finest in estate and business planning services, advice, and documents. The presenting speakers for this event are James Ulmer, General Agent, Knights of Columbus Insurance Agency and James Seidl, James P. Seidl Law Offices, PC. Please RSVP to gk4522@vakofc.org or (703) 992-0129.

Women's Group On **May 11** the Women's Group is going on a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II shrine in Washington, D.C. We still have 11 seats open on the bus. The pilgrimage is open to all. The bus leaves Queen of the Apostles parking lot at 10:45 am, and returning around 3:00 pm. To register for this pilgrimage, and for more information, please contact: Caron McConnon at (703) 354-3833 or Estela Prieto at (703) 354-4767.

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!

DCJM Appeal Please note the correct date for the DCJM appeal is **May 15, not May 22** (as noted on the offertory envelopes).

Car Raffle Winners will be announced the following weekend in the bulletin.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the vestibule of the church.

Mark your calendars, May 21st is the 5th year of the Queen of Apostles 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run Please register following the link below:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/AlexandriaQueenofApostlesEagleRunSoarLikeanEagle>
You can also join us every Saturday in the school parking lot at 9:00 am for training runs. Contact Maria Marvich, Race Director at mbmarvich@yahoo.com for more information or if you have an interest in sponsoring or showcasing your business.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward ACCA and the **Parish Charity**.