

The Church Appeals to the Mercy of God



With the Solemnity of the Pentecost, last Sunday we closed the Easter season to go back to Ordinary Time. But this transition is marked by two celebrations that dive us into the core of our faith: the Most Holy Trinity today and Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) next Sunday.

This brings us back to our reflections on St. John Paul II's encyclical *Rich in Mercy* during this extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Today's column summarizes the last section (#15) which is at the same time the conclusion and a summary of the whole text. As you might recall, the encyclical begins with the concept of mercy in the Story of Salvation: the revelation of mercy in the Old Testament (#1-2), the revelation of mercy in Jesus (#3-8) with a beautiful commentary on the parable of the prodigal son (#5-6); ending with a reflection about Mary as "mother of mercy" (#9). Then the holy pope makes an interesting analysis of the situation of humanity in the early 80' (#10-11) and the relationship between mercy and justice (#12).

The last part discusses "The Mercy of God in the Mission of the Church": "The Church Professes the Mercy of God and Proclaims It" (#13), "The Church Seeks to Put Mercy into Practice" (#14) and finally, "The Church Appeals to the Mercy of God" (#15). The Church prays to the Father asking for his mercy.

St. John Paul II invites us to join the Church in her prayer, "Let us implore God's mercy for the present generation... Let us offer up our petitions, directed by the faith, by the hope, and by the charity which Christ has planted in our hearts" (#15).

Let us rise our sights to Jesus crucified and risen, who "bears within itself the most complete revelation of mercy, that is, of that love which is more powerful than death, more powerful than sin and every evil, the love which lifts man up when he falls into the abyss and frees him from the greatest threats" (#15).

"In the name of Jesus Christ crucified and risen, in the spirit of His messianic mission, enduring in the history of humanity, we raise our voices and pray that the Love which is in the Father may once again be revealed at this stage of history, and that, through the work of the Son and Holy Spirit, it may be shown to be present in our modern world and to be more powerful than evil: more powerful than sin and death. We pray for this through the intercession of her who does not cease to proclaim "mercy...from generation to generation," and also through the intercession of those for whom there have been completely fulfilled the words of the Sermon on the Mount: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Mt 5:7)" (#15).

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11B-17



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Masses this Week

Monday, May 23:

6:30 am (L) Deirdre Pinto
9:00 am +Joseph E. Mazur

Tuesday, May 24:

6:30 am +Puring Sarmiento Aquino
9:00 am +William S. Quinn

Wednesday, May 25:

6:30 am +Heidi and Ramonette Aquino
9:00 am +George Davis

St. Philip Neri - Thursday, May 26:

6:30 am +Maria and Rufino Aquino
9:00 am (L) Mr. and Mrs. Gaby D. Souza and Family

Friday, May 27:

6:30 am +José C. Sison, Jr.
9:00 am +Donald Caldwell

Saturday, May 28:

8:00 am +Dr. and Mrs. W.J. McAuliff
5:00 pm +Fr. Joseph Peek
7:00 pm +Emma Lopez

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, May 29:

7:30 am +Alberto Monillas
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Grace Okemo



Corpus Christi Procession - May 29 after the 12 noon Mass

Parishioners and especially those who received the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter are invited to participate in the Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, **May 29**. Students and adults who received Sacraments this year are asked to wear the robe or dress clothes. The Procession that follows the 12 noon Mass is a parish witness to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbors by bringing Our Lord and Savior closer to them.

"We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God." How do you hope to share in God's glory...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 j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - May 22, 2016

That those chosen to share the mercy of God as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will be faithful to the Spirit of Truth who has called them and guides them, we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Catherine Hanniff, Richard Biava, Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, 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, 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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Sunday, May 22:

School 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Annual Diocesan Holy Hour

Monday, May 23:

Parish Office 7:00-8:00 pm RCIA
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Heads of Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, May 24:

Cupertino Room 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish
Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 25:

Hannan Hall 11:30 am-1:30 pm 8th Grade Spanish Class
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 8:00-9:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group Meeting

St. Philip Neri - Thursday, May 26:

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 27:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

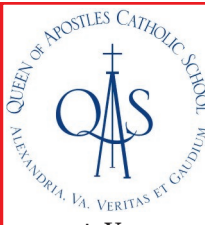
Saturday, May 28:

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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, May 29:

Church 1:00-1:50 pm Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession
School 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana 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.

KOVAR Tootsie Roll Drive This weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after Masses for its annual KOVAR tootsie roll drive. All money raised is used for grants that help finance and furnish group homes, purchase vehicles, support training, sponsor Special Olympics, and support other efforts to aid God's special people. KOVAR is a 100% volunteer run charity and has been certified "Best in America" by Independent Charities of America. Additional information on KOVAR can be found at www.kovarva.net.

Yard Sale to benefit the Banica Youth Mission: Saturday, June 4 from 8 am to 2 pm in Hannan Hall. Household and kitchen items, clothes, shoes, and so much more! Join us for lunch or come and pick up some freshly made empanadas, papusas or arroz con pollo made by the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph. If you would like to donate gently used household items, you may drop your donation off to Hannan Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 pm on Friday, June 3. Thank you for your generous support!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES 2016 SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAM STELLA MARIS

More parish families are needed to host students from Spain! Please consider opening your home to a student from Spain who will be participating in the Summer Exchange Program, **July 2-30, 2016** at Queen of Apostles. If your family cannot host a student for 4 weeks, hosting a student for 2 weeks is an option. Families hosting a student must complete a background check and attend a VIRTUS seminar. For more information contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.

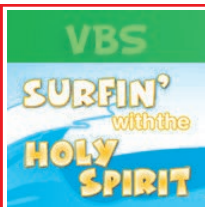
Sacramental Certificates and Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education (RE) Program



Religious Education students who received Sacraments this year may pick up their certificate from the parish office. While in the parish office, you may also register for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year. The first day of class is Sunday, **September 11, 2016**.

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!

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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 fifth graders through adults interested in participating, please contact: vbs@queenofapostles.org. More information including how to register can be found at queenofapostles.org/vacation-bible-school.

Lead Group Games for Catholic Charities Senior Center in Alexandria Seniors love to play indoor bowling, shuffleboard, miniature golf, and more! No experience necessary, must enjoy spending time with seniors and have an energetic and fun personality. For more information, contact Kathryn Toohey at (703) 751-2766 or ktoohey@ccda.net.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**.

*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious
Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present
in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the
outrages, sacrileges and indifferences whereby
He is offended. And through the infinite merits of
His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.*