

I Want to See (Mk 10:51)

Every Sunday the Liturgy invites us to open our eyes to behold something inviting us to a greater life. This Sunday, this invitation becomes more evident in the narrative of the healing of the blind man at Jericho.

In this miracle we have a twofold change in Bartimaeus' life. First, he receives his sight. Second, when his eyes are opened he understands that something greater has been offered to him and he follows Jesus on the way.

How is my encounter with Jesus on Sundays? Is it eye-opening? Even more, is it an encounter that marks another step following Jesus?

This weekend we announce our annual Offertory Program. I will ask you to prayerfully consider that your financial commitment to Queen of Apostles is an opportunity to grow in discipleship.

I am aware that I am asking you for a sacrifice. Indeed offering something to God as a sacrifice is at the very core of most religions. Giving to God is the expression of God's primacy and our gratitude to the Creator who gives us so many blessings. The sacrifice is an act of faith and trust in God who returns to us a hundredfold.

In addition, when we offer a sacrifice to God we detach ourselves from our earthly possessions to put our heart in the things from above. Through this detachment we enter into that "poverty of spirit" that was part of the journey of the saints whose Solemnity will be celebrated next Sunday being also the Sunday in which I will invite you to make your pledge: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:3).

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints we are inspired by the example of their lives and their generosity. We want to imitate them because they show us the way to follow Jesus. They were good stewards of their talents of treasure, time, and talent.

Open your eyes to comprehend that your relationship with God can be enriched as you honor God's primacy. Consequently, I ask you to consider prayerfully that what you offer to God is the first commitment of your income. Your gift will also help to support this parish family and provide resources to grow our ministries and care for our facilities.

Like the blind man of today's Gospel we cry out to Jesus because we want that change in our lives: we want Jesus to open our eyes so that we can follow him on the way. "Master, I want to see" (Mk 10:51)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a(667)



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Monday, October 26: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Fr. Leopoldo Vives

9:00 a.m. +Ed Mullan

Tuesday, October 27: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Clarissa Trono De Guzman

9:00 a.m. +Richard Lyon

Wednesday, October 28: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

6:30 a.m. +Pascuala Del Rosario

9:00 a.m. (L) Germelina Green

Thursday, October 29: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Pablo Mendez

9:00 a.m. +John Raphael Agtarap

Friday, October 30: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Peter Kim

9:00 a.m. +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach, Sr.

Saturday, October 31: Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Laura Gokey

5:00 p.m. (L) Paul and Michele Michael

7:00 p.m. +Eva Ramos

Sunday, November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

7:30 a.m. +Antonio Salang

9:00 a.m. +Eugenia Mollinedo and Rebeca Montero

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:00 p.m. +Lucia and Jose Antonio Venero

Be Sure To Read Your Offertory Letter

This week, you will receive a letter in the mail. This letter contains information regarding our Annual Offertory Program, including: information on the current giving of our parishioners; the income and expense budget of our parish; and, financial giving recommendations categorized by household income.



Please study the information carefully. You will then be receiving a commitment card and will be asked to complete, indicating your weekly commitment, regardless of whether you give monthly, quarterly, etc. If you have not used envelopes or checks in the past, we strongly encourage you to do so. It is important for us to know how many members of our parish are actively involved in offering their financial support.

Please make a prayerful reflection on your spending priorities; see where our parish is currently placed among them; and then, please determine what your weekly commitment to the parish will be to support the work of the Christ the Lord. If you change the amount that you give, you should begin giving that new amount on Sunday, **Nov. 29, 2015.**

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Silvia Serban, Joseph Covas, Glenda Delosier, Luta "Cornie" McGrath, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piccyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez, Sabrina Fernandez Numbella, Lula Tesfu, Monte Moyer, Joseph Luong Bui, Jeanie Miller, Carol D. Otani, Jean Seitz, Noah Mabaya, Robert McMurrer, Anne Jenkins.

This Week in Our Parish

Sun., October 25:

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-10p.m. Ghana Group
Church 6-8p.m. Prayer Group

Mon., October 26:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., October 27:

Hannan Hall 10-11:30a.m. Bible Study
Choir Room 7:30-9:30p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wed., October 28:

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 8-9:30p.m. St. Joseph Men's Group

Thurs., October 29:

Hannan Hall 6:30-7:45p.m. High School Bible Study
Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30p.m. Holy Hour

Fri., October 30:

Chapel 11a.m.-12Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., October 31:

School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., November 1: **Craft Sale and Sunday Social**

School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group

Happy Priesthood Sunday to Frs. Leopoldo, Juan, and Ignacio, who serve us so faithfully and generously! We thank God for your priestly vocations and wish His blessings on you today and always.



If you haven't yet viewed the **FY2015 Annual Report**, go to www.queenofapostles.org for the full report.

Daylight Savings Don't forget to turn back your clock 1 hour at 2a.m on Sunday, **Nov. 1!**



Annual Craft Sale—Next Sunday, Nov. 1

The Annual Craft Sale sponsored by the Parish Women's Group is next Sunday, **Nov. 1**. Beautiful handmade items and gifts will be available. Proceeds support the Parish, the school, and community charities. Anyone who has handmade items to contribute to the Craft Sale, please call Karen Barnoski at (703) 256-4088. Items such as Afghans or other handmade crafts would be appreciated.



Altar Servers Meeting There will be a mandatory meeting for altar servers on Friday, **Oct. 30** from 6-8p.m. Please meet in the Church.

Blessing of Altar Servers—Nov. 14-15 Queen of Apostles is blessed to have over 40 altar servers. To encourage this important ministry and recognize the young men who serve the altar, servers will receive a special blessing during Masses the weekend of **Nov. 14-15**.

Bible Study on The Prophets—Extended to Dec. 8!

"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy" will be the topic of the Bible Study this Fall, presented by Thomas Smith through DVD. Classes will be held in Hannan Hall on Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. from **Oct. 13-Dec. 8**. Workbooks cost \$21. To register contact Elizabeth Said at (703) 354 - 5352 or elizabethsaid2@gmail.com.

The Parish Liaison Network of Catholic Charities Presents: Strengthening the Family

Beverley Tauke, author of *Healing Your Family Tree*, will discuss identifying and correcting dysfunctional family habits and breaking the cycle of pain and unhealthy behaviors for future generations. Anne Devine, Catholic Charities Program Manager for Family Services South, will explain how CCDA integrates counseling and our Catholic faith. The talk will be held on Wednesday, **Oct. 28** from 10a.m.-1p.m. in DeSales Hall at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna. Please RSVP to sodwyer@ccda.net. Coffee and snacks will be provided, please bring a bag lunch.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go towards the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards **Parish Charitable Needs**.

Queen of Apostles School Scoop "In my middle school classes, we have been doing some really fun and exciting experiments! This past week in 7th grade, we used multimeters to test the conductivity of metals and nonmetals.

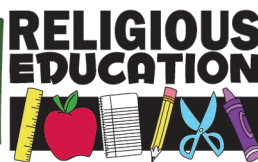


This helped us to discover which elements on the Periodic Table were metallic and not metallic. We found out that most elements on the Periodic Table had metallic properties. This means that they will transmit electricity. We are excited to continue our discoveries this year." -Miss Ferrante, Middle School Science Teacher

Fundraiser at Paisano's Please join us for QofA School's Restaurant Night on Monday, **Oct. 26**. Order a great Italian dinner and raise money for the school at Paisano's Pizza, 269 South Van Dorn Street, Alexandria, VA, (703) 504-6100. 20% of all proceeds go back to the school PTO.



The **Confirmation** registration form and sacramental fee are due **Nov. 1**. 8th grade and high school students who desire and are preparing for Confirmation, please return your form and fee to the Parish Office (4329 Sano St.). Alternatively, bring your form and fee (exact amount, please) to Sunday's Religious Education class.



Attention Religious Education Parents! Have a Catholic faith question for Fr. Juan? Please send it to Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org. During Fr. Juan's next meeting with RE parents, he will answer your submitted questions.