

A Community of Generations

The celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King next Sunday will mark the end of this liturgical year and the beginning of a new one. In today's Gospel Jesus talks about his coming as the Son of Man, and at the end of the story he invites us to consider where we are going.

This fundamental question in human life makes no sense without the question about our origin. We are part of a story, the story of our family generations, and through them we are part of the History of Salvation. Taking some texts from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, I would like to consider family as a community of generations.



As Pope Benedict teaches, "the family includes not only parents and children, but also grandparents and ancestors. The family thus appears to us as a community of generations and the guarantee of a patrimony of traditions" (World Meeting of Families: July 9, 2006). In this same homily he also said, "Once children are born, through their relationship with their parents they begin to share in a family tradition with even older roots. Together with the gift of life, they receive a whole patrimony of experience."

We cannot understand who we are without our families. From them we received that "patrimony of traditions and experience" that are an essential part of our identity and go back many generations before us. Receiving it as a precious gift will inspire us to keep whole that legacy and to transmit it faithfully to the new generations. Faith is a part of this patrimony.

In this community of generations, the grandparents have a special role: they are our memory, providing solid foundations to build the future with trust. Pope Benedict has this beautiful quote about their mission in the family that will be our conclusion:

"I would now like to say a word to grandparents, who are so important for every family. They can be -and so often are- the guarantors of the affection and tenderness which every human being needs to give and receive. They offer little ones the perspective of time, they are memory and richness of families. In no way should they ever be excluded from the family circle. They are a treasure which the younger generation should not be denied, especially when they bear witness to their faith at the approach of death" (Benedict XVI: July 8, 2016).

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

Dn 7:13-14

Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33b-37(161)



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, November 16: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Stephen Tokar
9:00 a.m. (L) Gertrud Thureau

Tuesday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:30 a.m. (L) Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives
9:00 a.m. +Julia Lapada

Wednesday, November 18:

6:30 a.m. +Ilse Pollard
9:00 a.m. +Friar Roger Petras

Thursday, November 19: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Mr. John Ault
9:00 a.m. +Doris Balsamo

Friday, November 20: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Maria Christina and Carlos Arturo Cordoba
9:00 a.m. +Anne Hetsko

Saturday, November 21: The Presentation of the Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. +Mary Littman
5:00 p.m. +Thomas Duffy
7:00 p.m. +Legionarios Difuntos

Sunday, November 22: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 a.m. +Florentina Roque
9:00 a.m. +Carlos DeWayne Moore, Sr.
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:00 p.m. +Helen Adams

Did You Know? Offering QofA Masses for Special Intentions



It has been a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church for the faithful to offer a Mass for the intentions of another person(s), whether deceased or living. Because of the infinite graces offered through the Sacrifice of the Mass, this is one of

the greatest things we can offer for others.

Whether it is in thanksgiving, in celebration of a birthday, or to offer condolences for the death of a loved one, this gesture is one that has eternal meaning. The offering for the Mass is not only an act of sacrifice, but also supports our parish priests who celebrate each Mass. Whenever the Parish Office is open, parishioners are invited to view available dates to offer a Mass intention.

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 Piecyk, 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., November 15: PTO Pancake Breakfast

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

Mon., November 16:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., November 17:

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

Wed., November 18:

Hannan Hall 7-9p.m. Ghana Prayer Group
Parish Office 7:30-8:30p.m. Baptism Class in Spanish

Thurs., November 19:

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., November 20:

Chapel 11a.m.-12Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:30p.m. Nazareth Group
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., November 21:

Hannan Hall 8a.m.-4p.m. DOA Apostolado Hispano Pre-Cana
School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

Sun., November 22:

Hannan Hall 8a.m.-5p.m. DOA Apostolado Hispano Pre-Cana
School 9-10:15a.m. Religious Education
Adoration Chapel 6-8p.m. Prayer Group

Queen of Apostles High School Youth Group, Apostolic Project, Nov. 21 On the third Saturday of the month, from 7:30-9:30p.m., Fr. Juan and high school youth meet and work on a service project. The current project is building a life-size Nativity for the parish. See you on **Nov. 21!**

Attention Parents of Religious Education (RE) Children Who are Not Baptized

On **Nov. 15** at 9a.m., Fr. Juan will meet with RE parents of children 7 years old and younger who are not baptized. On **Nov. 22** at 9a.m., Fr. Juan will meet with RE parents of children over the age of 7 years old who are not baptized. The meetings will take place in the Multipurpose Room of the School. Do you have a faith question for Fr. Juan? Please submit your questions in advance to s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Sacraments Packet Pick-Up Parents of RE students who desire and are preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion may pick up and sign for the Sacraments Packet on **Nov. 22** during R.E. classes, 9:00-10:15 AM in QofA School.



Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone to Speak on Marriage and Religious Liberty The Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, will speak on marriage and religious liberty in America at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church in Springfield on **Nov. 19** at 7:30p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish at (703) 440-0535.

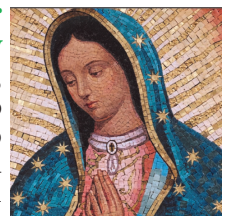
Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection

Enjoy a Day of Recollection for Men in Honor of Christ the King on Sat., **Nov. 21**, 9:30a.m.-1:15p.m. at St. John the Beloved Church in McLean, VA. Rev. Frederick H. Edlefsen will direct. Please register in advance by sending a check payable to "WAY" for \$30 to Jennifer Lawler, 5464 Mersea Ct., Burke, VA 22015 by **Nov. 18**. Pay at the door registration: \$35--but please let us know you are coming! Contact Dr. Robin Maas at robin-maas@verizon.net (703-534-5821).



Novena Led by Bishop Loverde for Couples Suffering with Infertility and Infant Death

From **Dec. 4-12**, Bishop Paul Loverde will lead a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for all couples who desire who are struggling with infertility and infant loss. The novena will culminate with Mass on **Dec. 12** at Saint Timothy's in Chantilly. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/novenawithbishop to sign-up. For more information, please contact the Office for Family Life at (703) 841-2550.



Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go towards **Christ House** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

Discover Catholic Schools Week Queen of Apostles School will host two open houses during Discover Catholic Schools Week: Sunday, **Nov. 15** from 10:30a.m.-1:30p.m., and Monday, **Nov. 16** from 9-11a.m. Come learn more about registering your child in our parish school for the next school year. For more information, contact the school at (703) 354-0714 or visit our website at www.queenofapostlesschool.org.

PTO Pancake Breakfast—TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 15

The QofA School PTO will be offering a Pancake Breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee, and hot chocolate after the 7:30a.m., 9a.m., and 10:30a.m. Masses today, **Nov. 15**. All are invited to attend! Free will offerings will be gratefully accepted.



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Nazareth Group Parish youth, grades 4-8, are invited to join Nazareth on the first and third Friday of the month from 3:45-5:30p.m. in Hannan Hall. Grow in your faith and in grace - share some fun and snacks - make new friends! See you on **Nov. 20!**

Blessing of Altar Servers This Weekend—

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 this weekend, **Nov. 14-15**.

