

The King We Need

Our increasingly connected world is living a paradox: the more we are interconnected, the more it seems difficult to leave in peace and concord. In a certain way we are reliving the ancient story of Babel: over-confident in our apparent progress to become more interconnected, we try to build a city without God and, even more to challenge God. We need a king who will bring back harmony to our wounded world.



Pope Benedict made a brilliant point about the paradox of Babel: "Something strange and unusual happens. While the men are working together to build the tower they suddenly realize that they are building against each other. While endeavoring to be like God, they even risk no longer being human because they have lost a fundamental element of being human: the ability to agree, to understand each other and to work together. This biblical account contains a perennial truth;

we can see it in history and in our world too [...] It is true, we have increased the possibility of communication, of obtaining information, of transmitting news, but can we say that our ability to understand each other has increased? Or, perhaps, paradoxically, do we understand each other less and less? Doesn't a sense of mutual mistrust, suspicion and fear seem to be creeping in among human beings even to the point of making one individual dangerous to another?" (Homily May 27, 2012 on the Pentecost).

It can be tempting to think that our world needs a "restart," a new Noah and a new flood. However those are not God's ways. He planned something different, a revolution that comes from the interior transformation of the hearts. This is Jesus' kingdom, "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace" (Preface of Christ the King).

Today's feast teaches us that true freedom is "freedom from sin and freedom to participate in the love of God. Americans rightly value freedom but often misunderstand what it is. If one asks people what freedom is, the most common response would probably be the ability to do whatever one likes. However, that is the freedom of a wild animal, which is really the dominance of one's desires over one's calling to holiness and true love. As Jesus says, 'He who commits sin is a slave of sin' (Jn 8:34)" (USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty).

This is the King we need: the one that makes us free from the slavery of sin and brings us God's love. Only this King gives us the opportunity to be human and build a civilization of love.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36(3)



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Masses this Week

Monday, November 23: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Dr. and Mrs. W.J. McAuliffe

9:00 a.m. +Jacobo Tefel

Tuesday, November 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 a.m. +Lawrence Raz

9:00 a.m. +Raymond Sweeney

Wednesday, November 25: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Mark and Marsha Bush

9:00 a.m. +Dolores Perez

Thursday, November 26: Weekday

No 6:30a.m. Mass (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00 a.m. +Lou and Jeanne Wack

Friday, November 27: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Byrne Family

9:00 a.m. (L) Noah Mabaya

Saturday, November 28: Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dowd and Family

5:00 p.m. +Thomas Quinn

7:00 p.m. +Gonzalo Olivares

Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. +Anne Camp

9:00 a.m. +Roberto and Blanca Quiroga

10:30a.m. Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00p.m. +Mary and Bill Kalowsky



Prayer and the Family

Talk by Fr. Paul Scalia
Episcopal Vicar for Clergy
for the Diocese of Arlington

Friday, Dec. 4
7 to 8 p.m.

Drinks and light food
at 6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to
general@queenofapostles.org

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill Mark Bush, 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 Spracht, 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 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

Mon., November 23:

Parish Office 7-8p.m. RCIA

Tues., November 24:

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

Wed., November 25:

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

Thurs., November 26: Parish Office Closed

Fri., November 27: Parish Office Closed

Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., November 28:

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

Sun., November 29: "Coats for Kids" KofC Pancake Sunday No Religious Education

Hannan Hall 2-8p.m. Ghana Group



Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, **Nov. 26** and Friday, **Nov. 27**. There will be no 6:30a.m. Mass on Thursday, **Nov. 26**.

The Adoration Chapel will close on Wednesday, **Nov. 25** at 5p.m. and will reopen on Monday, **Nov. 30** after the 6:30a.m. Mass.



Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be no RE classes on Sunday, **Nov. 29**. Classes resume on **Dec. 6**. Happy Thanksgiving to our students, catechists, and volunteers!



Today, Sunday, Nov. 22, Fr. Juan will meet with RE parents of unbaptized children who are 7 years or older. Please meet in the School's Music Room at 9a.m.

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 today, **Nov. 22** during RE classes in the School. The Sacraments Packet contains information about proper preparation, calendar, deadlines, and fees.

High School Placement Test—Saturday, Dec. 5 8th grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington during the next school year need to take a placement test. The test date is Saturday, **Dec. 5**, 8:30a.m.-12Noon. Test sites are Diocesan High Schools: Bishop Ireton, Alexandria; Bishop O'Connell, Arlington; Paul VI, Fairfax; Pope John Paul the Great, Dumfries. The fee is \$35. For more information and to register for the High School Placement Test, visit <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/forms.aspx>.



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

Thank you for your donations to the PTO Pancake Breakfast and the school's monthly collection. Your financial support helps to keep our tuition affordable. It costs our school \$8,200 to educate a student. In the public schools the cost is over \$17,000 per student. We are able to provide an excellent Catholic education with an in-parish rate of \$5,400 through the generosity of the parishioners and the parish investment. Thank you.

Queen of Apostles School Now Enrolling for the 2016-2017 School Year Registration has begun for the next school year. The kindergarten class is expected to fill up quickly, so don't delay registering your child. Application packets are available at the school and on the school's website (www.queenofapostlesschool.org). Tours are given daily from 8:30a.m. to 2p.m. or upon request. You can arrange a tour through the school's website or by calling (703) 354-0714.

Math Competition Congratulations to four of our middle school students for representing QofA at the Thomas Jefferson Math Competition held last weekend. The competition provides high level math questions and problem-solving activities in both individual and team events. Over 200 students from public, private, and Catholic schools attended.

Advent Morning of Recollection: Dec. 5

Begin Advent with a reflection from Msgr. Robert Panke, titled "Sons and Daughters of the Merciful King," hosted at Saint Luke's in McLean. The morning will begin with Mass at 9a.m. followed by refreshments, Adoration, and confession. The talk will begin at 10a.m. and conclude at 12:30p.m. There is no registration cost. Please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/adventmorning.



"Coats for Kids" Pancake Sunday — Nov. 29

Knights of Columbus are helping to bring some warmth to children in need during the cold winter months. On Sunday, **Nov. 29** Pope John Paul II, Council 4522 Knights will hold a Pancake Sunday in Hannan Hall (8:30a.m.-1:30p.m.) to collect proceeds to distribute 96 new winter coats to assist lower income families from the parish and surrounding areas. The Pancake Sunday menu will include pancakes, fruit, and sausage, with coffee, hot chocolate, juice, milk, or tea, all included. \$10 per adult, \$8 per senior, and \$8 per child. All collected proceeds will go towards Coats for Kids, a program that is part of the Knights' donations to charities that support the needs of children. Pope John Paul II, Council 4522, Knights of Columbus is committed to helping their neighbors in need. Coats for Kids will be distributed through the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph.



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, half of the collection will go towards **Project Rachel**, a Diocesan post-abortion healing program and the other half will go to the **Knights of Columbus**.