

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES — CHURCH —

MAY 15, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday | 8:00am, 5:00pm  
& 7:00pm (*Spanish*)  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm  
1:30pm (*Spanish*)  
3:00pm (*Ghana Community Mass*)  
Monday-Friday | 6:30am, 9:00am

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday | 8:30-9:00am  
Thursday | 7:00pm until last penitent  
Friday | 6:30pm until last penitent  
Saturday | 3:30pm until last penitent

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday after morning Mass until  
the 8am Mass on Saturday in Chapel

### HOLY HOUR

Thursdays 7:00pm in the Church

# PARISH LIFE

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Press "\*" then enter the extension number of the person you would like to reach

## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, 5/15

8:00am Mother's Day Novena  
10:00am L+D Parishioners  
12:00pm +Maria Teresita Mabilog  
1:30pm +Mercedes Paola Merino

### MONDAY, 5/16

6:30am Mother's Day Novena  
9:00am (L) Kevin Maguire

### TUESDAY, 5/17

6:30am Priest Intention  
9:00am (L) Celia Monzon

### WEDNESDAY, 5/18

6:30am Priest Intention  
9:00am +Cecolia Ruiz de Suarez

### THURSDAY, 5/19

6:30am (L) Christina & Alex Lee  
9:00am +Carol Peterson

### FRIDAY, 5/20

6:30am Priest Intention  
9:00am +Grace Okemo

### SATURDAY, 5/21

8:00 am +Ronald Lehaney  
5:00 pm (L) Diane Thornewell  
7:00 pm +Repose of the Souls in Purgatory

## Praises of Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is called the Star of the Sea. Those who sail the ocean seas are guided to the port they seek by carefully observing the stars. In the same way, Christians are guided to heavenly glory by keeping their eyes on Mary.—St. Thomas Aquinas

**Legion of Mary Meets Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Parish Center**

## Readings for the week of May 15

### SUNDAY

Acts 14:21-27  
Ps 145  
Rv 21:1-5a  
Jn 13:31-35

### MONDAY

Acts 14:5-18  
Ps 115  
Jn 14:21-26

### TUESDAY

Acts 14:19-28  
Ps 145  
Jn 14:27-31a

### WEDNESDAY

Acts 15:1-6  
Ps 122  
Jn 15:1-8

### THURSDAY

Acts 15:7-21  
Ps 96  
Jn 15:9-11

### FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-31  
Ps 57  
Jn 15:12-17

### SATURDAY

Acts 16:1-10  
Ps 100  
Jn 15:18-21

## Pastor's Letter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's incredible that we are already in the middle of the month of May, the month of Mary, a month that we dedicate to exalt the virtues of our mother. As Catholic Christians we must have a great love for Our Lady, because she as a mother always intercedes for us her children; Saint John Bosco used to say that "Devotion and love for the Most Holy Mary is a protection and a powerful weapon against the snares of the devil", so this month let us pray with more intensity with the Holy Rosary and place all our prayers and intentions at the feet of the mother. This weekend, we are going to coronate of our Mother, and we will re-consecrate ourselves to her and her maternal protection. This Sunday within the Eucharist we are going to crown her with a lot of love.

On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 20 children from our catechetical program received Holy Communion for the first time. I

congratulate them on their first encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. For me it is a special celebration because these children are the future of the church. I congratulate and thank the catechists Ulmi Velasco, Yaly Alvarado, Karla Alemán, and María Eugenia Garza who have prepared them with great dedication, have made an effort to educate them in the faith and show them the way to heaven; I also invite all parents to continue educating their children in the faith.

In this same way, I would like to invite all of you to love the sacraments more, especially the sacrament of the Eucharist. I have noticed that some people with this pandemic have accommodated themselves by receiving the Holy Eucharist and doing so mechanically. We must not forget that in the Eucharist we receive a living Jesus who comes to our hearts. I am concerned that love and respect for what is most sacred in our Catholic faith will be lost. Whenever we receive the Eucharist, we must respond with joy and devotion, "Amen". That phrase is an affirmation that

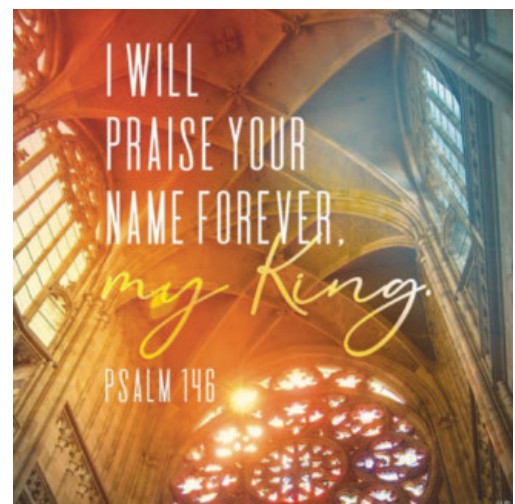


we believe in Him and it is a deep expression of love. In the same way, we must take a few minutes of silence and recollection either by kneeling or sitting in our seat. I have noticed that after communion many people leave the church immediately; this hurts me because it gives me the impression that they do not have the time to remain silent and to thank God for so much love. Do not forget that Mass ends with the final blessing and the final song, and if you are in a hurry, it is better not to receive and make a spiritual communion than to make a sacrilege of such a great sacrament. I always ask Jesus for forgiveness on behalf of all those who perhaps unconsciously make these small reparations.

Finally, I appreciate the understanding and support shown by many of you, with the protocols taken in the face of the possible threat of protests due to the situation in the area. I invite you not to be afraid, and to continue praying tirelessly because the devil at no time can make us

retreat. Thank God it was all just a threat, but we always have to "be prepared because the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour and we must resist him with great faith" (1 Peter 5:8)

Have a good week. God bless you,  
Fr. Alex



# FAITH FORMATION

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PARISH FORMATION COURSES WITH FATHER DIAZ AND FATHER RAMPINO

## The Sacraments

**Upcoming classes**

Tuesday, May 17 in English with Father Rampino

Thursday, May 19 in Spanish with Father Diaz

The graphic includes a row of seven colorful icons representing different sacraments: a cloud with a cross, a flame, a sun, a cross, a chalice, a host, and a bottle.



This past weekend we welcomed our second graders to receive their first Holy Communion. This is just one step in their faith journey to be nearer to our Heavenly Father. I am so thankful to Ms. Nguyen, Mrs. LaPietra, and Ms. Meza for preparing our students to

Inspiring our students to joyfully embrace their vocation to holiness and academic excellence rooted in faith.

receive this most blessed of sacraments..

On Saturday, April 30 we held our annual school auction and festival. It was such a fun day! The children enjoyed a DJ, bounce houses, and games. Everyone enjoyed fresh BBQ from the food truck. We are so thankful for the families that came to participate, for all those who donated items to the auction, and especially to those who volunteered their time. They say, "time flies when you're having fun"; well, I must be having a blast!

I can not believe my first year here is almost over. It's hard to believe we are already planning for next year! We are having our last school Open House, this Sunday, May 15 but know that private tours are always an option! We are still looking for some team members to complete our faculty for next year. We are looking for a part time middle school math teacher and a 5th grade teacher. If you know of anyone, please have them send their resume to Principal Kristie Meyers at [k.meyers@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:k.meyers@queenofapostlesschool.org)

# Open House



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May 15, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Proclaim the Scripture at Mass



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## Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection

There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests on the weekend of May 21-22. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Currently there are 31 retired priests and an additional 15 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

## 28th Annual Memorial Mass

Honor the men and women of the Armed Forces by attending the 28th Annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, May 22 at 4:30 p.m. Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Parking is limited, carpooling advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in service dress uniform, civilians in business attire. For assigned seating please respond by May 11 to <https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>.

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# CONOCE A NUESTRO PÁRROCO

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## Carta del Párroco

Queridos hermanos en Jesús y María

Increíble pero ya estamos a la mitad del mes de mayo, el mes de María, un mes que dedicamos a exaltar las virtudes de nuestra madre. Como Cristianos Católicos debemos de tener un amor grande a nuestra señora, porque ella como madre siempre intercede por nosotros sus hijos; San Juan Bosco decía que “La devoción y el amor a María Santísima es una protección y un arma poderosa contra las asechanzas del demonio”, por eso este mes oremos con mas intensidad con el Santo Rosario y pongamos a los pies de la madre todas nuestras intenciones. En este contexto, este fin de semana vamos hacer la coronación de nuestra Madre, y nos re-consagraremos a ella y a su maternal protección. Este domingo dentro de la Eucaristía vamos a hacer este acto de coronación con mucho amor.

El sábado 14 de mayo, 20 niños de nuestro programa de catequesis han recibido la Sagrada Comunión por primera vez, les felicito por su primer encuentro con Jesús Eucaristía, para mí es una fiesta especial porque ellos son el futuro de la iglesia. Felicito y agradezco a los catequistas Ulmi Velasco, Yaly Alvarado, Karla Alemán y María Eugenia Garza que los han preparado con mucha dedicación, se han esforzado por educarlos en la fe y mostrarles el camino hacia el cielo; también invito a todos los padres a que continúen con educándolos en la fe.

En este contexto, quiero invitarles a amar más los sacramentos, en especial el sacramento de la Eucaristía. He notado que algunos con esta situación de la pandemia se han acomodado al recibir la Santa Eucaristía y la están recibiendo de manera mecánica. No hay que olvidar que en la Eucaristía recibimos a Jesús vivo que viene a nuestro corazón. Me preocupa que se pierda el amor, el decoro y el respeto a lo más sagrado que tenemos en nuestra fe católica. Siempre que lo recibimos debemos de responder con alegría y devoción, “Amen”. Esa frase es una afirmación de que creemos en Él, y es una expresión profunda de amor. De igual manera, hay que tomarse unos minutos de

silencio y recogimiento ya sea sentados o arrodillados en nuestro asiento. Me he fijado que después de la comunión muchos se van de inmediato del templo, me duele mucho porque me da la impresión que no tienen el tiempo de guardar el silencio para agradecer tanto amor. No olviden que la santa Eucaristía termina con la bendición y el canto final, y si esta de prisa es mejor no recibir y hacer una comunión espiritual a hacer un sacrilegio a tan grande sacramento. Siempre pido perdón a Jesús en nombre de todos aquellos que quizás inconscientemente realizan esos pequeños desagavios.



Finalmente agradezco la comprensión y las muestras de apoyo de muchos de ustedes, con los protocolos tomados ante la posible amenaza de protestas por la situación que se vive en el área, les invito a no tener miedo, y que sigamos orando incansablemente; el demonio no puede en ningún momento hacernos retroceder. Gracias a Dios todo fue solo una amenaza, pero siempre tenemos que “estar

preparados porque el demonio como león rugiente ronda buscando a quien devorar y debemos resistirle con mucha fe” (1Pe.5, 8).

Que tengan una buena semana. Dios les bendiga,  
P. Alex



¡FELICITACIONES A TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES QUE RECIBIERON SU PRIMERA COMUNIÓN ESTE SÁBADO 14 DE MAYO DE 2022!



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## ¿NECESITAN EL BAUTISMO PARA SU HIJO?

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Necesitamos más personas para la adoración Eucarística de miércoles a sábado por la mañana. Si usted puede dar una hora a Jesús, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para unirse al horario.

## CURSOS DE FORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL CON PADRE DIAZ Y PADRE RAMPINO



## Sacramentos

### Próximas clases

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