

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 4, 2021



CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio
Deacon Vincent Kapral

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am

Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent

Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent

Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm

Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Joseph Rampino,
Chaplain

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With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. This announcement resounds in the Church throughout the world together with the song of Alleluia; He is alive forever in our midst. This Good News has been lit like a new flame on the Holy Night of the Vigil, on the night of a world that faces crucial challenges and is now still overwhelmed by this pandemic, which continues to subject our great human family to a severe trial.

Today we must be grateful because we are able to meet as a family to celebrate His resurrection, and that is the reason for our joy, a joy that becomes contagious because it has to make us lose our fear, it is a "contagion, which is transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: 'Christ, my hope, is risen!' This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not 'by-pass' suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God" (Pope Francis, Easter 2020).

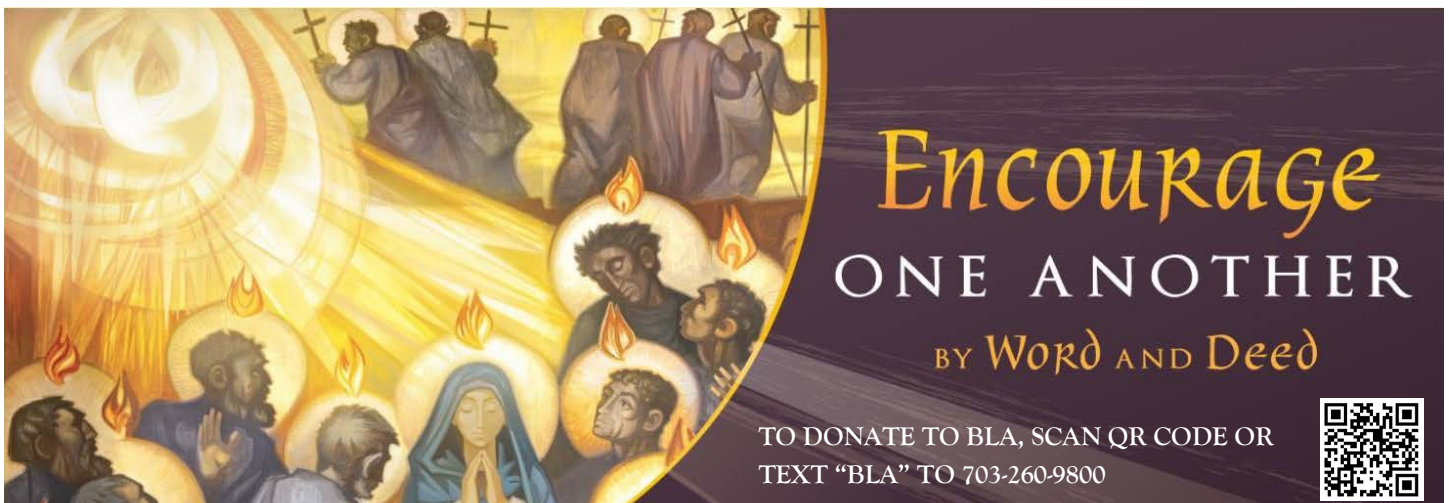
As a parish, in this Easter joy, I want to invite you to this Easter celebration as a reflection of our commitment to faith and the increase of our love for the parish. Many still do not dare to return to in-person Masses, I imagine they are still afraid, and I pray to God for them because I know it is difficult. Jesus has risen, and it is time to return home, it is time to overcome fear, it is time to begin to enjoy the sacramental life and begin to energize pastoral activities. It is essential to reflect on our baptismal commitment; that commitment should be reflected in active participation in parish ministries. We need more readers, extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion, more ushers, volunteers, and helping in catechesis, among other ministries. We need to be resurrected with the Lord and begin to energize our parish more and make our ministries flourish again.

Also, I invite everyone to congratulate our new brothers and sister in the faith: *Jeison Aguilar, Jennifer Quintanilla, Elías Raimundo, and Sadrac Morales*, who received the initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil. It is a reason for joy because our spiritual family now has more members; let us congratulate and welcome our brothers and sister who received the sacrament of Confirmation, made their profession of faith, and now have full communion with us the Catholic faith.

Finally, I thank all the volunteers of our parish: ushers, readers, extraordinary ministers, sacristans, and music ministry, who in communion with the staff of the parish have made a great effort so that the liturgy on these special days of Holy Week were very beautiful and with great dignity, I want you to know that you are very important to me and have a significant place in my heart.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Alex



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Religious Education Information

We wish our Religious Education families, catechists, aides, and volunteers a joyous Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Religious Education classes will not meet on **April 4** (Easter Sunday), however, students may have homework/ projects to complete for the **April 11** class.

For Easter break, we ask you again respectfully to be extra cautious and consider the risk of being around people outside your immediate family or going to high risk areas as noted by CDC. Although COVID-19 cases are generally decline, schools are still being impacted by COVID-19 cases. We want to do our best to keep our Religious Education Program at the school open and safe. As a reminder, if your child(ren) or anyone who resides at your home or anyone who has direct contact with your child(ren) travels outside the country, your child(ren) may not return for in-person instruction for 14 days. If you plan to travel to a high risk area such as an amusement park (e.g. Disney World), we ask you to take extra precautions and keep us informed.

We continue to be vigilant and intentional as we strive to stay healthy. Before coming to RE on Sunday mornings, please monitor for coronavirus and flu symptoms. If symptoms develop, please contact your Primary Health Care Provider immediately, do not attend Religious Education class, and send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Thank you for your partnership in taking extra precautions to keep Queen of Apostles parish, school, and Religious Education communities safe and healthy.

Religious Education students who were Confirmed on **February 22** are to continue attending classes through **May 30, 2021**. Certificates will be distributed during the last class. Pictures from the **February 22** Confirmation Mass may be viewed/ordered at the parish office during the week until **April 9**. Contact Susan Gray (s.gray@queenofapostles.org or 703-354-8711) to arrange a time to view the photos.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Infant Baptisms at Queen of Apostles



Infant Baptisms are held twice a month on Saturdays: Spanish on the **First Saturday at 10:30 am** (except for April which will be on the second Saturday) and English on the **Third Saturday at 10:30 am**.

Baptism Classes for parents and godparents are held twice a month on Wednesdays: English Classes on the **First Wednesday at 7:30 pm** and Spanish Classes on the **Third Wednesday at 7:30 pm**. Both are held in Hannan Hall. There will be an English Class this **Wednesday, April 7**. There are Spanish Baptisms this Saturday, **April 10**, *rescheduled from April 3*.

Altar Servers - Serving Our Lord in the Eucharist



On **April 17 at 12:30pm** (new time) in the church, Fr. Rampino will lead another training/refreshers for new, newer, and seasoned altar servers. Boys in grade 4 and above who have received First Holy Communion, are eligible to serve. If your son will attend the training and is willing to serve at Holy Mass on Sundays (8am, 10am, 12noon) and other Masses, please send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org or talk with Fr. Rampino. Boys who are serving Mass are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, use the upper sacristy, and wait for the priest.

Sts. John Berchmans and Tarcisius, pray for us.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA classes in English and Spanish will not meet the week of **April 4**.

RCIA classes resume **April 12/14** in Spanish and **April 13** in English.

Joining Our Parish Family



Welcome to Queen of Apostles! We warmly invite you to join our parish family. So that you might receive all of our parish communications, and so that our clergy and staff may respond appropriately to your various sacramental needs, we encourage you to register at Queen of Apostles through the Parish Office or on our website queenofapostles.org. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or general@queenofapostles.org

✝ PARISH LIFE ✝

Masses This Week

The Resurrection of the Lord - Sunday, April 4:

8:00 am +John Battaglia
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
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Monday, April 5:

No 6:30 am Mass

9:00 am +Sophia Barsh

Tuesday, April 6:

No 6:30 am Mass

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No 6:30 am Mass

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8:00 am +Dr. and Mrs. William J. McAuliffe

5:00 pm +Dwayne Enos Family

7:00 pm +Isabel Braña

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April 4 – The Resurrection We have reached our goal: today is Easter, the day we celebrate Christ's resurrection. This is the single most important feast day of the Church. In the words of the Eastern church calendar this is "the sacred and great Sunday of the Pasch, on which we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God, the Savior Jesus Christ." (Francis X. Weiser, S.J., The Easter Book). With Christ's death and resurrection, Christ has conquered sin and death, the gates of heaven are now open to man. This is the "Feast of Feasts," the "Solemnity of Solemnities," the highest Feast of the Church, the holiest day of the year. Like the Churches, the household is decorated with numerous flowers, like lilies and hyacinths, and the table decorated with the finest linens and place settings.

Parish Schedule The Parish Office and Gift Shop will be closed on **Monday, April 5**, in observance of the Easter Solemnity. There will also be *no 6:30 am Masses* this week. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Women's Group Our Women's Group meeting will be held in Hannan Hall on **Wednesday, April 14th at 10:00 am**. Our speaker will be one of the sisters from The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph. All are invited. We hope to see you there.

Legion of Mary *Praises of Mary*: Christ appeared to His Mother not to prove to her that He had risen from the dead, but to afford her the bliss of seeing Him. –St. Albert

Meetings on **Thursdays, 6:00 pm**, Parish Center

Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life Join Bishop Burbidge for a Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on **Saturday, April 24 at 8 a.m.** at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. Immediately following Mass, Bishop will lead a rosary on the sidewalk in front of the abortion facility in Alexandria. For more information please contact respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

Weekly Emails Want to receive Parish updates and announcements directly to your email inbox? Sign up for our weekly emails sent every Friday by contacting the Parish Office or visiting our website queenofapostles.org today!



Gospel Commentary for Easter Sunday: Seeing By Love

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

Easter Sunday once more finds us in a changed world. As we did last year, when we celebrated Holy Week in empty churches, with the people either watching the liturgies, or praying along at home, we still celebrate in the midst of a pandemic, with a year of upheaval behind us and uncertainty ahead. Though, thanks be to God, we have the freedom to celebrate more publically this year, the reminders of our difficult situation certainly haven't receded very far. Perhaps we still wonder at how to receive and experience the joy of Easter. How do we have access to the triumph of Jesus when the world around us seems very much stuck in the suffering of Good Friday?

The Gospel passage the church provides for Easter morning gives us a beginning to an answer. It tells us who is most likely to learn the good news of the Lord's resurrection, who is likely to understand first that He has triumphed over all things, and has now begun, even in our suffering world, the final glory of heaven's life.

St. Augustine, in commenting on this passage, points out that in John's Gospel, only Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John are named among those who witness the evidence of Christ's rising on Easter morning. Other will see and believe later, but only these three see the truth at first. What sets these three apart from everyone else present among Jesus' grieving followers? Augustine tells us that it is love that distinguishes them. Mary is at the tomb as early as the Jewish law would allow, immediately after the end of the Sabbath, because love draws her to be as close as possible to her master's tomb, thus she sees. Peter and John, upon hearing this, run with all their might, because love calls them to hope, thus they come to the tomb. Peter enters with abandon, John enters with quiet consideration, because love of their Lord and friend draws them into the empty tomb, thus they see. Mary, Peter, and John witness the first signs of the resurrection because they love Christ more than anyone.

The ancient axiom teaches us that "where love is, there is the eye." Love confers a special sort of vision that allows us to see our beloved ones from afar, to see them in greater detail, to look out for them when they are not present. We tend to see that which we love more clearly than anything, since desire etches the image on our hearts. Thus those who love Christ most among those first Christians were uniquely able to see the signs of hope He left. Indeed, Mary Magdalene would, moved by love, remain by the tomb long enough to see Christ Himself, alive and glorious.

This same truth applies also for us. If we wish to see Christ, to see His glory and presence, to see the signs of His victory already planted around us, we must love Him. We must desire to see Him for His own sake. His face must be the image etched on our souls by holy desire. If we seek the signs of hope as an end in themselves, we may miss them, since we are then really looking for ourselves. But if we set the sights of our souls on Christ and Christ only, then love will carry us where fear cannot. Then we will indeed be among those who know the mighty joy of the Easter feasts, discerning, even among all the wild things of this world, the serene and perfect face of our heart's Beloved.



Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. Those who were sent letters in November/December who have not yet pledged have been receiving phone calls from our Continuation Committee to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



Please pray for all of the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon, and those who have been affected by the coronavirus.

CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

¡Feliz domingo de resurrección! Jesús ha resucitado de entre los muertos. Este anuncio resuena en la Iglesia en todo el mundo junto al canto del Aleluya, Él está vivo para siempre en medio de nosotros. Esta Buena Noticia se ha encendido como una llama nueva en la noche Santa de la Vigilia, en la noche de un mundo que enfrenta desafíos cruciales y que ahora se encuentra aún abrumado esta pandemia, que sigue sometiendo a nuestra gran familia humana a una dura prueba.

Hoy debemos de estar agradecidos porque pudimos reunirnos como familia para celebrar su resurrección, y ese el motivo de nuestra alegría, una alegría que se tiene volver contagiosa, porque nos tiene que hacer perder el miedo, es un “contagio, que se transmite de corazón a corazón, porque todo corazón humano espera esta Buena Noticia. Es el contagio de la esperanza: « ¡Resucitó de veras mi amor y mi esperanza! ». No se trata de una fórmula mágica que hace desaparecer los problemas. Debemos de entender que la resurrección de Cristo, es la victoria del amor sobre la raíz del mal, una victoria que no “pasa por encima” del sufrimiento y la muerte, sino que los traspasa, abriendo un camino en el abismo, transformando el mal en bien, signo distintivo del poder de Dios”. (Papa Francisco, mensaje Pascual 2020).

Como parroquia, en medio de esta alegría pascual quiero invitarlos a que esta celebración se vea reflejada en nuestro compromiso de fe, y en el incremento de nuestro amor por la parroquia. Muchos aún no se atreven a volver a las misas presenciales, me imagino que aún tienen miedo, y le pido a Dios por ellos, porque sé que es difícil. Jesús ha resucitado y es tiempo de volver a casa, es tiempo de vencer el miedo, es tiempo de comenzar a disfrutar de la vida sacramental; también de comenzar a dinamizar las actividades pastorales. Creo que es importante reflexionar en nuestro compromiso bautismal, ese compromiso debe de reflejarse en la participación activa en los ministerios parroquiales, necesitamos más lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la comunión, más ujieres, siendo voluntarios y ayudando en la catequesis entre otros ministerios. Tenemos que resucitar con el Señor y comenzar a dinamizar más nuestra parroquia y a hacer que nuestros ministerios vuelvan a florecer.

Invito a todos a que felicitemos a nuestros hermanos en la fe, Jeison Aguilar, Jennifer Quintanilla, Elías Raimundo y Sadrac Morales, que recibieron los sacramentos de iniciación en la Vigilia Pascual, es motivo de alegría porque nuestra familia espiritual tiene ahora más miembros; también felicitemos y demos la bienvenida a los hermanos que recibieron el sacramento de la confirmación e hicieron su profesión de fe, y ahora ya tienen plena comunión con nosotros en la fe católica.

Finalmente agradezco a todos los voluntarios de nuestra parroquia, ujieres, lectores, ministros extraordinarios, sacristanes y música, que en comunión con el Staff de la parroquia hay hecho un gran esfuerzo para que la liturgia en estos días especiales de Semana Santa fuera muy bella y con gran dignidad, quiero que sepan que ustedes son muy importantes para mí y tienen un lugar muy importante en mi corazón.

Feliz pascua de Resurrección.

P. Alex



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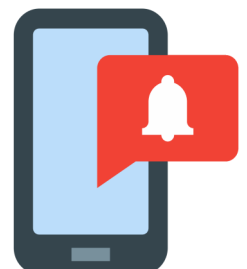


Bautizos en abril Los bautizos en español están programados para el primer sábado del mes a las 10:30 am. Debido a que el Sábado Santo cae el primer sábado de este año, los bautizos en español serán el **10 de abril**.

Horario parroquial La Oficina Parroquial y la librería católica permanecerá cerrada **el lunes 5 de abril**. No habrá misas a las 6:30 am durante la primera semana de Semana Santa. Sólo celebraremos las misas de las 9:00 am del lunes 5 de abril al viernes 9 de abril.

Misa en Acción de Gracias por el Don de la Vida Humana Únase al obispo Burbidge para una misa en Acción de Gracias por el Don de la Vida Humana el sábado **24 de abril a las 8 a.m.** en la Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles. Después de la misa, Bishop dirigirá un rosario en la acera frente a la el centro de aborto local.

Correos electrónicos semanales ¿Quieres recibir actualizaciones y anuncios de Parish directamente en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? Regístrese para recibir nuestros correos electrónicos semanales enviados todos los viernes poniéndose en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial o visitando nuestro sitio web queenofapostles.org hoy!



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