

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 14, 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 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.*

*Est. 1966*

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

This Sunday, the liturgy offers us an advanced fragrance of true Paschal joy. Today, the vestments of the celebrant are rose. It is a Laetere Sunday, inviting us to a peaceful joy. "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you that love her...." We say in the antiphon entrance today.

God wants us to be happy and optimistic. His will is always that we always see His cheerful presence in our lives; according to psychology, a person who lives sad and angry ends up depressed, sick in body and soul, and that is not a sign of God's presence. Our joy must be founded in Christ, our friendship with Him, and the grace received through the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. Saint Teresa of Ávila distinguished happiness in two ways; "Holy Joy" which is the one that arises from within by the grace of God and the sacramental life, and "Foolish Joy" which is external joy and lasts very little and, in the end, the human being ends up unhappier and more bitter than before. Hopefully, this Sunday dedicated to joy, we seek to be joyful with the Lord despite life's difficulties.

On a different subject, I want to inform you that we have had technical difficulties with our telephone system this week. I am very sorry because some of you called and we were not able to take your call. Our telephone system is not very good, and we are having serious problems with it. I hope that the phone company will soon solve this situation, although I hope to hire another company with better quality and efficiency by the summer. Thank you for your understanding.

Last Monday, we opened the parish gift shop, you can come and visit us, it is located in the parish office, as we are starting we have basic items of faith, as long as you come, we will see what interests you the most and thus we will buy more items. The objective is to evangelize and form us and at the same time have a profit for the parish.

I also want to invite you to participate in the celebration of Saint Joseph next Friday, March 19, at 7:00 pm; we will have a solemn bilingual Mass, this day, a sister of the Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph community will renew her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Also, this day we will officially start the Year of Saint Joseph in our parish. During this extraordinary year dedicated to St. Joseph, I want to invite you to meditate and learn more about the adoptive father of Jesus.

Finally, I was pleased to see that more brothers and sisters have begun to return to Sunday Mass. Last Sunday, we saw a small increase. I keep praying that little by little, we return to face-to-face Masses. It is necessary to feed our soul with the sacraments. For those who are still thinking about it, I repeat the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid..." with Jesus, we can do much more and overcome our fears. Welcome home again!

You are in my prayers

God bless you,

**Fr. Alex**





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# GIFT SHOP

IS NOW OPEN!

Located in the Parish Office  
Open Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-5:00 pm



## Religious Education Information

We follow Fairfax County Public Schools on closures related to snowy weather. Students may be assigned homework during snowy weather or when class do not meet.

Religious Education families are invited to attend the Penance Service at Queen of Apostles, **Monday, March 22, 7-9pm**. Parish and other diocesan priests will hear Confessions.

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. Contact Susan Gray ([s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or 703-354-8711) to arrange a time to view the photos.

Please pray for our 3 student catechumens (now called The Elect — "the chosen ones" — "chosen for baptism by God"), who are preparing to receive the Three Sacraments of Initiation and enter the Catholic Church at Easter: Jeison, Jennifer, Elias.

Students and adults, along with his/her godparents/sponsors, who desire the Three Sacraments of Initiation, are to attend the Scrutinies scheduled for **March 14, 21 during the 12 noon Mass**.

Religious Education classes will *not* meet **March 28** (Palm Sunday) or **April 4** (Easter Sunday), however, students may have homework/ projects to complete for the **April 11** class.

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](mailto: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.

## Infant Baptisms at Queen of Apostles



Infant Baptisms are held twice a month on Saturdays: Spanish on the **First Saturday at 10:30 am** 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. This week we will have our Spanish class on **March 17th**. Please call the office to register

## Altar Servers - Serving Our Lord in the Eucharist

In April, Fr. Rampino will lead another training/refresher for new/seasoned altar servers. The training will be held at 1pm on a Saturday in April. If your son will attend the training and is willing to serve at Holy Mass on Sundays (8am, 10am, 12noon) and other Masses, and join our 16 other servers, please send a message to Susan Gray or talk with Fr. Rampino. Boys 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!*

## RCIA

The Rite of Continuing Conversion for our baptized adults/candidates and his/her sponsor will be held at Queen of Apostles on **Sunday, Feb 28, 2021 during the 12noon and 1:30pm** Masses. Please sit in the reserved seating closest to the Presider's Chair.

Please pray for our adult catechumen who is preparing to receive the Three Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

Adults are asked to come to the parish office during the day if he/she has questions or needs to drop off paperwork.

## 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](http://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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org)



# † PARISH LIFE †

## Masses This Week

### Fourth Sunday of Lent - Sunday, March 14:

8:00 am (L) Mary H. Yoo  
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Roy Kasenge  
1:30 pm +Mercedes Paola Merino

### Monday, March 15:

6:30 am +John Battaglia  
9:00 am +Michael Krescanko

### Tuesday, March 16:

6:30 am +John P. O'Mara  
9:00 am +Wilmer Moseman

### St. Patrick - Wednesday, March 17:

6:30 am +Thomas Carroll  
9:00 am +Thomas Carroll

### St. Cyril of Jerusalem - Thursday, March 18:

6:30 am +Michael Allman  
9:00 am +Clarissa T. DeGuzman

### St. Joseph - Friday, March 19:

6:30 am +Thomas Reilly  
9:00 am (L) Will Schieb  
7:00 pm (L) The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph

### Saturday, March 20:

8:00 am +Joseph Manson  
5:00 pm +Ed Constantino  
7:00 pm +Tancredo Mejia



**March 19 - St. Joseph** St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus had an important mission in God's plan of salvation was "to legally insert Jesus Christ into the line of David from whom, according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born, and to act as his father and guardian" (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*). Most of our information about St. Joseph comes from the opening two chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded in the Gospels; he was the "silent" man. He was later venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pius IX declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church. To celebrate his feast, we will have a bilingual Mass on **March 19 at 7 pm**.

**Novena for Life Mar 17th - 25th.** The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being - from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate this important cause, The Knights are promoting a Novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parish, homes and wider community. Please pick up copies of the Novena in the vestibule.

*Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith*

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**Lenten Schedule** Please join us for our upcoming Lenten devotions here at Queen of Apostles:



- ◇ "Light is on For You" program, we will add Confessions **every Wednesday at 6:30 pm** in the Adoration Chapel.
- ◇ The Holy Way of the Cross will take place in the Church in English on **Fridays at 5:30 pm** and **7:30 pm in Spanish**.
- ◇ Lenten Morning of Recollection - in English on **March 13th from 9 am to 12 pm** in the Church and in Spanish on **March 20th from 9 am to 12 pm** in Hannan Hall.

**Penance Service** We will have a Lenten Penance Service on **March 22** beginning at **7 pm**. We will have 6 priests hearing confessions and Music will also be provided. Please consider taking this opportunity and be open to God's love and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent.

**Men's Evening of Recollection** All men are invited to a monthly evening of prayer on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm. Confessions, a spiritual talk, Eucharistic Adoration, and social time will be available. This month it will take place at St. Louis Catholic Church in Alexandria on **Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 PM**. For more information, please contact either Bert Kalisch (202-528-7589) or Rick Fiesel (703-772-8580).

**Legion of Mary** *Praises of Mary:* Jesus and Mary not only bent their wills to Joseph's for he was head of the Holy Family, but they lovingly surrendered their hearts to him as well. - *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

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



## Gospel Commentary for Fourth Sunday of Lent: God So Loved the World

*By Fr. Joseph Rampino*

The Gospel this week gives us perhaps the most famous line in all of the scriptures, John 3:16, “for God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, so that the world might be saved through Him.” As is the case with the most familiar passages and ideas in the scriptures, it is possible that the widespread saturation of this particular line, proclaimed even in such unlikely places as the eye-black of pro football players, makes its original force and meaning difficult to capture. We may hear this essential truth of our faith, the Christ came for our sake, and think to ourselves “well, yes, of course, I knew that already.”

In order to reclaim some of the eternal truth living behind the well-worn text, perhaps all we need to do is put it back in the context of Jesus’ whole preaching, presented to us this Sunday. He tells us that “just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Son of man must be lifted up.” He connects His being sent for our salvation both with Moses lifting up the bronze serpent to heal those wounded by serpents, and with His own Passion on the Cross.

In the days of the Exodus, God healed those in the Israelite camp who were being killed by snake venom with an image of the deadly snake raised on a pole. By looking at the image of what was killing them, thus ritually executed, the power of the venom disappeared, and the people lived. Jesus Himself is the fulfillment of this pattern. In Him, God takes on the form of humanity, wounded by sin. In this case, He allows Himself, out of love, to be physically wounded, and indeed, ritually executed, thus bearing our sins to the Cross. Now, those who look upon His sacrifice of love and accept it in a living and active faith are set free from the damage of sin that previously had envenomed and eaten away their souls. In Christ, God takes on the form of the disease, hands over His life in execution, and so frees the people from death itself.

This is the meaning of the famous John 3:16. It is not a casual truth that God loved the world enough to send His Son. That truth carries within it the Passion and death of Christ, in whom God was willing to become the image of our sinful and mortally wounded humanity—St. Paul will go further and say that Christ on the Cross “became sin”—in order to heal the sin that was killing each of us. The saving love of God for us is not a matter of whether heaven smiles at us from afar, but is a matter of life and death. It is the truth of our significance to our creator. It is the truth that the Almighty Lord was not willing to let us suffer the deadly consequences of sin, and be lost forever. It is the truth that love drew heaven down to earth, that love drew God to the point of death, that love drew God Himself past death for our sake. Let’s not forget this as we draw closer to the holy days of that great work.

### ST. JOSEPH WORKSHOP

*At St. Agnes Parish in Arlington, VA*

**MARCH 20, 2021**

Join Very Rev. William Saunders, Ph.D., and Rev. Mr. Gerard-Marie Anthony, M.A. for a day devoted to getting to know St. Joseph through mass and presentations on both Spiritual Fatherhood and Theology of the Body. Register to join us in person or attend virtually. Breakfast will be provided for in person attendees.

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**Please pray for all of the sick members of our parish**

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Anis, 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 Sprah, 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 all those affected by the coronavirus.

## CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos en Cristo.

Este domingo la liturgia nos ofrece un aroma anticipado de la alegría pascual. Los ornamentos del sacerdote este domingo son color Rosa, porque celebramos el domingo de “laetere”, que nos invita a una serena alegría. “Festejen a Jerusalén, gocen con ella, todos los que la aman...” con esas palabras se inicia la antífona de entrada hoy.

Dios nos quiere alegres y optimistas, su voluntad siempre es que veamos siempre su presencia alegre en nuestras vidas; porque según la psicología una persona que vive triste y enojada termina depresiva, enferma de cuerpo y alma y eso no es signo de la presencia de Dios. Nuestra alegría debe de estar fundada en Cristo, en nuestra amistad con El, y con la gracia recibida a través de los sacramentos de la penitencia y la eucaristía. Santa Teresa de Ávila distinguía la alegría en tipos; “Santa Alegría” que es la que surge desde dentro por la gracia de Dios y por la vida sacramental y a “Foolish Joy” que es la alegría externa y dura muy poco y al final el ser humano termina más triste y amargado. Ojala que este domingo dedicado a la alegría, busquemos ser alegres con el Señor a pesar de las dificultades de la vida.

Cambiando de tema, quiero comunicarles que esta semana hemos tenido muchos problemas con el sistema de teléfonos, me da mucha pena porque muchos de ustedes han llamado y no hemos podido tomar su llamada, el sistema de teléfonos no es muy bueno y estamos teniendo serios problemas, espero que la compañía solucione esta situación pronto, aunque espero que para el verano pueda contratar otra compañía de mejor calidad y eficiencia. Les pido su comprensión.

El pasado lunes hemos abierto la librería parroquial, ya puede pasar a visitarnos, está en la oficina parroquial, como estamos iniciando tenemos artículos básicos de la fe, en la medida que ustedes vengán iremos viendo que es lo que más les interesa y así iremos comprando más artículos. El objetivo es evangelizar y formarnos y al mismo tiempo tener una ganancia para la parroquia.

También quiero invitarles a participar de la celebración a San José el próximo viernes 19 de Marzo, a las 7:00pm, tendremos una misa solemne bilingüe, este día una de las religiosas de las “hermanas pobres de San José” renovará sus votos de pobreza, castidad y obediencia, también ese día iniciaremos oficialmente el año de San José en nuestra parroquia. Quiero invitarles a meditar y conocer más sobre el padre adoptivo de Jesús.

Y para finalizar me ha dado mucha alegría el ver que algunos de nuestros hermanos han comenzado a regresar a misa dominical, el pasado domingo vimos un pequeño incremento. Sigo orando para que poco a poco volvamos a las misas presenciales, es necesario alimentar nuestra alma con los sacramentos. Aquellos que aún lo están pensando, les repito las palabras de Jesús, “No tengas miedo...” con Jesús podemos hacer mucho más y vencer nuestros temores. Bienvenidos a casa nuevamente.

Les tengo en mis oraciones.

**P. Alex**



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# LIBRERIA CATOLICA

ESTA ABIERTA!

En la Oficina Parroquial  
De lunes a viernes, 9:30 am-5:00 pm



## Misas esta semana

### Domingo 14 de marzo:

8:00 am (L) Mary H. Yoo  
 10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
 12:00 pm +Roy Kasenge  
 1:30 pm +Mercedes Paola Merino

### Lunes 15 de marzo:

6:30 am +John Battaglia  
 9:00 am +Michael Krescanko

### Martes 16 de marzo:

6:30 am +John P. O'Mara  
 9:00 am +Wilmer Moseman

### Miércoles 17 de marzo:

6:30 am +Thomas Carroll  
 9:00 am +Thomas Carroll

### Jueves 18 de marzo:

6:30 am +Michael Allman  
 9:00 am +Clarissa T. DeGuzman

### Viernes 19 de marzo:

6:30 am +Thomas Reilly  
 9:00 am (L) Will Schieb  
 7:00 pm (L) The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph

### Sábado 20 de marzo:

8:00 am +Joseph Manson  
 5:00 pm +Ed Constantino  
 7:00 pm +Tancredo Mejia

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## Horario de Cuaresma

Por favor, únase a nosotros para nuestras próximas devociones cuaresmales aquí en Queen of Apostles:



- ◇ El programa "La luz está encendida para ti", añadiremos Confesiones todos los **miércoles a las 6:30 pm** en la Capilla de adoración.
- ◇ El Via Crucis tendrá lugar en la Iglesia en inglés los **viernes a las 5:30 pm y 7:30 pm** en español.
- ◇ Mañana de recuerdo - en español el **20 de marzo de 9 am a 12 pm** en la Iglesia.

## Servicio de Penitencia Cuaresma

Tendremos un Servicio de Penitencia Cuaresma el **22 de marzo** a partir de las 7:00 pm. Tendremos 6 sacerdotes escuchando confesiones y también se proporcionará música. Por favor, considere aprovechar esta oportunidad y estar abierto al amor y la gracia de Dios en el sacramento de la reconciliación esta Cuaresma.

## Novena por la vida Del 17 al 25 de marzo.

Los Caballeros de Colón siguen firmemente comprometidos con la defensa del derecho a la vida de todo ser humano, desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Los Caballeros están promoviendo una Novena para construir una cultura de vida en nuestra parroquia, hogares y comunidad en general. Por favor, recoja copias de la Novena en el vestíbulo.



## 19 de marzo - San José

San José, esposo de la Santísima Virgen María y padre adoptivo de Jesús, tenía una misión importante en el plan de salvación de Dios era "insertar legalmente a Jesucristo en la línea de David de quien, según los profetas, nacería el Mesías, y actuar como su padre y tutor" (Directorio sobre piedad popular y liturgia). La mayor parte de nuestra información sobre San José proviene de los dos primeros capítulos del Evangelio de San Mateo. No se registran palabras suyas en los Evangelios; él era el hombre "silencioso". Para celebrar su fiesta, tendremos una misa bilingüe el 19 de marzo a las 7 pm.

# CENACULO DE ORACIÓN MDJ

"Tén Fe" en el Señor Jesús y te salvarás tú y tu casa.

HECHOS 16.31

**Todos los Sábados  
 5:00pm**

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