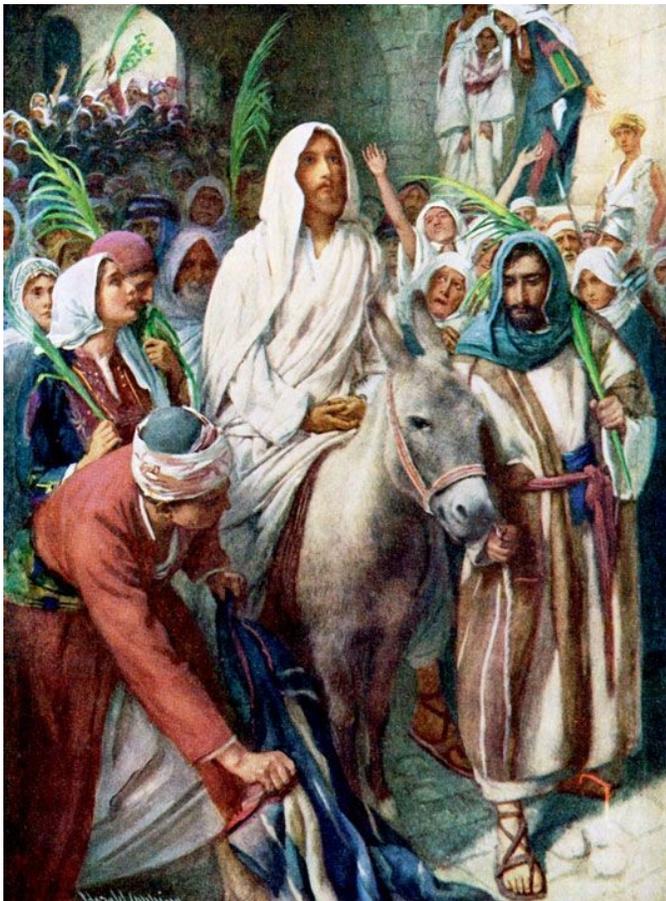


# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 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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## PASTOR'S LETTER

Greetings to all:

With the grace of God, we start Holy Week, and I believe that after what we experienced last year, we should be grateful to the Lord and His goodness. This year we will meet again (although keeping the required protocols) to celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where He will offer His life for us. The Gospels tell us that the people went out and spread their cloaks on the road on this day to greet Jesus. They also did the same with leafy branches. And when Jesus passed them riding His donkey, they cried out, "*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father, David! Hosanna in heaven!*" It is the procession of a king but it is not a procession. There are no trumpets, no fancy clothes, and no signs of wealth. It was just people and their improvised red carpet made of cloaks and leafy branches ... and Jesus walking among them, sitting on a donkey as a sign of humility. Jesus invites us to enter this Holy Week with humility, a desire for conversion, and repentance for our sins. We will all receive palms as a sign of peace and hope, a sign that we have chosen to follow Jesus on the path to the Father. The presence of leafy branches in our homes is a reminder that we have praised Jesus, our King, and followed Him to the cross to be consistent with our faith and follow and acclaim the Savior throughout our lives.

Now I want to give you a brief reminder of the activities that we will have this week, that although I already mentioned it in the previous letter, I will mention them again. This year, due to the pandemic restrictions, we will not do any bilingual celebrations so that there is more opportunity to participate. On Holy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood - I ask you for a special prayer for all priests and especially for those who work with you - that day, we will have two Masses, 5:00 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish, the Eucharistic procession will be held after the 7:00 pm Mass. To keep our social distance and be with the Lord, we will make the Altar of Repose in Hannan Hall, and it will stay there for worship until midnight.

On Good Friday, a day of penance and reflection, we will have confessions at 9:00 am, we will pray the Stations of the Cross in English at noon, and the services of the Passion of the Lord in English at 3:00 pm and at 6:00 pm, we will pray the Stations of the Cross in Spanish around the parking lot, and at the end, we will celebrate the services of the Passion of the Lord. Holy Saturday is a day of silence and meditation. Let us imagine the Virgin Mary with a broken heart over the loss of her child. I invite you to pray the rosary, entrusting all those mothers who have lost their children. In the evening, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil in English at 8:00 pm and Spanish at 11:30 pm. I ask that we bring the catechumens of our parish in our prayers who will receive the sacrament of Baptism that night.

Finally, I inform you that on Easter week, we will only have a 9:00 am daily Mass; that week, usually, one of the priests is out of the parish. I hope you understand that after Lent, we take some time to rest a little.

I entrust myself to your prayers, and rest assured that I always have you in my prayers. I hope that we live this Holy Week with great intensity and that you can celebrate the Easter triduum in grace.

God bless you.

Fr. Alex

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

#### Holy Thursday

5:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (*English*)  
7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (*Spanish*)

#### Good Friday

12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (*English*)  
3:00 pm - Passion of the Lord (*English*)  
6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (*Spanish*)  
7:00 pm - Passion of the Lord (*Spanish*)

#### Holy Saturday

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil (*English*)  
11:30 pm - Easter Vigil (*Spanish*)

#### Easter Sunday

8:00 am - Mass (*English*)  
10:00 am - Mass (*English*)  
12:00 pm - Mass (*English*)  
1:30 pm - Mass (*Spanish*)



## 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.

We wish our Religious Education families, catechists, aides, and volunteers a prayerful Lent and a joyous Easter. 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. Please join the parish for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

As you plan 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 in the 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.

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 Feb 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 (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.

*St. Joseph, pray for us!*



## 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)

## 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.

## Altar Servers - Serving Our Lord in the Eucharist



Parents of active altar servers were sent the liturgy schedule for Holy Week and Easter. Please let Susan Gray know what Masses/liturgies your son/s can serve. On **Apr 17 at 1pm**, Fr. Rampino will lead another training/refresher for new, newer, and seasoned altar servers. 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](mailto: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.*

## RCIA

Please pray for Sadrac who is preparing to receive the Three Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, and our candidates who are preparing and desiring to complete their initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist or to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church.

RCIA classes continue to meet until **June 2021**.

# ✝ PARISH LIFE ✝

## Masses This Week

### **Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 28:**

8:00 am (L) Tina Andrews  
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Florentino Pilar, Sr. and Jaime Garcia  
1:30 pm (L) Rev. Alexander Diaz

### **Monday of Holy Week, March 29:**

6:30 am +Nena Sian  
9:00 am +Pharra Yoo

### **Tuesday of Holy Week - Tuesday, March 30:**

6:30 am +Rita Sweeney  
9:00 am +John Elliot Pemberton

### **Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31:**

6:30 am +Rev. Keith R. Ramey  
9:00 am +Willmer Moseman

### **Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 1:**

5:00 pm English Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:00 am Spanish Mass of the Lord's Supper

### **Good Friday, April 2:**

3:00 pm English Passion of the Lord  
7:00 pm Spanish Passion of the Lord

### **Holy Saturday, April 3:**

8:00 pm English Easter Vigil Mass  
11:30 pm Spanish Easter Vigil Mass



**March 28 – Palm Sunday** We commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In the old calendar before Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two

to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week. The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of God.

## 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](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

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**Parish Office Closure** The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, April 2**, in observance of Good Friday. The Gift Shop will also be closed. Please refer to the Holy Week and Easter Schedule on the previous page for Service and Devotions times.

**Easter Week Mass Schedule** There will be **no 6:30 am Masses** during the first week of Easter. We will only celebrate the 9:00 am Masses Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 9. Thank you for understanding.

## Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

On this Solemn Night, we invite you to spend time with our Lord in prayer and to meditate on His Passion and Death. To maintain proper social distancing, we will put the Altar of Repose in Hannan Hall. The procession will take place after the 7 pm Spanish Mass. It will be there for worship until 12 midnight.



## Gospel Commentary for Palm Sunday: Unconditional Love

*By Fr. Joseph Rampino*

The Palm Sunday liturgy, perhaps more than any other day of the year, is celebration filled with contrast. We begin the Mass giving praise and honor to Christ, calling Him, along with all the people of Jerusalem, the Son of David and the King of Israel. We honor Him with the waving of palm branches and joyful singing of Hosanna, asking Him to rule over us, and giving thanks to God for His goodness in giving us such a King. Yet, only a few minutes later, as we read the Passion narrative, we join those same crowds in shouting “crucify him, crucify him.” In the span of less than an hour, we turn from offering Jesus our love to demanding His death. We turn from acting as His closest and most enthusiastic friends to acting as His worst enemies.

We might dismiss the shock of this turning as merely a part of acting out the liturgy, of playing the roles assigned to us by the Church, as no real reflection of things as they are. Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we may find that this quick change from loving Our Lord to condemning Him does indeed have a home in our souls. How often do we, over the course of a month, a week, or even a day, turn from loving God and desiring to show His love to others, to gossip, anger, un-charity, or some other sin? Yes, this may come from weakness rather than malice, but is not the result that we choose something over God Himself? Can we not see that the crowd’s instability of heart is also a part of our own being, and that only grace keeps us from such a fall?

Of course, all this being said, the liturgy is never primarily about us, or primarily a reflection on our own actions, what we should or should not do. The Mass is never primarily about a moral. The liturgy is about Christ giving worship in love to the Father. Thus, once we acknowledge that we too can be as fickle as the crowd of Holy Week, we turn to the more important question: what does Palm Sunday show us about Jesus?

Palm Sunday shows us, above all, the stability of the love of Jesus. In the face of the changing and wavering crowd, the Lord’s love never changes. On the Sunday of His entrance into the city, while the crowd sings His praises, He loves them. On the Friday of His Passion, when the crowd calls for His death, He loves them. No matter how wildly their hearts change, He remains just as He always is: perfect in love and in desire for their salvation. This is true for us as well. No matter what our sins might be, or how far we might fall from grace, no matter how many virtues we have, or how much progress we make in prayer, nothing changes in the Lord and His love for us. We are the ones who change, becoming more or less capable of receiving divine love. It is this constant love of Jesus, unaffected by our successes or failings, that should most truly humble us. If we ever truly understood how desired we are by the Lord of the Cross, we would, in all likelihood, die of joy. For now, may that overwhelming love, based on His goodness rather than our deserving, draw love out of our own hearts, so we might celebrate this Holy Week in a worthy manner.



### 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

Saludos a todos:

Con la gracia de Dios iniciamos la Semana Santa, creo que después de lo vivido el año pasado debemos de estar agradecidos con el Señor y su bondad, este año volveremos a reunirnos (aunque guardando los protocolos debidos) para celebrar la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén, donde ofrecerá su vida por nosotros. Los evangelios nos dicen que este día para saludar a Jesús, la gente salió y puso sus mantos en el camino. También hicieron lo mismo con las ramas de palma. Y cuando Jesús los pasó sobre su burro, gritaron: “¡Hosanna! ¡Viva el Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!” Es la procesión de un rey. Pero no es una procesión. No hay trompetas ni prendas elegantes, tampoco señales de riqueza. Fue solo gente y su improvisada alfombra roja hecha de capas y ramas de palma... y Jesús caminando entre ellos, sentado en un burro como signo de humildad. Jesús nos invita a entrar en esta semana Santa con humildad, con deseos de conversión y contritos por nuestros pecados. Todos recibiremos palmas como signo de paz y esperanza; signo de que hemos optado por seguir a Jesús en el camino hacia el Padre. La presencia de los ramos en nuestros hogares es un recordatorio de que hemos vitoreado a Jesús, nuestro Rey, y le hemos seguido hasta la cruz, de modo que seamos consecuentes con nuestra fe y sigamos y aclamemos al Salvador durante toda nuestra vida.

Ahora quiero hacerles un corto recordatorio de las actividades que tendremos en esta semana, que aunque ya lo anuncie en la carta anterior, lo repito nuevamente. Como saben este año por las restricciones de la pandemia no haremos ninguna celebración bilingüe, para que haya más oportunidad de poder participar. El jueves Santo, conmemoramos la institución de la Eucaristía y el sacerdocio – les pido una oración especial por todos los sacerdotes y en especial por los que trabajamos con ustedes – ese día tendremos dos misas, 5:00pm en inglés y 7:00pm en español, la procesión eucarística la realizaremos después de la misa de 7:00pm. Para guardar la distancia social y poder estar con el Señor, haremos un altar especial en Hannan Hall y ahí nos quedaremos en adoración hasta la media noche.

El Viernes Santo, día de penitencia y reflexión, tendremos confesiones desde las 9:00 am, rezaremos el viacrucis en inglés al medio día, y los oficios de la pasión en inglés a las 3:00pm, a las 6:00pm rezaremos el vía crucis en español, lo rezaremos alrededor del parqueo y al finalizar celebraremos los oficios de la Pasión del Señor. El sábado Santo, es un día de silencio y meditación, imaginemos a la Virgen María con el corazón roto por la pérdida de su hijo, les invito a rezar el rosario encomendando a todas aquellas madres que han perdido a sus hijos. Por la noche, celebraremos la Vigilia Pascual en inglés a las 8:00pm y en español a las 11:30pm. Les pido que llevemos en nuestras plegarias a los catecúmenos de nuestra parroquia que recibirán el bautismo esa noche.

Finalmente les informo que la semana de pascua, solo tendremos una misa diaria a las 9:00am, esa semana usualmente uno de los sacerdotes estará fuera de la parroquia, espero comprendan que después de la cuaresma nos tomamos un espacio para descansar un poco.

Me encomiendo a sus oraciones y tengan por seguro que siempre les llevo en mis oraciones. Deseo que esta Semana Santa la vivamos con mucha intensidad y que puedan celebrar el triduo Pascual en gracia.

P. Alex

## Horario de Semana Santa

### El Jueves Santo

5:00 pm - Misa de la Cena del Señor (*en inglés*)  
7:00 pm - Misa de la Cena del Señor (*en español*)

### El Viernes Santo

12:00 pm - El Via Crucis (*en inglés*)  
3:00 pm - La Pasión del Cristo (*en inglés*)  
6:00 pm - El Via Crucis (*en español*)  
7:00 pm - La Pasión del Cristo (*en español*)

### El Sábado Santo

8:00 pm - Misa vigilia Pascual (*en inglés*)  
11:30 pm - Misa vigilia Pascual (*en español*)

### Domingo de Pascua

8:00 am - Misa (*en inglés*)  
10:00 am - Misa (*en inglés*)  
12:00 pm - Misa (*en inglés*)  
1:30 pm - Misa (*en español*)

## Misas esta semana

### Domingo 28 de marzo:

8:00 am (L) Tina Andrews  
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Florentino Pilar, Sr. and Jaime Garcia  
1:30 pm (L) Rev. Alexander Diaz

### Lunes 29 de marzo:

6:30 am +Nena Sian  
9:00 am +Pharra Yoo

### Martes 30 de marzo:

6:30 am +Rita Sweeney  
9:00 am +John Elliot Pemberton

### Miércoles 31 de marzo:

6:30 am +Rev. Keith R. Ramey  
9:00 am +Willmer Moseman

### Jueves 1 de abril:

5:00 pm Misa de la Cena del Señor (en inglés)  
7:00 am Misa de la Cena del Señor (en español)

### Viernes 2 de abril:

3:00 pm La Pasión del Cristo (en inglés)  
7:00 pm La Pasión del Cristo (en español)

### Sábado 3 de abril:

8:00 pm Misa vigilia Pascual (en inglés)  
11:30 pm Misa vigilia Pascual (en español)

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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 de la Oficina Parroquial** La Oficina Parroquial permanecerá cerrada el **viernes 2 de abril**, en cumplimiento del Viernes Santo. La tienda de regalos también estará cerrada. Por favor refiérase a la Semana Santa y el Horario de Pascua en la página anterior para los tiempos de Servicio y Devociones.

**Horario de misa de semana de Pascua** 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.

## Jueves Santo Adoración eucarística

En esta Noche Solemne, los invitamos a pasar tiempo con nuestro Señor en oración. Para mantener un adecuado distanciamiento social, pondremos el Altar del Reposo en Hannan Hall. La procesión tendrá lugar después de las 19.00 horas de la misa española. Estará allí para la adoración hasta las 12 de la noche.



# 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

4401 SANO ST. ALEXANDRIA VA 22312  
EN EL HANNAN HALL DE LA PARROQUIA  
REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES

INTERESADOS CONTACTAR CON  
LOS HERMANOS:  
ALEX ORELLANA (571) 309 8207  
VÍCTOR POSADA (703) 585 3876

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