



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 Noon, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8:00 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
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Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary
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Queen of Apostles Vision Statement

To be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ and eager to invite others to join our family.

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. Registration will also be needed to receive a certificate of eligibility to be a Godparent for Baptism; to be a Sponsor for Confirmation; to enroll your child in Religious Education; to begin Baptismal preparation for your child (unless permission is received from your parish); and to prepare for Marriage. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano St. (next door to the Church). Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside of the parish by calling (703) 354-8711, or e-mail general@queenofapostles.org.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Way of St. James, Pilgrimage to Spain Thank you for your spiritual and financial support of the Pilgrimage to Spain. In June, nine young men will travel with Fr. Juan to Madrid to visit the DCJM House of Formation. Then the pilgrims will walk/hike ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago. As you pray for Andres, Billy, Christopher, Daniel, Deion, Erki, Matthew, Nicholas, and Vincent, during this journey of faith, they will be praying for you and your intentions. Prayer intentions may be placed in the green prayer intentions box in the church vestibule/at fundraisers.

Donations by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles, are greatly appreciated. You may donate by credit card through Faith Direct and making a one time donation: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA324>.

Knights of Columbus' 60th Anniversary You are cordially invited to join the Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Council 4522 as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary. The Celebration will be held in the Queen of Apostles Catholic School Gymnasium, Sunday, **Apr. 8**, from 2:00-5:00 pm. The event will include heavy appetizers, beer/wine, sodas etc., a short, structured program and lots of time to socialize with Knights, parishioners, and special guests. Costs: \$15 single, \$25 couple, and \$35 for families (each price includes two adult drink tickets per adult). Reservations taken until **Apr. 2**. There will be no "at-the-door" admissions. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Brother Edward White at edwardswhite@verizon.net or Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com.

Financial Peace University Are you tired of living in anxiety about your money? Are you living paycheck-to-paycheck? Are you frustrated that you can't save money or that you can't make a dent on your credit card debt? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. QofA is offering a 9 week class in the Conference Room of the Parish Office, beginning on Sunday, **Apr. 15**, from 6 to 7:30 pm. Baby-sitting available. For more information, please contact Hernando Herrera at (703) 675-7415 or grey_pilgrim67@hotmail.com.

Early Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 8** (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin was Monday, **Mar. 26**.

Religious Education Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, **Apr. 1**. We wish our Religious Education families a joyous Easter. Classes resume on **Apr. 8** with doors opening at 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Students and sponsors are to attend the mandatory practice for Confirmation on Friday, **Apr. 13** at 6:30 p.m. in the church. If a sponsor is unable to attend the practice, a parent may attend. The Confirmation garment will be distributed after the practice.

Sacraments of Initiation Congratulations to our students and adults who received the Three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist) on Easter Vigil!

RCIA RCIA in English and Spanish will not meet on **Apr. 2** and **4**. Classes resume on **Apr. 9** and **11**.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**.



Adorers Needed Urgent need for permanent Adorer (on a weekly basis) on Thursday morning, 1 am- 2 am. If you are interested in supporting the Adoration Ministry during this hour, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Friday 3 pm-4 pm. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com.

English and Citizenship Classes Catholic Charities offers low-cost English and Citizenship classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 pm at Queen of Apostles Catholic School. Registration for classes will be on **Apr. 4** and **9** at 7 pm. For more information please call Hogar Immigrant Services at (571) 208-1572.

Se Ofrecen Clases de Inglés y Ciudadanía Caridades Católicas ofrece clases de inglés y de ciudadanía los lunes y miércoles de 7 a 9 pm en la Escuela Católica Reina de los Apóstoles. Las inscripciones para el nuevo semestre serán el **4 y 9 de abril** a las 7 pm. Si requiere más información, por favor llame a Hogar Immigrant Services al (571) 208-1572.

Pastor's Letter

When Did Creation Happen?

Happy Easter!

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sin and death are defeated. The power of Satan crushed. Jesus descended into hell to deliver the just and bring them to heaven. The gates of heaven are opened. Creation shines with a new glory.

A couple weeks ago, Stephen Hawking passed away. His proposal of the Big Bang theory is well known: that the universe began 13.8 billion years ago with a small "singularity" which originated the cosmos that we know today.

But we know better. The beginning of our cosmos was only two thousand years ago. It started in Jerusalem, on the first day of the week. That Sunday was the first day of the new creation, when God not only recreated heaven and earth, but made our flesh the indwelling of God's glory and the source of divine life for us.

Yes. Christ's resurrection marks a new and definitive beginning in human history, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:20). What Christ's resurrection encaptures will happen also to our own bodies.

In his Catechesis 67 on the Theology of the Body, St. John Paul II explained that the resurrection of the body involves the body's return to life: the spiritualization and the divinization of the body. Spiritualization means that the spirit "will fully permeate the body, and that the forces of the spirit will permeate the energies of the body" (TOB 67.2, Dec. 9, 1981). And divinization is to be understood "as a new formation of the whole personal subjectivity of man in accordance with union with God in his Trinitarian mystery and of intimacy with him in the perfect communion of persons" (TOB 67.3).

Through the resurrection, Christ's body now takes ownership of the glory which is his, being the Son of God. What the transfiguration previously disclosed, now is fully revealed. Christian faith is not merely a spiritual one-to-one connection with God. Faith is a communion of the whole person: soul and body, and therefore with all our relationships.

God's life is given to us in and through the flesh: these are the sacraments in which the dignity of the body reaches its highest peak. The body, called to the resurrection, is already capable of being filled and passing by God's grace.

In the Eucharist, bread and wine are "risen", and that "resurrection" is to become Jesus' glorious body and blood. In Baptism, the water gives birth to God's grace through the Holy Spirit. In Holy Orders, the body becomes the source of grace. Indeed the words and actions of the priest, visible because of the body, are source of sacramental grace. This is what matter and the cosmos have become.

When did creation happen? The "big bang" was just a small beginning. Easter is the decisive Creation, which gives us a new beginning with the sacraments as we are introduced in the dynamism of resurrection which springs from Jesus Christ, to whom be all honor and glory for ever and ever.



Sunday of Divine Mercy

Next Sunday, **Apr. 8** the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. In honor of this special Feast, the Adoration Chapel will be open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. At 1:00 pm, the Blessed Sacrament will return to the church where the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow.

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy." (Jesus to St. Faustina)

The

Gift

of serving the Queen of Apostles Parish Family

For the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, stories are important. Stories keep the memories of our family and ancestry alive. Stories connect us to our past, forming our identity. On the occasion of our Easter celebration, I would like to briefly recall the story of the Disciples at Queen of Apostles.

It was certain early on in the life of the Disciples that we were called to come to the United States. As scholars, the Disciples had established a presence and influence in the John Paul II Institutes for Marriage and the Family in Madrid and in Rome. As priests for the family, we were active within diocesan in Madrid, and we were also ministering to families through independent schools in which the Disciples had strong involvement. However, it was in the U.S. where there was the opportunity to increase our presence in parish life.

In 2005 is when the Disciples first established a presence in the U.S. Taking residence in the Arlington Diocese, Disciples served the parish communities of St. James in Falls Church and Nativity in Burke, and also supported the Diocesan Spanish Apostolate. In 2007, Archbishop Charles Chaput – then of the Archdiocese of Denver – invited us to lead St. Mary's parish in Littleton, Colorado, which became our first parish in the U.S. In 2013 is when Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde invited us to lead Queen of Apostles.

Why so strong the desire to come to the United States? For one, we found

bishops who were open to our ministry to the family. By having a greater presence in parishes, we could be closer to the heart and life of the family. For the Disciples, a strong image from the Gospels is Jesus' time spent in Bethany. As Jesus lived alongside Mary Magdalene and Lazarus, the Disciples desire to live and teach the faith with and among families.

Here also in the U.S. is where the Disciples could learn best "business" practices. We are still a young religious order – only 30 years old – trying to find our bearings and understand the vision to which God is calling us. By being present in the Church in the U.S., we knew we would be challenged to grow. And certainly, we have learned much at Queen of Apostles: from the wisdom of our pastoral and finance councils, to the leadership of our heads of ministries, to the involvement of our parish staff and parishioners, you have taught us a great deal!

There have been so many memories at the parish, but I will name just a few:

- When the parish came to the aid of the Gama family, who bore their third child, Shaela, in early 2014 and who was born with a life-threatening condition. Having no medical insurance, the Gammas received nearly \$13,000 from parishioners and others to help cover Shaela's medical expenses.
- Also in 2014, when Catholic Charities' St. Martin de Porres Senior Center had a major fire,

Queen of Apostles being very close to the senior center was asked to host their activities for several months. Our ministry heads and parishioners were so gracious in welcoming Catholic Charities and moving our own events around to accommodate them.

So, as the Disciples look forward, what are our goals? First, we desire for you to grow in holiness: through the Sacraments, which are the fundamental offering of the Disciples at the parish, especially a Sacred Liturgy and frequent Confessions; through prayer, especially in front of the Blessed Sacrament; through spiritual formation; and through your involvement in the communal and family life of the parish.

Second, vocations. Queen of Apostles has been blessed with many vocations, and we hope the Disciples can continue that heritage. For sure, the Disciples as a religious order hope for more vocations in order to grow, and we ask for your prayers for this intention.

Third, we seek to form stronger the vision of a "Disciples parish". This is why we appreciate all that Queen of Apostles parishioners have given to the Disciples. Along with this vision is the desire for an excellent school, and I believe we are on our way with that as well.

Thank you for all you have given the Disciples. We are blessed to call Queen of Apostles our home and we look forward to the next stories our parish family will create and share. †

This Week In Our Parish

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 1:

Vestibule ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, April 2:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, April 3:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 4:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, April 5:

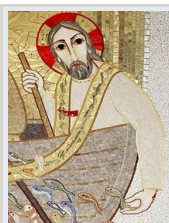
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, April 6:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym
Hannan Hall 7:00-10:00 pm KofC Anniv. Preparation

Saturday, April 7:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:00 pm KofC 60th Anniv. Celebration
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus



Vocations

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power." Are

you being called to proclaim the life of the resurrected Christ to the world? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Risen Jesus Party On Saturday, **Apr. 7**, from 11 am-2 pm, the Daughters of St. Paul will host a Risen Jesus Party at Pauline Books & Media (1025 King St., Old Town, Alexandria). Kids 3 to 7 are invited for songs, story-time (11:30 am or 1 pm), a prayer experience, Easter egg hunt, coloring, and refreshments. (Don't forget your camera!) RSVP appreciated but not required. Call (703) 549-3806 or alexandria@paulinemedia.com for more information.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Masses this Week

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1:

8:00 am +Annemarie Lang
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Clarissa Trono De Guzman

Monday within the Octave of Easter, April 2:

6:30 am (L) Jillian Marie Ball
9:00 am +Mary Nguyen Thi Tuy

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter, April 3:

6:30 am +Jacelyn Walter Graham
9:00 am (L) Katrina Nguyen

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter, April 4:

6:30 am (L) Lily Caporiccio Haskins
9:00 am +Nancy Ryan

Thursday within the Octave of Easter, April 5:

6:30 am +Leilani Alama
9:00 am +Joan Ensley

Friday within the Octave of Easter, April 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

Saturday within the Octave of Easter, April 7:

8:00 am +Margia Ahakuelo
5:00 pm +Paul T. Michael
7:00 pm +Victorina Alvarez

Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 8:

7:30 am +Sophia Barsh
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Antonio Sian

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Melba Padilla, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozad, Michael McSherry, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith