



QUEEN OF APOSTLES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Increase the faith of those who place their hope
in you, O God, and graciously hear the prayer
of those who call on you, that we,
who today hold high these branches
to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit
for you by good works accomplished in him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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

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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. 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.

Altar Server Captains Captains and their families are invited to attend the Saturday, **Apr. 27** Liturgy Workshop: Why Liturgical Tradition Matters, 12-1 pm in Hannan Hall, Queen of Apostles. Dr. James Starke in the Diocesan Office of Divine Worship will lead the presentation.

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

Emmaus High school and 8th grade students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Early Bulletin Deadlines Please make a note of the upcoming bulletin deadlines, and email your bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 21** (Easter Sunday) bulletin was Monday, **Apr. 8**. The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 28** (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin is Monday, **Apr. 15** by 9 am.

*O Blood and Water which gushed forth
from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us,
I trust in You!*

All Saints Car Raffle - April 30 Deadline Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle tickets—special thanks to those who have requested extras to sell to their relatives, friends, co-workers, bowling team, etc. Reminder that tickets are due by **Apr. 30!** Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints; please mail directly to All Saints.

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

Religious Education Religious Education will not meet on **Apr. 14** (Palm Sunday) and **Apr. 21** (Easter Sunday). We wish our Religious Education families and volunteers a prayerful Holy Week and a joyous Easter!

For the **2019-2020** school year, Religious Education Registration for public school and homeschool students in kindergarten (age 5 to high school) begins on **Apr. 27**. New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates to register. Tuition for parish members is: \$70 for 1 child, \$120 for 2 children, and \$150 for 3 children in the same family.

*Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Called to be a Catechist, Aide, or Volunteer? For the **2019-2020** Religious Education school year, we are seeking practicing Catholics who have a love of the Catholic faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth. Catechists have a basic understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture, and Tradition and a commitment to the Church's liturgical and sacramental life, and moral teachings. Catechists (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc) are needed for the **Sep. 8, 2019 - Jun. 7, 2020** program. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus and serve as a disciple by helping teach the faith. If interested, please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Vigil for RE and RCIA Students The Easter Vigil Rehearsal for The Elect (students and adults) and their godparents/sponsors is on Saturday, **Apr. 20** at 11 am in the church.

For the 8 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy on **Apr. 20**, the students/adults and godparents are to arrive no later than 7:15 pm. RE and RCIA students are NOT to wear all white dresses or suits.

RCIA will not meet on **Apr. 22** or **Apr. 24**.

Pastor's Letter

The Great Mysteries of our Faith

Not many Catholic Schools have the Pastor teaching the students in the classroom. Not many Catholic Middle Schools have a Doctor in Theology teaching the students. Rather, these things would seem quite unusual. Well, both happened this week at Queen of Apostles. Perhaps for the students it was special: "Hey, Fr. Leopoldo is teaching religion this week." But it seemed normal, not a big deal.

Something else that seems normal - preparing for next school year: recruiting students, budgeting, hiring teachers... But I can tell you these annual rhythms are not to be taken for granted. Our school, our faculty, our students... Boy! Each year is a new horizon. I would say that each year is quite unusual. We should have more pride and gratitude for the unique successes of each school year.

Turning to our liturgy, again we are at Palm Sunday. Again, Holy Week. "Yeah...how exciting..." No! It is not normal! It is a great enormous big, big deal!

The Son of God, "he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). That's a big deal. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, instituted the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. He gave himself totally for us out of love. It is a big deal.

The Son of God dies on a Cross. The Immortal One suffers death. The Almighty is helpless. The one who is Life is dead. The one who defeated Satan's temptations in the desert seems now definitively crushed and defeated.

Again Palm Sunday. Again Holy Week. How do we approach this year's celebration of the great mysteries of our Faith, the Easter Triduum? Don't take it for granted. In this very moment of my life God wants to give a unique grace. He invites me to approach Jesus' cross in a new way, deeper than never before.

There is something new to discover this 2019 Holy Week. Are we equipped to look for this hidden treasure? Is the celebration of the Triduum my focus, the focus of my family?

Let today's Liturgy inspire us. We will reenact his entrance in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will listen to the Passion according to Luke. The special atmosphere of Holy Week will fill the Church and our souls.

May the Lord grant us the grace of entering the Holy Week with the proper dispositions: "Therefore, with all faith and devotion let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life."

The Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

- DAY 1 (Good Friday) - All mankind, especially sinners
- DAY 2 (Holy Saturday) - The souls of priests and religious
- DAY 3 (Easter Sunday) - All devout and faithful souls
- DAY 4 (Easter Monday) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
- DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday) - The souls of separated brethren
- DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday) - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
- DAY 7 (Easter Thursday) - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
- DAY 8 (Easter Friday) - The souls who are detained in purgatory
- DAY 9 (Easter Saturday) - The souls who have become lukewarm

During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions. Novena Pamphlets are available in the church. For additional information, please visit <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/> or <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>.

This Week In Our Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 14:

Parish Office 9:00-11:00 am Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am
Hogares de Santa Maria
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Aforation Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday of Holy Week, April 15:

Hannan Hall 3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16:

Church 2:00-3:00 pm QofA School's
Living Stations of the Cross
Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish
Adoration Chapel 8:00 pm Reposition of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Holy Thursday, April 18:

No Morning Masses or Confessions
Church 10:00pm-11:00 pm Holy Hour
Vestibule 11:00 pm-12:00 am All-night vigil
of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 19:

No Morning Masses or Confessions
Parish Office closed
Vestibule 12:00 am-11:45 am Eucharistic Exposition
Church 12:00-1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

Holy Saturday, April 20:

No Morning Mass
Hannan Hall 9:00-10:30 am Recollection
Church 11:00 am-12:30 pm Rehearsal for
Sacraments of Initiation
Church 1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Wisdom, power, and adoration.

To the Blessed Trinity.

For redemption and salvation.

Through the Paschal Mystery.

Now in every generation. And for all eternity.

Bánica Mission Yard Sale: Saturday, May 4 from 8

am to 2 pm in Hannan Hall Featuring household items, clothing, empanadas (made with love by the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph), pupusas, hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts, drinks and snacks. Please consider donating gently used items for the yard sale from your Spring cleaning to support this year's mission. Donations gratefully accepted from 3-7 pm, Friday, **May 3** in Hannan Hall. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Vocations



“...He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled.” Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Word of mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

Living Stations of the Cross

Join Queen of Apostles School for the Living Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, **Apr. 16** at 2:00 pm in the church.



Holy Saturday Recollection

Please join us for a talk on the Solitude of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Holy Saturday, Apr. 20, 9-10:30 am in Hannan Hall.

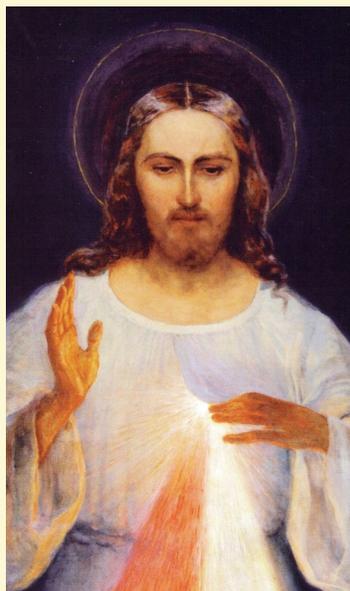
Holy Saturday is dedicated to accompanying Our Blessed Mother and prayerfully anticipating the arrival of Our Lord's Resurrection.



“All the wounds that were scattered over Jesus' entire body were reunited in Mary's heart.” - St. Bonaventure

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Divine Mercy



“I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world — mercy triumphed over justice.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1572)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Exposition on Holy Thursday Night



On this solemn Holy Thursday night (Apr. 18) we invite you to meditate on the Passion of Our Lord and spend some time with Him in prayer.

There will be a Holy Hour at 10 pm and Eucharistic Exposition throughout the night. It will conclude at 11:45 am on Good Friday. Please sign-up by the door of the Chapel.

Fast and Abstinence Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (no meat) on all Fridays during Lent. On Good Friday, everyone between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast. Only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal.

Parish Office Closed The Parish Office will be closed on **Apr. 19** in observance of Good Friday, and **Apr. 22** in observance of Easter.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal As we enter Holy Week, consider making your pledge to the BLA if you haven't already. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Our goal is 100% participation in the parish! Take a BLA pamphlet from the back of the church or visit arlingtondiocese.org to make your pledge in support of our parish and diocese today.

Laudato Si' Committee The second part of the Laudato Si' pledge calls us to Live More Simply. In Laudato Si' Pope Francis invites us to, "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." (222). As a way to live Laudato' Si, and as we enter Holy Week, we are invited to look for ways to use less, to share more, and to focus on relationships instead of things.

Rebuilding Together - April 27 ACCA will again be participating in repairing and rehabilitating two home in the area. The repairs help low income seniors, the disabled and families with children live in a better, safer environment. Many homeowners are faced with making a choice between home repairs and medicines, food or utilities. Volunteers are need to assist with the repairs. If you have some skills or just a willingness to help, contact Marie Monsen at mamonsen@verizon.net or Karen Barnoski at (703) 256-4088.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Masses this Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 14:

7:30 am +Anna Barnoski

9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:15 pm +Micaela de los Santos Mendoza Matallana

Monday of Holy Week - April 15:

6:30 am +Alvin Vaillant Igriviyiza

9:00 am +Margie Ahakuelo

Tuesday of Holy Week - April 16:

6:30 am +Richard Hawley

9:00 am +Patrick Chun

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 17:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy

9:00 am +Bobby R. Samantela

Holy Thursday - April 18:

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Good Friday - April 19:

3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (English)

7:00 pm Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Español)

Holy Saturday - April 20:

8:00 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 21:

8:00 am +General John Abrams

10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners, +John A. Viola

12:00 pm +Sesario Alvarez

*Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

*Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

George Cook, Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, 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