

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312  
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## CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor  
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar  
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,  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal  
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary  
(703) 354-0714  
[www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org)



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

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*

**Way of St. James, Pilgrimage to Spain** In June, young men will travel with Fr. Juan and Mr. Ketchmark to Madrid to visit the DCJM House of Formation and walk/hike ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago. As you pray for Billy, Christopher, Daniel, Deion, Erki, Matthew, Nicholas, and Vincent, during this journey of faith, they will be praying for you and your intentions. Please place only prayer intentions in the green box located in the church vestibule. Financial contributions, brought to the parish office, may be made by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles with "Spain Pilgrimage" on the memo line. You may donate by credit card through Faith Direct and making a one-time donation at: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA324>.

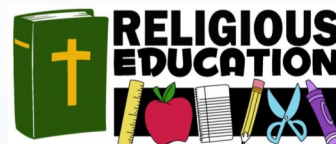
**Nazareth** Girls and boys in grades 5-8 are invited to join Nazareth, a Queen of Apostles middle school program. Generally, Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month: **May 4, May 18, and Jun. 1**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out/pick-up is at 5:30 pm.

**Emmaus** Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets with Fr. Juan on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 29** bulletin is Monday, **Apr. 23** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

**Host Families for Students from Spain** Queen of Apostles seeks host families to house students from Spain in the summer. This is the fourth year of the Summer Program with the Stella Maris School. We are grateful for all the families who have hosted in the past. If interested in hosting this year, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org).

**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 **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.



**Religious Education** Registration for the **2018-2019** Religious Education school year has begun. The program is open to students in kindergarten (age 5) through high school. Classes meet on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am in the School, **Sep.-Jun.**

Returning families should pick up their form from the sign-in/out desk. New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates. Tuition may be paid by check or cash.

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### Sacrament Holy Communion:

On Monday, **May 7** at 6:30 pm, there is a mandatory practice in the church for School and Religious Education students and parents attending the **May 12** First Holy Communion Mass in English. On Friday, **May 11** at 6:30 pm, there is a mandatory practice in the church for Religious Education students and parents attending the **May 12** Mass in Spanish.

**Why a Church Marriage?** Holy Matrimony is a Sacrament uniting one man and one woman to each other and to God for the sake of the salvation of their own souls and to help share in Christ's mission in the world. Holy Marriage is not merely a human commitment or a contract between two parties. It is a God inspired unity of self-sacrifice. Just like every Sacrament, its goal is to get us to heaven. When a couple gets married they are promising God and the other to do everything in their power to get their spouse to heaven. This is the purpose and the number one responsibility of marriage. (<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Vocations/Holy-Matrimony>)

For couples who are not married in the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.



## Pastor's Letter

### Good Shepherd Sunday

Today the Church celebrates "Good Shepherd Sunday" and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today we ask God to give us shepherds after his heart. Do we pray for vocations? Do we promote vocations, especially in our own families? Do parents talk to their sons about the beauty and greatness of Holy Priesthood?

Vocation is so a great matter. However we need to continue reading the Pope's apostolic exhortation. Today is chapter 2, "Two Subtle Enemies of Holiness." Holy priests would be most helpful to guide the faithful unharmed *between Scylla and Charybdis*, those two subtle enemies of holiness which are Gnosticism and Pelagianism. These were two heresies in the early church, and both pretend to take control of God's gifts.

Gnosticism pretends that a person's perfection is measured by the information or knowledge they possess, not by the depth of its charity. Gnosticism presumes "a purely subjective faith whose only interest is a certain experience or a set of ideas and bits of information which are meant to console and enlighten, but which ultimately keep one imprisoned in his or her own thoughts and feelings" (GE 36). Faith is understood as an intimistic experience. I feel well and that's it. Easily one is narcotized by its self-satisfaction and forgets the commandment of love.

Pelagianism trusts in the strength of will and personal achievements. "Those who yield to this pelagian or semi-pelagian mind-set, even though they speak warmly of God's grace, ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style"(GE 49).

The cure for both of them is proposed at the end of the chapter: to humbly and joyfully recognize that all we are and have is God's gift. And our redemption even more. "We need to acknowledge jubilantly that our life is essentially a gift, and recognize that our freedom is a grace. This is not easy today, in a world that thinks it can keep something for itself, the fruits of its own creativity or freedom" (GE 55).

"Only on the basis of God's gift, freely accepted and humbly received, can we cooperate by our own efforts in our progressive transformation. We must first belong to God, offering ourselves to him who was there first, and entrusting to him our abilities, our efforts, our struggle against evil and our creativity, so that his free gift may grow and develop within us" (GE 56).

"May the Lord set the Church free from these new forms of gnosticism and pelagianism that weigh her down and block her progress along the path to holiness! These aberrations take various shapes, according to the temperament and character of each person. So I encourage everyone to reflect and discern before God whether they may be present in their lives" (GE 62).

Lord, give us holy priests who will inspire us to live with humility, joy and gratitude, pouring abundantly your gifts in our hearts.

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## Rule of Life: Sanctifying Ordinary Work

Sanctifying one's work is no fantastic dream, but the mission of every Christian – yours and mine. –That is what that lathe-worker had discovered, when he said: "I am overwhelmed with happiness when I think how true it is that while I am working at the lathe and singing – singing all the time, on the outside and on the inside – I can become a saint. How good God is!" (St. Josemaría Escrivá, Furrow #517).

Practices to Sanctifying your ordinary work:

- † **Include intentionally your work in your morning offering and in your bedtime prayer.** In the morning, to offer it up to God and to ask for his blessing so you do a good work. In the night, to give thanks for the fruit of your work and to ask for forgiveness for your shortcomings.
- † **"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy"** (Ex 20:8). On Sunday, give thanks for the work of the week and the good you've done, as you rest and celebrate it.
- † **Weekly, set aside for God your first work hour's income.** Give it to offer a Mass, Charities, offertory...

## This Week In Our Parish

### Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 22:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education  
Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am  
Hogares de Santa Maria  
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group  
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group  
Parish Office 6:00-7:30 pm Financial Peace University

### Monday, April 23:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:00 pm QofA School  
Used Uniform Sale and Exchange  
Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary  
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

### Tuesday, April 24:

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

### Wednesday, April 25:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group  
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

### Thursday, April 26:

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

### Friday, April 27:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's  
Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Hannan Hall 5:00-10:00 pm Banica Yard Sale  
Donation Drop-off

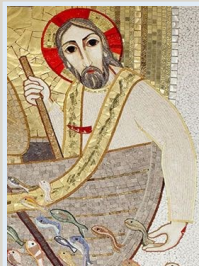
### Saturday, April 28:

Hannan Hall 8:00 am-2:00 pm Banica Yard Sale  
Parish Office 8:00 am-5:00 pm Stephen Ministry's  
Day of Recollection  
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

*"When we go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament we represent the one in the world who is in most need of God's Mercy. We Stand in behalf of the one in the world who does not know Christ and who is farthest away from God and we bring down upon their soul the Precious Blood of The Lamb."  
Pope St. John Paul II*



**Bethlehem Carving Group** Next weekend, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood hand-made carvings from the Holy Land. These Carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now because of the situation. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.



## Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life for our diocese and that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

### **Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)**

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. To donate, please make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at [g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

**ACCA** ACCA will again be working with Rebuilding Together on a home in Annandale and is looking for volunteers to assist with the project. No special skills are required. Volunteers will help with repairs, such as painting, or other tasks. Join ACCA on Saturday, **Apr. 28**. If interested, call Karen Barnoski at (703) 256-4088.

ACCA is hoping to sponsor a refugee family. If you can help with the many tasks of settling a family in a new country, please call Karen Barnoski at (703) 256-4088.

**Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!** Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese — straight to your inbox. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CDASignup>.



### **QofA School's International Festival**

Queen of Apostles School invites you to its 2018 International Festival, a musical and culinary tour of the many cultures that make up our community. This year's festival is **May 5**, from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Join us for food, singing, games, cultural activities, and more! Parishioners are invited to donate food from the country of their choice or volunteer; sign up for food at [bit.ly/IFESTFood](http://bit.ly/IFESTFood). Food and event tickets sold at the door.

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18



**Adorers Needed** Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Monday, 11 am to 12 noon. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or [n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org](mailto:n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org).

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Thursday 2 pm-3 pm, and Friday 3 pm-4 pm. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or [rosalieam@msn.com](mailto:rosalieam@msn.com).

**Community Job and Resource Fair** Join us on Saturday, **Apr. 28**, 9 am-12 noon at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. We seek to help the unemployed or underemployed find meaningful work. There is no charge to employers or job seekers to participate in this fair. We will host numerous employers to promote customer service, entry level and management opportunities in a variety of fields. A number of community service agencies will have resource tables at this event. Service offered to job seekers will include: Recharge Your Resume, Update Your Linked-in, Free interview attire for men and women, and Job Seeking Skills presentations. Refreshments and child care will be available.

**KOVAR Collections (aka the Tootsie Roll Campaign)** Before and after all Masses the weekend of **28/29**, the Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Council #4522 will be collecting your generous donations in support of KOVAR. KOVAR is a charitable 501(c)(3) corporation established by the Virginia Knights of Columbus in 1971, dedicated to serving Virginians with intellectual disabilities.

KOVAR (the Virginia Knights of Columbus) collects and distributes funds in the form of grants and loans to tax-exempt organizations that serve people with intellectual disabilities in Virginia. Grant funds are used to purchase scholarships for Special Olympians, furniture for and/or to renovate group homes, wheelchair accessible vans, and/or to provide job training opportunities—among many other efforts.

The Knights of Pope John Paul II Council #4522 prays for and thanks you in advance for your generosity.

**Serra Club of Arlington - Trip to Rome** Join Fr. Robert Rippy, Chaplain of the Arlington Serra Club on a pilgrimage to Rome **Sep. 24-Oct. 4, 2018**. Non-stop flights from Washington, Dulles to Rome. 9 nights at the Guillo Cesare Hotel, including daily breakfast. Two lunches and two dinners included. Daily Mass, Papal Audience and Ordination, transportation throughout. Guided tours of Rome, as well as Assisi, Tivoli, Pompei, Castel Gondolfo, and Albano. Tour cost (based on 30 participants) \$3709 double-occupancy. Deposit by **May 1**; final payment by **Jun. 22**. Contact Maureen Cook, Liberty Travel to confirm your trip: (215) 972-0200, [cookm@libertytravel.com](mailto:cookm@libertytravel.com).

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Good Shepherd Sunday

#### Masses this Week

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 22:

7:30 am +Dr. and Mrs. William J. McAuliffe  
9:00 am (L) Mrs. Ho Ha and Family  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Lina Padilla

#### St. George - Monday, April 23:

6:30 am (L) Enrique Espino  
9:00 am (L) John Le and Tang Nguyen

#### St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen - Tuesday, April 24:

6:30 am +Debbie DuBrul  
9:00 am +Rosa Valderrama

#### St. Mark - Wednesday, April 25:

6:30 am +Luvina Kleinmann, Anniversary  
9:00 am +Rudy Pataro

#### Thursday, April 26:

6:30 am +James Smelser  
9:00 am +Brie Smelser

#### Friday, April 27:

6:30 am +Debbie DuBrul  
9:00 am +John Steve Catilo

#### St. Louis Grignon de Montfort - Saturday, April 28:

8:00 am +Rick Tedesca  
5:00 pm +Nola Coelho  
7:00 pm +Peter Au

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29:

7:30 am (L) Fr. John O'Donohue  
9:00 am +Lydia Ramsden  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm (L) Pizagno and Pisano Families

*See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.*



#### **Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill**

Kevin Bonko, Margaret Cihak, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Paul Cook, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, 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, 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