

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

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## CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor  
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,  
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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. 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.*

**RCIA** On Sunday, **May 5** during the 12 noon Mass, candidates who are seeking full Communion within the Catholic Church will make a Profession of Faith and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

For baptized adult Catholics preparing for Confirmation, all paperwork is due on Monday, **Apr. 29** to the parish office.

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

**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](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

**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](mailto:s.calvino@queenofapostles.org), or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

**Thank You** for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Needs**.

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 5** bulletin is Monday, **Apr. 29** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

**Religious Education** Religious Education classes resume on **Apr. 28**. The last day of Religious Education is **Jun. 2**.

Religious Education registration for public school and home-school students in kindergarten (age 5) - high school begins on **Apr. 28**. Parents of returning students can pick up the registration form on-site during RE class time. Tuition for parish members is \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children and \$150 for 3 children in the same family. The tuition payment by cash or check is expected at the time of registration.

Religious Education classes are on Sundays, 9-10:15 am. The first day of class is **Sep. 8**. Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least 2 consecutive years of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered and have no more than three absences during the school year. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/First Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. A student is show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates to register.

**Confirmation:** Rehearsal for all Confirmation students and their sponsors is Friday, **May 10** at 6:30pm in the church. Following the rehearsal white garments that are to be worn by students during Confirmation will be distributed. Information about dress and photography is provided on pages 18-20 of the Confirmation packet. Per Diocesan guidelines, there will be no photography/video during the Confirmation Liturgy.

Confirmation is on Monday, **May 13** at 7 pm. Students, wearing their white garment, are to meet in Hannan Hall by 6 pm. Sponsors are to meet at 6:15 pm in the School Library with the Master of Ceremonies. Parents and guests may find designated seats in in the church. Students and sponsors are to go to Confession before **May 13**.

**First Holy Communion:** Rehearsal for School and Religious Education students attending the **May 18** Mass in English is Tuesday, **May 14** at 6:30 pm in the church

Rehearsal for students Religious Education students attending the **May 18** Mass in Spanish is Friday, **May 17** at 6:30 pm in the church. Students are to go to Confession before **May 18**.

Information about First Holy Communion dress and photography has been distributed.

## Pastor's Letter

### The Heart of the Redeemer

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. For eight days – “octave” – we have celebrated Jesus’ resurrection. For eight days we have been in the upper room with Mary and the apostles debriefing the events of the Easter Triduum. Thomas was not there when Jesus came on Easter Evening.

“Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them” (Jn 20:26). Maybe Thomas went too far asking to put his hand into Jesus’ pierced side. However, Jesus conceded. Jesus wanted Thomas inside his heart, and invited him in.

Two events today reveal Jesus’ mercy. First: the forgiveness of sins: “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (Jn 20:22-23). Second, his patience with Thomas agreeing to his request.

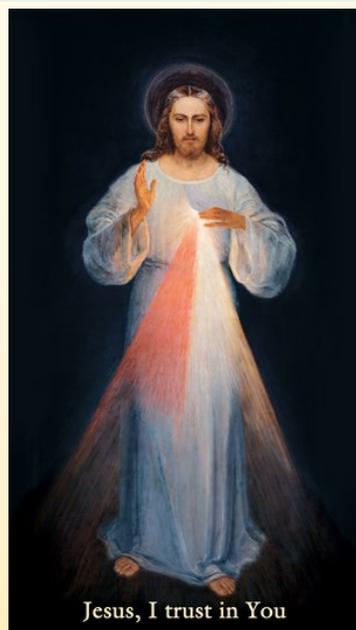
Christian art has represented in many beautiful ways this moment between Jesus and Thomas. Jesus wants Thomas not only to put his hand in his side, but to enter his heart, the heart of the Redeemer. And what do we find there?

First, we find God’s love. Jesus is the Son of God, and came to reveal us God’s love. This is what we find first of all when we approach Jesus’ Heart: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (Jn 3:16).

Second, we find Jesus’ love of the Father. The one who is God from God and light from light loves the Father with a human heart. And this is something we only understand in prayer. What a great mystery of mercy. God the Father wants the love of a human heart. And Jesus’ heart is totally human loving him with a perfect love, the love of the only begotten Son. God so loved us that he wanted the Incarnation so that a human heart would love him in a perfect way. And we are invited to share that love which is simultaneously divine and human. And Jesus’ love was perfected in his obedience to the Father even to die on the cross.

Finally, we discover Jesus’ love for us. “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love” (Jn 15:9). We encounter Jesus’ heart in the Eucharist, which is a heart filled with a personal and unique love for me. A love that is divine and also human so that we can understand it. We know what is a heart in the fire of love; we have experienced in our hearts joy, sadness, pity, solitude, gratitude... And Jesus’ heart talks to us with this language.

This love of the Heart of the Redeemer is a merciful love. This means not only forgiveness. He also restores us to holiness. He says: “Go, and from now on do not sin any more” (Jn 8:11). That is the almighty word which created heaven and earth. He does not bargain with our sins or weaknesses. He transforms us and breaks the power of sin in us.



### Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday.

In honor of this special Feast, the Adoration Chapel will be open from 8:30 am to 1 pm. At 1 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

## This Week In Our Parish

### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education  
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  
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

### Monday, April 29:

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

### Tuesday, April 30:

Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice

### Saint Joseph the Worker - Wednesday, May 1:

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

### Thursday, May 2:

Hannan Hall 3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice  
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, May 3:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's  
Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Hannan Hall 3:00-7:00 pm Bánica Mission Yard  
Sale Donations Drop-off  
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym  
Church 9:00 pm-8:00 am First Friday Adoration Vigil

### Saturday, May 4:

Hannan Hall 8:00 am-2:00 pm Bánica Mission  
Yard Sale  
Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
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

**Queen of Apostles School BBQ & Picnic** Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for an American Style barbecue and Picnic on Friday, **May 3** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Bring your favorite picnic and tailgating games. Enjoy the spring weather with the Queen of Apostles School family. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages for sale.

*Saint Joseph, pray for us.*

**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

**“Were not our hearts burning within us...”** Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord in the as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org), or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or [m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Divine Mercy Sunday** That we may be blessed with priests and consecrated religious to serve as messengers of God's divine mercy, we pray to the Lord.

### **Mass for Hispanic Vocations with Bishop Burbidge**

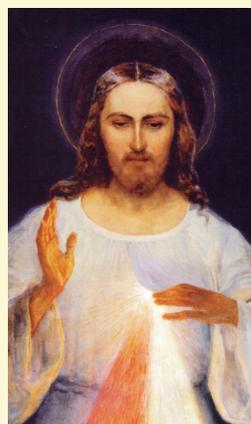
Join Bishop Burbidge to pray for more vocations especially from our Hispanic communities. This annual Mass will be celebrated in Spanish on Sunday, **May 12** at All Saints Church in Manassas at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

## Eucharistic Adoration

### **Is God calling you to a weekly Hour with Him?**

Queen of Apostles is blessed to offer Perpetual Adoration 24 hours a day every week, from Monday 7 a.m. through Saturday 8 a.m. Please prayerfully consider serving our current needs:

- Tuesday, 1-2 am; Friday, 4-5 am; Saturday, 2-3 am  
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or [moleski47@gmail.com](mailto:moleski47@gmail.com) for these hours of need
- Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, 11 pm to 12 am  
Contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or [n.deguzman\[a\]@queenofapostles.org](mailto:n.deguzman[a]@queenofapostles.org) for these hours of need
- Monday, 3-4 pm  
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or [rosalieam\[at\]msn.com](mailto:rosalieam[at]msn.com) for these hours of need



## Divine Mercy

*“Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it.”*

*“Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.”*

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1075, 687)

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40B-41      Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
Rev 5:11-14                Jn 21:1-19

**KOVAR Collections (Tootsie Roll Campaign)** Before and after all Masses, the Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council #4522 will be collecting your generous donations towards 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 collects and distributes funds in the form of grants and loans to tax-exempt organizations that serve people with intellectual disabilities in Virginia. Thank you for your generosity!

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.*

**Candle Ministry Volunteers Needed** We need additional volunteers to help replace the candles on the stands in the vestibule on the weekdays. Can you help one or two days a week? The candles are changed either after the 6:30 am Mass or before the 9 am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

**Bishop's Lenten Appeal - Will You Pledge \$1 a Week?** Although we are now in the Easter Season, the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is still in full swing. If every QofA family who has not made a pledge made a \$1 weekly commitment today, we would exceed our parish goals. Please know that donations are restricted only to those programs supported by the BLA - including the Office of Vocations (priestly formation), Office of Marriage and Family, and Office of Catholic Schools. Please take a BLA pamphlet from the back of the church or visit [arlingtondiocese.org](http://arlingtondiocese.org) to make your pledge in support of our parish and diocese today.

*His mercy endures forever.*

**Calling All Gardeners** Lent is a time for intentional sharing with the least among us. And Spring is a time for gardening, where we can be active stewards of God's Creation and share the fruits of the soil. This Easter, the Laudato Si' committee invites fellow parishioners to join us in planning a parish garden, which will complement our composting activities. If you are interested in participating, please contact Margaret Kindling at [mkindling@verizon.net](mailto:mkindling@verizon.net).

**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. This is a final announcement to send in your tickets, which are due by **Apr. 30** back to All Saints! Proceeds benefit our parish school as well as our parish youth mission to Bánica, Dominican Republic. Thank you for your support!

## Divine Mercy Sunday Masses this Week

### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28:

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the  
León-Duarte, Saunders, Lay, and Lor Families  
9:00 am +Christina Lynem  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Teresa Walker

### Saint Robert of Molesme - Monday, April 29:

6:30 am +Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 am +James Kemble

### Saint Pius V - Tuesday, April 30:

6:30 am +Haile Gabriel  
9:00 am Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.

### Saint Joseph the Worker - Wednesday, May 1:

6:30 am (L) Sister Eneyda Jamileth Martinez Rivera, PSSJ  
9:00 am +Josefa Rubero

### Saint Athanasius - Thursday, May 2:

6:30 am +Carlos Suarez  
9:00 am +Charlie G. Toth

### Saints Philip and James - Friday, May 3:

6:30 am +Hermenegildo Reyes  
9:00 am +Gizella and John Vincze

### Saturday, May 4:

8:00 am +Jim Kimble  
5:00 pm +Living and Deceased Members  
of the Davis Family  
8:00 pm +Olga and Elizabeth Bertrand

### Third Sunday of Easter - May 5:

7:30 am +Dolores Perez  
9:00 am +Christina Lynem  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners and  
+Leocadia Tibung Marcelino  
12:00 pm +John Sutton

*Jesus, I trust in You!*



**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, María 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