



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire,
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord.*

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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

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Alexandria, VA 22312
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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.

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.

*Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with your whole heart;
for I am gracious and merciful.*

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. 14** (Palm Sunday) bulletin was Monday, **Apr. 1**.

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

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

Abstinence During Lent Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (no meat). Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent.

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).

For the **2019-2020** school year, Religious Education Registration for public school and homeschool students in kindergarten (age 5) - high school begins on **Apr. 27**. New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates to register.

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 students: The Elect and their godparents are to attend the Scrutinies on **Apr. 7** during the 7 pm vigil (Spanish) or 10:30 am (English) Masses at QofA.

The Easter Vigil Rehearsal for The Elect and their godparents is Saturday, **Apr. 20** at 11 am in the church. For the 8 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy, students and godparents are to arrive no later than 7:15 pm. Students are NOT to wear all white dresses or suits.

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RCIA The Elect, along with their godparents/sponsors, are to attend the Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Our Father on **Apr. 6** during the 7 pm vigil (Spanish) or **Apr. 7** during the 10:30 am (English) Masses at QofA.

The Easter Vigil Rehearsal for The Elect and their godparents/sponsors is on Saturday, **Apr. 20** at 11 am in the church. For the 8 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy, the adults and godparents are to arrive no later than 7:15 pm. The RCIA adults are NOT to wear all white dresses or suits.

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

Pastor's Letter

The Gift of Life

For Queen of Apostles, this has been in a providential way, a pro-life week. Last Friday the movie "Unplanned" went to the theaters. On Wednesday, the first Virginia Pro Life March was held. On Saturday, Bishop Burbidge celebrated a Mass For Life at 8:00 am and joined us in praying the Rosary in front of the abortion facility in our parish boundaries. This Sunday, the readings focus on Baptism as the gift of a new life.

I say providential because this coincidence of events stirs the awareness of the tragedy of abortion happening in our own neighborhood. Every week several human persons are killed violating the most sacred sanctuary of human life: the mother's womb. Many women go there in desperation because they don't get other choices but to consent with the sacrifice of their own child, what causes most of the times a wound that will be there for many years or the whole life.

We Catholics, we members of the Queen of Apostles family, stand for life. We approach with mercy abortion victims and we try to bring them to Jesus who is the "resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25). Because this is mercy: the gift of a recovered life and dignity.

This is also clear in the encounter between Jesus and the adulterous woman (Gospel for Cycle C). "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" (Jn 8:4-5). As the Pharisees continued asking him, Jesus said: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (Jn 8:7).

Jesus has mercy on this woman while being faithful to the truth: she committed a grave sin; she is guilty. She is restored to life sparing the stoning and is offered the gift of a new life: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?... 'No one, sir' ... Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (Jn 8:10-11).

When we are baptized we received the gift of a new life, a sharing in God's life and holiness. When we receive the absolution, that gift of a new life is given again to us. It is not a "it will be OK", "Take it easy"... It is the gift of a restored life "Lazarus, come out!" and a call to holiness: "Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (Jn 8:11), "Untie him and let him go" (Jn 11:44).

This is the desired outcome of lent: a new life in holiness: Go, and from now on do not sin any more.

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows by Saint Bonaventure



O most holy virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affections for the passing joys of this earth, I may long for the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforth all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed toward this one most desirable object.

Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God. Amen.

This Week In Our Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7:

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Bánica Mission Breakfast/Bruch Fundraiser
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

Monday, April 8:

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, April 9:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office	5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 10:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-12:30 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, April 11:

Hannan Hall	3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School	9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, April 12:

Church	10:00 am-1:00 pm Covering of Statues
Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour
Church	1:15-2:15 pm School Stations of the Cross
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church	7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13:

Church and School	8:00 am-1:00 pm Family Lenten Retreat
Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.
Parish Office	1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall	6:00-8:00 pm QofA School Sports Banquet
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School	8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

Stations of the Cross Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 pm in the church.

40 Days for Life Vigil Calendar Please sign up to witness! The link for the campaign vigil calendar can be found at 40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns/.

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge can be found on our YouTube page. Please visit youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

Vocations



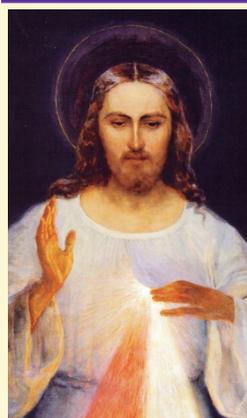
“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday of Lent That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Entering into Holy Week as a Parish Family On Saturday, **Apr. 13**, there will be a morning of reflection for families. The day will begin with 8 am Mass and Rosary in the church, followed by a potluck breakfast and program in the school. We will finish at 1 pm. Adults and any nursing infants will spend the day with Father Javier. There will be catechesis, games, and crafts for the children. To register your family, please go to the parish website. To volunteer to assist with the children's programs, email anne.souser@gmail.com. For those bringing children, please register by 9 am on **Apr. 15**.

KOVAR Collections (Tootsie Roll Campaign) Before and after all Masses this weekend, 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 in advance for your generosity!

All Saints Car Raffle 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. Sales are off to a great start! Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints. Please mail directly to All Saints.



Divine Mercy

“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. Then He said to me, My daughter, fear nothing. I am always with you, even if it seems to you that I am not. Your humility draws Me down from My lofty throne, and I unite Myself closely with you.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1109)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40 (Procession with Palms)

Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11 LK 22:14–23:56

Bánica Mission Breakfast/Brunch Fundraiser this Sunday, April 7 in Hannan Hall After All Masses

Every featuring pancakes, eggs, sausage, pastries, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. A free will donation will be gratefully accepted. Your donations will help buy building supplies to Raise the Roof for a Family in need and build them a brand new home. Thank you for your generous support!

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Women's Group The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **Apr. 10** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The speaker for our meeting is Larry Cirignano, the DC representative for the Children First Foundation. All parishioners are cordially invited.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household to support this appeal to the extent they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. As of **Mar. 28**, Queen of Apostles has reached 71% of our BLA goal, with 23% of parish families having made a pledge. 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.

Saint Stanislaus and Saint Martin I, pray for us.

Run or Walk for a Great Cause Join the Bishop O'Connell High School community in Arlington for the "Better Together" 5K and Family Fun Run on Saturday, **Apr. 13** at 9 am. This professionally-timed race begins and ends in the stadium and passes through the neighborhood streets. Proceeds benefit Expanded Services for students with cognitive and intellectual disabilities at the school. For more information and to register, visit: www.bishopoconnell.org/5K.

Summer Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School Learn more about the Faith by taking a summer course at the Christendom Graduate School! Catechists, DRES schoolteachers, and youth ministers new to our program receive 50% off their first two courses in celebration of our 50th anniversary! Online courses run from **May 13 - Aug. 10**. The six-week session for on-campus courses runs from **Jun. 24 - Aug. 3**. This year we are offering The Synoptic Gospels in a live online format on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm EST. For more information, visit <https://graduate.christendom.edu/>, email us at graduate.school@christendom.edu, or call (703) 658-4304.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Masses this Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7:

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

Monday, April 8:

6:30 am +Purificación Floren
9:00 am +Antonio Sian

Tuesday, April 9:

6:30 am (L) Rolando Qulag
9:00 am +Ophelia Fabric Angcaco

Wednesday, April 10:

6:30 am +Noel Castro
9:00 am +Myrtle Nelson

Saint Stanislaus - Thursday, April 11:

6:30 am (L) Sister Eneyda Martinez
9:00 am +Darryl Kan

Friday, April 12:

6:30 am +Michael Salazar
9:00 am +Leilani Alama

Saint Martin I - Saturday, April 13:

8:00 am (L) Bolivian Social Cultural Foundation
5:00 pm +Julie Barreto
7:00 pm +Mario Orellana Davila

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

Palm Sunday (April 14) Noon Mass Time Changed

Next Sunday, the 12 noon Mass will begin at 12:15 pm in order to accommodate the Palm Sunday procession taking place during the 10:30 am Mass.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

George Cook, Frank Subalusky, Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, 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