

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

O Mary Immaculate Queen, glorious Queen of the Universe, most powerful Virgin, merciful Mother of a merciful God and refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thy Royal and Immaculate Heart. It is through thee that Jesus Christ our King has come into the world to save it. It is also through thee that He is to reign over the world. In order to obtain this great benefit for ourselves and all mankind, we come to thy feet to consecrate to thee our persons, our lives, all that we are, all that we have, all that we love. Keep us, enlighten us, dispose of us, reign over us. May all hearts and all homes willingly proclaim thee as their Immaculate Oueen.

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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



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.



Interested in Becoming Catholic? Are you Missing Sacraments? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initia-

tion into the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is for three groups of adults:

- 1. Those who are not baptized.
- 2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- 3.Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation: those who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays, beginning **Sep. 17**, and in Spanish on Wednesdays, beginning **Sep. 19**, 7:30-9:00 pm. Classes are held at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA). Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org for more information. An inquiry form will be sent. You can also stop by the parish office to complete the form.

For couples 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 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Aug. 26** bulletin is Monday, **Aug. 20** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Praying College Moms is a Catholic 501 (c) 3 religious organization established in 2012 that provides outreach and resources to parents of college-age children, such as a monthly newsletter, information about care packages for students, our *And So We Pray* book series and starting a new PCM group. For additional information about Praying College Moms, visit http://www.prayingcollegemoms.org.

Religious Education Our Religious Education classes for the 2018-2019 begin Sunday, **Sep. 9** at the School with doors opening at 8 am. Please check-in no later than 8:30 am. Classes begin promptly at 9 am. Also, parents of all students have a meeting with the priest at 9 am. Registration is closed to new students in grades 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and high school. Limited space remains in kindergarten and grades 1 and 3. Registration forms are available in the parish office and at https://gueenofapostles.org/religious-education.

Mark your calendars! QofA School students in grade 8 and all RE students in grade 8 and high school are to attend the Saturday, **Dec. 1** retreat, 8:30 am-3:30 pm at QofA.

Tuition, due at the time of registration, may be paid by check or cash. Tuition after **Aug. 1**: \$90 for 1 child; \$140 for 2 children; \$170 for 3 children from the same family. 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 in the school year. A student is to show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Generally, First Penance/First Holy Communion is received in grade 2 and higher. Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher.

Homeschool families with children preparing for Sacraments this school year are asked to contact Susan at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Families with unbaptized children who are under the age of 7 years old should contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism as soon as possible.

Called to be a catechist, aide, volunteer, substitute? Do you have a deep love for the Catholic faith and desire to share it with others? Don't be afraid that you don't know every detail of your faith— part of being a catechist involves an openness to learning as you teach. As a catechist, you make a weekly commitment to guide a class. Our Religious Education Program uses the Faith and Life series which provides calendars, lessons plans, and activities. If interested, please contact Susan at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Those who are 18 years and older are required to have a Virginia Background Check and attend a Virtus seminar. Please contact the parish office.

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

Pastor's Letter

A Five Keyboard Pipe Organ...

If I told you that Queen of Apostles was going to have a new pipe organ that was second to none and utilizing the best technology of the 21st century, your imagination will begin to play organ music in our Church and you will visualize the pipes on our large side walls, converging towards the Sanctuary. And this fantasy will no doubt lift you up almost in an ecstasy, until something pulls you back down... who would pay for it?

Don't worry. That was only an example. But let's use our imagination for things worth more than a new organ.

Mary Queen of Apostles. This is the title with which the parish family honors the Mother of God. On August 15 the Church celebrates the Assumption of our Lady. We look up to see Mary being assumed body and soul into heaven to reign and be our advocate. Looking up we see Mary's holiness, we contemplate the best fruit of humanity and we imagine ourselves sharing her glory, holiness and eternal joy.

Imagination is so important. Imagination stirs the desires which move us to achieve what we imagined. Both imagination and desires have an essential role in our human life. Just as youth imitate their sports or cultural idols, imagining they will eventually become like them, we imagine ourselves holy and unblemished before God as Mary and we imitate her. Let's imagine ourselves as saints in heaven.

But I would like to make another exercise of imagination: what is our Parish called to be? What does Mary want us to achieve?

Months ago a parishioner described our journey as one from Queen of Apartments to a Family of Families. The sense of belonging to a family and the bonds of friendship between our parishioners and their families are hopefully evident, especially after Sunday Masses in the vestibule. The enthusiasm of our Youth was visible the last two Sundays, while the parishioners' generosity, teamed up to support Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Services.

As you may know there is an ambitious plan to renew our Parish Facilities. Not only to update, but to expand to host the many ministries serving our Parish Family. And this is not a fantasy. Imagine the parish life with new meeting rooms, extended office space... and all that with the vision of making our campus more of a home for the parish family. A place where our life as a family blossoms because it is not just about larger facilities.

We are growing our parishioners as a family; we are growing our families to be fully alive; and we are growing our family of families to look up to Mary and after her be holy and immaculate. That's really a heavenly tune.



Prayer to Pope Saint Pius X

Glorious Pope of the Eucharist, Saint Pius X, you sought "to restore all things in Christ". Obtain for me a true love of Jesus so that I may live only for Him. Help me to acquire a lively fervor and a sincere will to strive for sanctity of life, and that I may avail myself of the riches of the Holy Eucharist in sacrifice and sacrament. By your love for Mary, Mother and Queen of all, inflame my heart with tender devotion to her.

Blessed model of the priesthood, obtain for us holy, dedicated priests, and increase vocations to the religious life. Dispel confusion and hatred and anxiety, and incline our hearts to peace and concord. so that all nations will place themselves under the sweet reign of Christ.

Amen.

Saint Pius X, pray for me.

This Week In Our Parish

Mary, Queen of Apostles, August 19:

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social 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, August 20:

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

Tuesday, August 21: No events scheduled

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 22:

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

Thursday, August 23:

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, August 24:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's

Adoration Hour

Hannan Hall 1:30-4:30 pm PTO Used Uniform Sale & Exchange Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Hannan Hall 7:00 pm-12 am GCC Prayer Meeting

Saturday, August 25:

Hannan Hall 8:00 am-10:00 pm Filipino Ministry
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
PSSJ 5:30-7:00 pm Marian Procession
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

Emmaus Join Emmaus, a high school and young college ministry at Queen of Apostles. Emmaus meets with Fr. Juan and other adults on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information, contact Anne at anne.souser@gmail.com, or Susan at sgray@queenofapostles.org or (703) 354-8711.

Thank You The Emmaus youth wish to thank all of the parishioners who contributed to our summer apostolic project by making donations to the Pregnancy and Adoption Support Program of Catholic Charities. We were amazed by your generosity. Many moms and their babies will be helped by your donations.

Saint Bartholomew, pray for us.

Volunteer Position at Christ House Work at Christ House with the program manager on a variety of administrative projects. Basic computer proficiency in Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel, needed. Spanish fluency a plus. Work two four-hour shifts each week, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 am and 4 pm. If interested, please contact Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net.

Vocations

"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in you." Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org

or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at <u>i.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org</u> or (703) 841-2514.

Mary, Queen of Apostles That more men and women will hear God's call in their lives and respond with love for the Savior by following Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Say No to Physician-Assisted Suicide Suicide rates in the U.S. are at a 30-year high. Virginia legislators have asked for a study about whether physician-assisted suicide should be legal in the Commonwealth. A public comment period opens on Aug. 22 and your legislators need to hear from you! Please visit https://bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide on or after Aug. 22 to make your voice heard!

Join the Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life! Each Friday, Aug. 3–Sep. 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!

Humanae Vitae & Fifty Years St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish invites you to their "Humanae Vitae & Fifty Years" Conference on **Sep. 8**. Take a serious look at the impact of this encyclical by Pope Blessed Paul VI on marriage, the family and the nation. Speakers: Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Dr. Robert Royal and Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Gerri Laird. Holy Mass at 9 am, conference 9:45 am-2 pm. RSVP at www.straymonds.org/humanae-vitae-conference. For more information, contact St. Raymond's Parish at (703) 440-0535 or offitee@straymonds.org.



Divine Mercy

"Oh, how painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls, and they are indifferent toward Me. I love them tenderly and sincerely, and they distrust Me. I want to lavish My graces on them, and they do not want to accept them. They treat Me as a dead object, whereas My Heart is full of love and mercy. In order that you may know at least some of My pain, imagine the most tender of mothers who has great

love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a pale image and likeness of My love."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1447)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2A. 15-17. 18B Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 OR 5:2A, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69



Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers Adorers are urgently needed Monday 1-2 pm, Thursaday 2-3 pm, and Friday 3-4 pm. Please contact Rosalie Mainey at rosalieam@msn.com if you can

support any of these hours.

Fr. Juan's Farewell Reception We hope you will join us next Sunday, Aug. 26, from 3 to 6 pm in the school gym to say goodbye to Fr. Juan, who leaves for Denver at the end of the month. For four years, Fr. Juan has served as chaplain for the school, he has directed the parish religious education program, and he has rejuvenated the parish youth programs under the vision of the Disciples. But more than anything, he was a friend, mentor, and spiritual guide to hundreds of parishioners who will miss him greatly. The reception will be an open house, so no RSVP is required. If you are willing to contribute a dish or volunteer for the reception, please sign up at: www.queenofapostles.org/fr-juan-farewell.



"Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother

gives equal praise to the Son."

- Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Music Ministry - Volunteer Help Needed The Department of Music Ministry is seeking volunteers that are willing to help with consistent filing, organizing, and other administrative tasks. This would be a wonderful fit for a mature student with availability after school, a retired parishioner with flexible daytime availability, or someone with flexible work hours. No Music experience necessary.

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 School. Classes begin in September. Register on Aug. 27 and 29 at Queen of Apostles School between 7 and 9 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 Reina de los Apóstoles. Clases empiezan en septiembre. Inscribase el 27 y 29 de Agosto en la Escuela Reina de los Apóstoles. Para más información, por favor llame a Hogar Immigrant Services al (571) 208-1572.

Mary, Queen of Apostles Masses this Week

Mary, Queen of Apostles - August 19:

7:30 am (L) Arlene Caporiccio Ball 9:00 am

(L) Regina Solano, Luis Villalobos, and Amarilis Arjuello

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +Dennis Mondoro

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux - Monday, August 20:

6:30 am +Paul Cook

9:00 am +Lesly Cortes Coronado

Saint Pius X - Tuesday, August 21:

6:30 am (L) Gertrud Thurau 9:00 am +Lesly Cortez Coronado

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 22:

6:30 am

+Feliberta Belzarena 9:00 am (L) Grace Ruivivar

Saint Rose of Lima - Thursday, August 23:

6:30 am +Lucius N. Riley 9:00 am +Margard Hyde Barry

Saint Bartholomew - Friday, August 24:

+William Thomas Berry 6:30 am

9:00 am +John Michael Kelly and Family

Saint Joseph Calasanz - Saturday, August 25:

(L) Frank Marciniak 8:00 am ma 00:3 +Paul T. Michael

7:00 pm +Lusiho Escudero Rodas

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 26:

7:30 am (L) Chris Cook 9:00 am +Roy Kasenge

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

+Joseph Covas 12:00 pm



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill Pedro Baiza, Gabriel Carreon, Kevin Bonko, Sesario Alvarez, Daniel O'Donohue, Jean McDermott, BettyJo Lash, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Margaret Cihak, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Peter Lor, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, 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 León-Duarte, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spraht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo