

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-8711 [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org)

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2, 2020**



## CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor  
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon  
2:00 pm GCC Mass  
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am  
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent  
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent  
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm  
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm



## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY*

4409 Sano Street  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
[www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org)

School Office Hours (Summer):  
Mon-Fri: 9am–12pm and by appointment

### STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal  
Maria Fox, Secretary

Phone: (703) 354-0714



*With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.*

*Est. 1966*



## 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 Street (next to the church). Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by calling (703) 354-8711 #10, or e-mailing [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org)

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, Pray for us!*



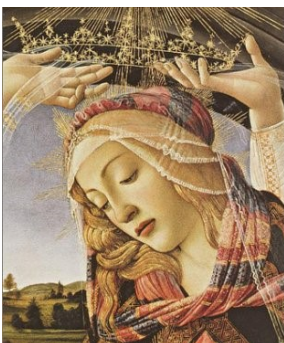
## SCHOOL NURSE NEEDED

Queen of Apostles Catholic School (K-8) is seeking a part-time school nurse. Applicants must be able to provide clinic assistance during school hours. Please send a resume to Anne Arias at [principal@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:principal@queenofapostlesschool.org)

**Pro-Life Group** Queen of Apostles will have our next Pro-Life Rosary at 5999 Stevenson Ave on **Sat., August 15, at 9am** immediately following 8 am Mass. This is the DaVita building across the street from the old Landmark Towers location. While this is our next official meeting time, we encourage everyone to join the Knights of Columbus in praying every Saturday if you can.



## Get involved with Queen of Apostles Young Adults!



Our mission is to inspire single and married young adults, ages 18-39, to answer the universal call to sainthood through fellowship and formation.

We are starting our first Zoom Bible Study! The topic is **The Bible and the Virgin Mary** with Dr. Scott Hahn. We will hold the Bible Study every Tuesday at 6pm.

For more information or to get added to our list, contact John Cosgayon at 571-265-9208 or [jncos95@outlook.com](mailto:jncos95@outlook.com)

## Help Children Encounter Christ - Become a Catechist



**CATECHIST WANTED!**

For the 2020-2021 Religious Education school year, we are seeking practicing Catholics who love the faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth, kindergarten - high school. Catechists are to 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 on Sunday mornings, **Sept 13, 2020 - May 30, 2021**. Training and professional development opportunities will be offered. A background check and attendance at a Virtus seminar are required. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus and serve as a disciple by helping teach the faith. Additional volunteers are needed to comply with safety procedures. Can you help us? Please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 #16 or [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org)

## Pick up your Sacrament Certificates!

Sacrament certificates are available for pickup from the parish office (4329 Sano St). Students and adults who were baptized, confirmed, or received Holy Communion in May and June 2020 are to visit the office, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-5pm.



## Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 Queen of Apostles Religious Education school is now open to students in kindergarten (age 5) through high school! Expect the RE school year to begin on Sunday, **Sept 13, 2020** with doors opening at **8:00 a.m.** and classes from **9:00-10:15 a.m.** New students are to provide birth and baptismal certificates. Class size limited. Parishioners and returning students have priority until Aug. 1. Visit our Parish website [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org) (Youth and Family > Religious Education) or go to <https://rb.gv/baixkk> to register.



**SCAN ME**

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

This week has been one of great joy and excitement for me and for our entire parish community. We have united as a parish and as a universal church, which in communion with the Pope, through our bishop, has been able to live that connection of faith. The installation of a new pastor is not a simple ceremony, but is much more than that. It is the ceremony in which the bishop gives the care of souls to the new pastor, with the responsibility of directing them towards heaven, making unity in the whole parish. We were blessed that this ceremony was presided over by our Bishop Michael Burbidge, who in his homily, encouraged all of us, not only me as his new pastor. He invited us to be a united community that evangelize, and seeks to grow more in faith and love for gospel. We had the beautiful presence of more than 18 priests from our diocese, who made more present in the celebration the life of faith and communion. Many of them have great love for this parish because they have worked here before and have fond memories of many of you. Blessed be God for all of them and for their priestly ministry.

I thank everyone for their hard work, particularly the volunteers, as it showed the unity we have. I thank the Staff who certainly worked more than usual preparing everything, down to the smallest detail. Truly, thank you for your hard work and your love for the parish.

I want to repeat in this letter the same words I said last Monday in my remarks of thanks, and I deeply reaffirm my commitment to all of you; I want to be a sign of unity and communion. Father Rampino and I together will carry out a commitment of faith and love for the Church. We are and will always seek to be a team for God, a team of grace to guide you to heaven. I ask God for the humility to carry out this noble task, to walk ahead to guide you, to walk together with you to accompany you as a brother and as a friend, and to walk back to lift you up when you fall. Father Rampino and I, ask for your prayers today, that we might do the best that is within our reach, for together shoulder to shoulder, we will always seek the sanctification of this parish.

We entrust ourselves to your prayers, that under the intercession of our Mother the Queen of the Apostles we can all complete this great challenge.

***Fr. Alexander Diaz***  
**Pastor**



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To join *Faith Direct*, simply focus your phone camera on this QR code! You can also visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and enroll online using our Parish code: VA234



## This Week In Our Parish

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2:

8:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
12:00pm	Mass
2:00 pm	GCC Mass

### Monday, August 3:

8:00 am	Mass
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### St. John Vianney - August 4:

8:00 am	Mass
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### Wednesday, August 5:

8:00 am	Mass
8:30 - 9am	Confession
8:30am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursday, August 6:

8:00 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Confession
7:00-8pm	Holy Hour

### Friday, August 7:

8:00 am	Mass
6:30 pm	Confession

### St. Dominic- Saturday, August 8:

8:00 am	Mass
3:30 pm	Confession
7:00 pm	Spanish Mass
8:00 pm	Emmaus Meeting

## AUGUST: MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life.

### *Prayer to the Immaculate Heart*



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly splendor of the Father, You are the most valued Heavenly treasure. New Eve, immaculate in soul, body, and spirit, You are the spiritual Mother of mankind. Pure Virgin, full of grace, Your whole being was raised to Heavenly glory to be elevated above all the hosts within God's Kingdom. O Heavenly Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, You who continuously intercedes on our behalf, please present our needs before your loving Son Jesus. Amen.  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!*

**In a Sacramental Marriage?** For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please call the parish office at 703-354-8711 ext. 10 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

**Local Musicians Lead Praise and Worship Holy Hour** Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at **St. Leo the Great Catholic Church** in Fairfax from **7:30-8:30 p.m.** Holy Hour on **Tuesday, August 11** will feature popular musical artist Kenny Kohlhaas. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. Confession will be available. All are welcome so please bring a friend. To learn more visit [arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/) or email [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

**Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?** Were you married in 1970 or 1995? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2020 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 4th** at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact the parish office to register no later than **September 18th**. For more info, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/2018-marriage-jubilee-mass/>

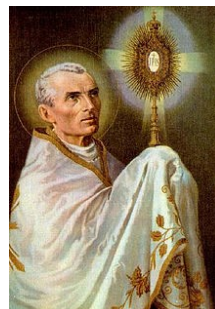


**2020 Respect Life Conference** The Diocese of Arlington Respect Life conference will be **September 12, 2020** from **8am-12:30pm** at **Holy Spirit Parish** in Annandale. Come for an assessment of current and potential threats to human life and dignity, as well as suggestions for effective practical grassroots response. Speakers include Victoria Cobb, President of the Family Foundation, Olivia Gans Turner, President of the Virginia Society for Human Life, and Jeff Caruso, Executive Director of VA Catholic Conference. Visit [arlingtondiocese.org/rlc](http://arlingtondiocese.org/rlc) to register. The registration cost is \$10.



*“Hear Mass daily; it will prosper the whole day. All your duties will be performed the better for it, and your soul will be stronger to bear its daily cross. The Mass is the most holy act of religion; you can do nothing that can give greater glory to God or be more profitable for your soul than to hear Mass both frequently and devoutly. It is the favorite devotion of the saints.”*

**- St. Peter Julian Eymard**  
**Feast Day: August 2**



# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Purpose of the Miracle

Fr. Joseph Rampino

It may be that there are no miracles in the life of Christ more famous than the feeding of the multitude. We know well the scene, Christ sitting above the crowds, concerned for their well-being, taking the little they possess, and with a blessing, using it to more than satisfy their hunger.

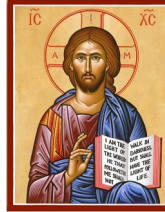
We also know many of the lessons this miracle teaches. It shows that we should not be afraid to offer God what we have, no matter how small and ineffective it might seem to us. It reminds us that when Christ cares for us, He does not provide merely what we need, as though He were reluctantly measuring out grace, grain by grain, but that He gives in overabundance, more than we could ever need, receive, or understand.

But why does Christ perform this miracle in the first place? The disciples originally ask Him to send the people away so that they can provide for themselves. The people in this passage are not starving, or without other options. The only reason they cannot go find food is that the Lord wants to keep them close to Him. The miracle becomes necessary because the Lord does not want the crowds to leave. He must feed them miraculously because He wants to continue this moment of friendship with the people.

Christ still wants us to stay close to Him. He does not want our relationship with Him to be something that happens on Sunday, or at the beginning and end of the day, something outside the rest of our "normal" life. He knows that we need Him in everything, and He wants to meet that need of our souls, even if we aren't quite aware of it yet. To make Christ truly the center of our lives and to live every moment with Him requires trusting that He will care and provide for us. The great miracle



of feeding the multitude assures us that He will indeed do so, and that we have nothing to fear in offering ourselves entirely to His Sacred Heart.



## Vocations

If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or

write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves!'" - MATTHEW 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

**Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics** Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats, which include Holy Mass, talk, prayer, and Benediction. The next morning of Mercy will be **August 8** at **Blessed Sacrament Parish** in Alexandria from **8:30–11:30 am**. These retreats are free, and you can register at [arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy](http://arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy)

*"We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives."- St. John Vianney*

**Wednesday Adoration** Every Wednesday, from **8:30am-8pm**, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the main sanctuary. Please make an effort to spent time with our Lord in prayer! Confessions are available immediately following Exposition.



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

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, 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, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Joseph Manson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles