

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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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



Oueen 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 **Sep. 2** and **Sep. 9** bulletins is Monday, **Aug. 27** by 9 am. (Please note the early deadline for the **Sep. 9** bulletin.) Email all 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 Queen of Apostles Religious Education classes for the **2018-19** begin on Sunday, **Sep. 9** at the School (4409 Sano Street) with doors opening at 8 am. Please check-in no later than 8:30 am. Classes begin promptly at 9 am. Parents of all students have a meeting with the priest at 9 am. Registration is closed to new students in grades 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and high school. Limited space remains in kindergarten and grades 1, 3 and 6. Registration forms are available in the parish office and at https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education.

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.

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.

RE, Ghanaian Catholic Community, and homeschool students in grades 8 and high school who are Baptized and received Communion, and their parents are to attend a meeting about the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, **Sep. 24** at 6:30 pm in Hannan Hall.

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.

Thank you to our **2018-19** catechists, aides, and volunteers for your generosity of time and your dedication to the faith formation of our youth. A Blessing of Catechists is scheduled for **Sep. 16** which is Catechetical Sunday.

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

Pastor's Letter

Time of Crisis...

In this Sunday's Gospel we read the scene of what some scholars call the "Galilean crisis". After revealing the Mystery of the Eucharist, there was a big crisis: "As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:66-68).

Yes, our Church is facing a big crisis, even bigger than that of 2002. It is a time of crisis. Yes. But, to whom shall we go?

This Sunday we will have the reception to thank Father Juan Espino for his ministry to QofA family and to wish him abundant fruit in his new mission. Time of crisis, and a time for priestly holiness to shine forth more brightly. And this is our greatest gratitude to God for Fr. Juan's ministry's: the gratitude because through his humble ministry, his hard work, and his priestly zeal he has helped all of us to grow closer to Jesus. This is our response in this time of Crisis.

These days I recalled Pope Benedict XVI's words on the closure of the "Year for the priest":

God makes use of us poor men in order to be, through us, present to all men and women, and to act on their behalf. This audacity of God who entrusts himself to human beings – who, conscious of our weaknesses, nonetheless considers men capable of acting and being present in his stead – this audacity of God is the true grandeur concealed in the word "priesthood".

It was to be expected that this new radiance of the priesthood would not be pleasing to the "enemy"; he would have rather preferred to see it disappear, so that God would ultimately be driven out of the world. And so it happened that, in this very year of joy for the sacrament of the priesthood, the sins of priests came to light – particularly the abuse of the little ones, in which the priesthood, whose task is to manifest God's concern for our good, turns into its very opposite (June 11, 2010).

Bishop Burbidge also states in a letter to the faithful which you have attached in this bulletin, "This crisis, however, is not only about policies — it is about evil". Yes it is a time of crisis, a time for holiness.

Let's pray Mary, Mother of the priests, to make shine forth priestly holiness.

Amen.



Petitions of Saint Augustine

Lord Jesus, let me know myself; let me know You. And desire nothing else but You.

Let me hate myself and love You. And do all things for Your sake.

Let me humble myself and exult You. And think nothing else but You.

Let me die to myself and live in You. And take whatever happens as coming from You.

Let me forsake myself and walk after You. And ever desire to follow You.

Let me flee from myself and turn to You. That so I may merit to be defended by You.

Let me fear for myself, let me fear You. And be among those that are chosen by You.

Let me distrust myself and trust in You. And ever obey for the love of You.

Let me cleave to nothing but You. And ever be poor because of You.

Look upon me that I may love You.

Call me, that I may see You.

And forever possess You, for all eternity.

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 26:

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

School 3:00-6:00 pm Fr. Juan's Farewell Reception

Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, August 27:

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

Tuesday, August 28:

No events scheduled

Wednesday, August 29:

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

Thursday, August 30:

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, August 31:

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

Adoration Hour

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, September 1:

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

Fr. Juan's Farewell Reception We hope you will join us this 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.

Emmaus Join Emmaus, a high school and young college ministry at Queen of Apostles, on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer.

Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Mass The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, will take place on Tuesday, Sep. 4 at 6:30 pm in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NE). Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, will be the main celebrant. For more information about Father Capodanno and the Mass, visit www.CapodannoGuild.org. There will be open seating, so please plan to arrive early. If reserved parking is necessary for our disabled attendees, please email mpreece@milarch.org. Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians.

Vocations

"Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Juan at gen-eral@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe

at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time That, trusting in Christ's words to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will recognize the gift of their call and follow Him faithfully, 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!

"Don't hold yourselves cheap, seeing that the Creator of all things and of you estimates your value so high, so dear, that He pours out for you every day the most precious blood of His only-begotten Son." - St. Augustine

Join the Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life! The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, Aug. 3–Sep. 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Visit 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

"My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please Me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My Majesty."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1512)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture Readings for Next Week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
Jas 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers Adorers are urgently needed on Thursday 2-3 pm. Please email Rosalie Mainey at rosalieam@msn.com if you can support this hour.

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. Inscríbase 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.

Weekend of Prayer for Faith, Hope, and Life The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's National Weekend of Prayer for Faith, Hope, & Life is an annual event around World Suicide Prevention Day. On this weekend (Sep. 7-9), faith communities all around the country pledge to join in prayer for those who are struggling with suicidal behavior, those who support them, and for all those who have been touched by suicide. Visit the Faith.Hope.Life campaign website (www.faith-hope-life.org) for more information.

May God Bless You On Your New Assignment Fr. Juan!

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Thank you for being a blessing to all of us at Queen of Apostles Parish and School!

We will keep you in our prayers!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

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

12:00 pm +Joseph Covas

Saint Monica - Monday, August 27:

6:30 am +Mary Van Berkum 9:00 am +Linda Joven

Saint Augustine - Tuesday, August 28:

6:30 am +Ferdinand Cariaso 9:00 am +Sandra Kay Million

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Wednesday, August 29:

6:30 am +Fidel and Irene Mercado 9:00 am +Sr. M. Lawrence Nypaver

Thursday, August 30:

6:30 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach 9:00 am (L) Pat and Mary Moran 60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, August 31:

6:30 am +Gloria and Grace Duarte

9:00 am (L) Marvin Dix

Saturday, September 1:

8:00 am +Rhoda Mae Sacra 5:00 pm +Paul T. Michael 7:00 pm (L) Patty Rodgers

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 2:

7:30 am +Rusty Adams 9:00 am +Dolores Perez

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm (L) Lucia Hesless



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