

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9, 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*

# PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

May the joy of the risen Jesus be with all of you, I hope you are well, healthy, hopeful, and desire to continue growing in grace and holiness.

Like every week, I want to start this letter with a short reflection on the Gospel and then talk about our parish.

This weekend's Gospel is fascinating and gives a lot to talk about and meditate. Jesus gives His disciples a lesson of faith, terrified by the storm and the darkness in the middle of the sea; they cannot recognize Him. Their hearts and eyes are blind with fear. Many of us in these difficult times also feel those same feelings and doubts. Fear makes us stagnate and even lose hope, I know that many are depressed, and I ask God to soon get us out of this storm we are going through. Given all this, we must recognize the Lord amid everything difficult. He is here. His word takes us out of the paralysis of fear. If we trust Him fully, he gives us the ability to walk on the difficulties and problems we have very large that these are. He always listens to our prayer and helps us.

Next week we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year the celebration will be different because the solemnity is on Saturday. We will have a Spanish Mass on the 14th the day before, and on the 15th at 8:00 am, and 12:00 noon, for all those who wish to participate, I remind you that if you cannot come, the Bishop still allows the faithful to follow the Mass on social networks. This year we will not have the procession from previous years with the representation of Marian Advocates. I am very sorry not to be able to do it, but I prefer not to put anyone at risk. Let us ask Our Mother to help us overcome this situation soon. Also, this week, I have sent a letter to the Bishop requesting his permission to establish August 22 as our feast day on the day set by the church. I hope the Bishop's approval is positive.

On another note, please pray for our parish school, for the teachers, and the students. This year will be a great challenge due to the pandemic. Catholic schools will teach almost regularly, and I say almost because some things will not be done as usual. Therefore, to protect the children, the school will be closed to any individual who is not part of the staff, and we will have to take strict measures to keep the facility disinfected as much as possible. I ask parents for understanding and trust because we try to do everything in our control; I know that some parents have decided not to send their children this year to our school, for these reasons, believe me, I understand you. I reaffirm my spiritual support and my prayers, and I hope you will come back after all this is over.

As announced last week, starting on the 16th of this month we will open a new Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 1:30 in the afternoon, with the aim that many of our parishioners come back to their parish, I have noticed that many go to other neighboring churches. I think it is not fair that this happens because they are parishioners who live within our boundaries; I ask for your support to make this a success. In the same way, I inform you that the baptisms for September will no longer be celebrated on Sundays, but on Saturdays at 10:30 am, so that there is more time for this celebration.



*“Jesus said, 'Come.' Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but then noticing the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord,' he cried, 'save me!' Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'You have so little faith,' he said, 'why did*

Finally, I want to encourage those who have a vocation for teaching to help us as catechists in our Religious Education program. We need catechists committed to planting the seed of faith in our children and youth's hearts. If you have the time and are willing to help, please reach out to our Director of Religious Education. Your help is of great support to our parish.

I hope you have a blessed weekend, I have you in my prayers, and I ask for your prayers to carry out this mission with joy.

**Fr. Alex Diaz**

**Pastor**

## Photos from Fr. Diaz's Pastor Installation Mass—July 27, 2020



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## Masses This Week

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9:

8:00 am +Dom Ja  
10:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners  
12:00pm +Christina Lynem

### St. Lawrence - Monday, August 10:

8:00 am +Carl and Mary Novak

### St. Clare - August 11:

8:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

### St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Wed., August 12:

8:00 am (L) Joseph Lynem & Milan Nguyen

### Thursday, August 13:

8:00 am +John Elliott Pemberton

### St. Maximilian Kolbe - Friday, August 14:

8:00 am +Henry Van Leuven  
5:00 pm (L) Will Scheib  
7:00 pm (L) Joanna Paniagua

### Assumption - Saturday, August 15:

8:00 am +Anne Hughes  
12:00 pm +Alejandro Delgado  
7:00 pm +Mercedes Paolo Merino

*\*Please note that Mass intentions not listed will be said at private Masses said by our priests. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please call the parish office with any questions.\**

*“When the soul reflects on the fact that it has given itself to the Immaculate, and that whatever happens to it occurs by her will, it is filled with a very great peace.”*

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

### 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. Visit our Parish website [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org) (Youth and Family > Religious Education) or go to <https://rb.gv/baixkk> to register.

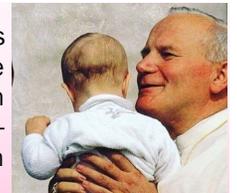


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### Pro-Life Group

Queen of Apostles will have our next Pro-Life Rosary outside the abortion clinic at 5999 Stevenson Ave this **Sat., August 15**, at **9am** immediately following the 8 am Mass. Please join us!

*“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception. Christ is with you: be not afraid!” - St. John Paul II*



# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—AUGUST 15, 2020

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday, August 14th: Vigil Masses at 5PM & 7PM (Spanish)

Saturday, August 15th: Mass at 8AM, 12 NOON



## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Fr. Rampino

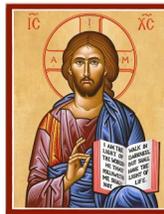
*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Fear and Faith*

Both the first reading and the Gospel given to us by the Church this Sunday teach us something of the Lord's logic, something that does not match our human way of thinking at all. We find, in both passages, the way in which the Lord wishes to reveal Himself. In the first reading, we hear that the Lord shows Himself to Elijah not in the fire or earthquake, but in the still small voice. In the Gospel, Christ calls Peter out onto the water, where Peter will have to ignore the wind and the waves in order to reach the Lord.

Peter, of course, gets distracted from the face of Christ, and as He is absorbed by all the chaos around Him, He begins to sink. The upheaval of the outside world breaks His focus on the Lord, and the immediate result is the inability to walk closer to Him. Yet it is not simply the external storm that sinks Peter. He carries a storm within himself as well, as we can see from other moments in his life. We will in fact see during the Lord's Passion that it takes much less than wind and rain to frighten Peter- one question from the servant girl of the high priest leads him to deny Jesus. This is possible because he is not calm and settled in spirit, assured of the Lord's love and care. Because his soul is still tossed about by doubts, anything external can bring him to a fall.

So also with us. Christ invites us to believe more deeply in His love and providential care, and so to possess an interior calm. This peace of soul is that which allows us to quiet the ravaging voices of the ever-insistent world, and listen instead to the quiet voice of divine wisdom. We were meant to engage the stormy world around us with the love of Christ, not be dragged around by its turbulent whims and fears. For this reason we must ask and allow Jesus to quiet the storm within each of us by His grace, so that we might listen with love for His words.

Furthermore, this Gospel reminds us that we, as Christians, do not consult the storms and loud noises of the world when seeking wisdom. The Lord does not often dwell in that which is wild and tumultuous, in the issues of the moment, in trends, panics, slogans, or movements. His quiet, sovereign voice speaks to those who seek Him for His own sake. The Lord does have something to say to all of the trials, preoccupations, and crises of the present moment, but He does not often reveal Himself to those consumed by the noise of the world's storm. He is the God of eternal peace, not of rebellion. If we refuse to turn aside from Christ to lose ourselves in the world's madness, we will find ourselves uniquely able to bring divine help to bear on the world's needs, and without losing the peace that unites us to the One who alone lasts.



## Vocations

"Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!" If the Lord truly calls you, what you need is trust. Are you called to lead the Lord's people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or

write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

## Help Children Encounter Christ - Become a Catechist

For the 2020-2021 Religious Education school year, we are seeking practicing Catholics who 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) 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



**CATECHIST  
WANTED!**



## 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, Maryann McNutt