



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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CLERGY

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Pastor
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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 7:00 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, on **Monday, December 9**. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm.

Religious Education will not meet **Dec 1**. If you have a tuition balance, please come to the parish office by **Dec 2** to pay your balance by cash or check. The patron saint report/poster is due **Dec 8** from students in grade 8-high school who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation. The registration form and fee from baptized students in grade 2 and above who desire the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are due **Dec 8**. The Rite of Acceptance for unbaptized students is Sun, **Dec 1** during the 10:30am Mass. Students and their godparents are to attend and sit in the first row closest to the Presider's Chair. RE classes will not meet on **Dec 22** and **29**. Classes resume on **Jan 5, 2020**.

RCIA RCIA students are to attend The Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming on **Sat, Nov 30** at 7pm Mass (Spanish) or **Sun, Dec 1** at 10:30am Mass (English). The RCIA inquirers/catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized) are to attend with their godparents/sponsors, if possible. Please sit in the first row closest to the Presider's Chair. RCIA attendees who have not yet submitted birth (and as applicable, baptismal and marriage) certificates are asked to do so by **Dec. 2**. Baptismal certificates must be dated in the last 6 months. RCIA classes will not meet on **Dec 23** and **30**. Classes resume on **Jan 6, 2020**.

Simbang Gabi On **Dec. 20** at 7:00 pm, Queen of Apostles will host *Simbang Gabi*, a 9 day novena Mass to the Blessed Mother which begins on Dec 15 and ends on Dec 23. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow in Hannan Hall after the Mass. We are seeking donors for food and in kind and also for volunteers. Please contact Nenita de Guzman at n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org of the Parish office or Cheryl Madlansacay (703) 333.2809 or Lorynie Altejar at lattejar@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 8** bulletin is **Dec. 2**. Please email announcements to general@queenofapostles.org

Christmas Bazaar The Women's Group will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar featuring gift items, baked goods and jewelry after all masses on **Sunday, Dec. 8th**. The sale will be held in Hannan Hall. We hope to see you there!

To Progress in Love: Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Spanish Queen of Apostles invites you to a weekend of Spiritual Exercises led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM that seeks to foster spiritual growth and an intimate encounter with God through reflections and contemplation in the silence of prayers. It is a three day retreat held in Spanish at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center from **Feb. 13 - Feb.16, 2020**. Registration is now open. Please consider signing up early as spots fill up quickly by calling the Parish office at 703-354-8711.



Vocations Crucifix Families at Queen of Apostles are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week. The Vocations Crucifix Program is a means of developing prayer and devotion among our parish families, the seed beds of vocations. To sign-up, please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

Penance Service There will be a Penance service with the regular Holy Hour on **Dec. 19** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to receive the graces of the Sacrament just in time for Christmas.

Parish Office Closure The Parish Office will be closed from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm on **Tuesday, Dec. 3** for the Staff Advent Retreat.

Be an Angel, Help a Child The Advent Angel Tree will be set up in the back of the church beginning **Dec. 1**. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church the weekend of **Dec. 14 & 15**. This year we will be accepting clothing, books and educational toys/games only. No gift cards, please. Gifts returned earlier than Dec. 14 need to be brought directly to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in bringing the joy of Christmas to a child in need this year.

Pastor's Letter

Advent

Time of hope.
Time of silence.
Time to nourish interior life.
Time of conversion.



The Church invites us today to enter this new liturgical year, this Advent season, with a heart filled with hope. We will walk alongside the prophets as they lift up our hearts to await and desire the coming of our Messiah, our Redeemer. We may be tempted to jump into these weeks ready to write and check off many lists. It is a powerful temptation and, to some extent, an easier approach to living this season than what it is truly meant to be. The Diocese of Arlington is proposing a great endeavor for this time: Just One Yes. It would be a great way to live this beautiful time. Yes to moments of silence. Yes to an hour of prayer. Yes to reading scripture, to striving daily for one act of mortification for the purification of our desires, and to being ready to serve.

Let us learn again during this season of Advent that it is all about the action of God. It is God who wants to act. He wants to come save us. It is about Jesus who comes to restore the plan of God in our heart. Mary, the woman of hope, of silence, of the interior life, is the woman of Advent. Let us turn to our Queen so that we may be ready to receive the Word of God in our heart. In Mary, it is easy to see her Spirit of poverty and total dependence in God. Let us be on our way as the great Family of families that we are.

I continue to give thanks to God for all of you who have already said 'yes' to helping with the Capital Campaign. We are all benefitting from the changes that have been done thanks to the generosity of many parishioners – especially the new HVAC units and the small upgrades in the men's room and the ladies' room in the vestibule. Thanks to all those who have participated in the phone-a-thon. It is neat to see new friendships spark among parishioners who previously did not know each other. Thank you for your continued prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe "La Emperatriz De America"

Please join us in celebrating the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe with Novena, Mañanitas, Mass and a special celebration.

Novena prayer : From **Dec. 3-11** (12/3: 7:00 pm., 12/4: 7:00 pm., 12/05: 7:00 pm., 12/06: 7:00 pm., 12/7: 6:30 pm.; 12/8: 7 pm., 12/9: 6:30 pm., 12/10: 7 pm., 12/11: 7 pm.)

Mañanitas : Thursday, **Dec. 12: 5:00 am**. There will be an opportunity to bless images or our lady. A delicious breakfast will follow in Hannan Hall.

Bilingual High Mass: Thursday, **Dec. 12: 7:00 pm**. Representation of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe at **6:00 pm.**, children are encouraged to wear their cultural attire. There will be a reception in Hannan Hall after the Mass. The Mariachi will join us



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monteroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, George and Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, 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, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Michael Black, Delaney Liskey, Dean Richardson, Margaret Fiore, Mr. and Mrs. Cervantes

This Week In Our Parish

First Sunday of Advent, December 1:

School Gym 11:30 am-7pm CYO Basketball
 Hannan Hall 2:00 pm-5:30pm Ghana Group

Monday, December 2:

Hannan Hall 3:30-6:00 pm Nazareth
 Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
 Parish Center & Notre Dame 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, December 3:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Adult Bible Study
 Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
 Parish Center 5:45-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study
 All Saints Hall 6:00-8:00pm Capital Campaign
 Phone-a-thon
 Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice
 Church 7:00-7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Novena Prayers

Wednesday, December 4:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
 Church 7:00-7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Novena Prayers

Thursday, December 5:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
 Church 7:00-7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Novena Prayers
 Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, December 6:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 School 6:00-8:00pm Open Gym
 Church 7:00-7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Novena Prayers
 Hannan Hall 5:00-8:30 pm St. Ann's Group Potluck
 Church 9:00pm-8:00am First Friday Prayer Vigil

Saturday, December 7:

Parish Center 12:00-5:00 pm Christian Life Program
 School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
 School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
 Church 7:00-7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Novena Prayers
 Notre Dame Graduate School 8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

Love and Mercy: Faustina Movie If you missed the Oct 28 showing of "Love and Mercy: Faustina.", area theaters will again show the docudrama on **Mon, Dec. 2 at 7pm.**

First Sunday of Advent Masses this Week

First Sunday of Advent, December 1:

7:30 am +Carlos Suarez
 9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen
 10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm +Alice Jean Christman

Monday, December 2:

6:30 am + John Balzano
 9:00 am + Kevin Bonko

Tuesday, December 3:

6:30 am +Ruby Guia
 9:00 am +Jack Doyle

Wednesday, December 4:

6:30 am +Tomasita Lamberty
 9:00 am +Kevin Bonko

Thursday, December 5:

6:30 am +Harold Baker
 9:00 am +Rhodora Abenis Lacay

Friday, December 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis
 9:00 am (L) James Saunders and Reynaldo Leon-Cor

Saturday, December 7:

8:00 am (L) Katherine Barnoski
 5:00 pm +Nestor Zapata
 7:00 pm +Guillermina Mora

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8:

7:30 am (L) Fidel and Nenita De Guzman
 9:00 am +Christina Lynem
 10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm +Else Ryan

Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours of need! Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day, Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:



- **Wed. 12 midnight-1 am *Critical need for a permanent adorer*** Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- **Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-5 pm; Thurs 3-4 pm; Fri 2-3 pm *Critical need for a permanent adorer** Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need



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 of the parish by calling (703) 354-8711, or e-mailing general@queenofapostles.org



PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 7-8, 2019

“... and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because **there was no room for them in the inn.**”

Luke 2:7



In Virginia
18,577
children are homeless.

Source: U.S. Department of Education

Matthew and Lucy were two of them.

The toddlers slept in their car with their mom, Sarah, then in a domestic violence shelter. Traumatized and with nowhere else to go, they turned to Catholic Charities.



Our St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Housing offered Sarah and her kids a safe haven and a better future.

They moved into a freshly painted St. Margaret's apartment the kids called “the blue house.” Counseling and art therapy returned smiles to their faces. Child care allowed Sarah to attend classes and start a new job.

Now, the family has moved to their own home the kids call their new “blue house.”

Sarah remembers when she was a child her grandmother gave regularly to Catholic Charities with no idea that decades later her granddaughter and great-grandchildren would need our help.



***I thank God!
Catholic Charities gave
me hope. I will be
forever grateful.***

- Sarah



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The guiding theme for our 2019 diocesan Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is *“With Love and Charity.”* This theme is lived out daily through the good works Catholic Charities provides to the vulnerable within the Diocese of Arlington.

As we prepare to celebrate Our Lord’s birth, I encourage you to help share the love of Christ with our neighbors and to support and accompany them during their times of struggle. On the weekend of *December 7 and 8*, please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Parish Christmas Collection. Your gift enables our diocese to support thousands of men, women, and families who are cared for every day by Catholic Charities. Through love and charity and with God’s grace, we can manifest His presence in our midst.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family during this sacred Season of Advent. May Our Lord Jesus bless you with His peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Your gift of **\$100** will stabilize one family through crisis management in their first week at St. Margaret of Cortona.



Your gift of **\$1,000** will furnish their apartment.

If you can give **\$10,000**, it will provide this family with one full year of housing, counseling, job training and child care to start and flourish in their new life.

Ending homelessness is just one way Catholic Charities cares for the poor and vulnerable. Your gift will also help:

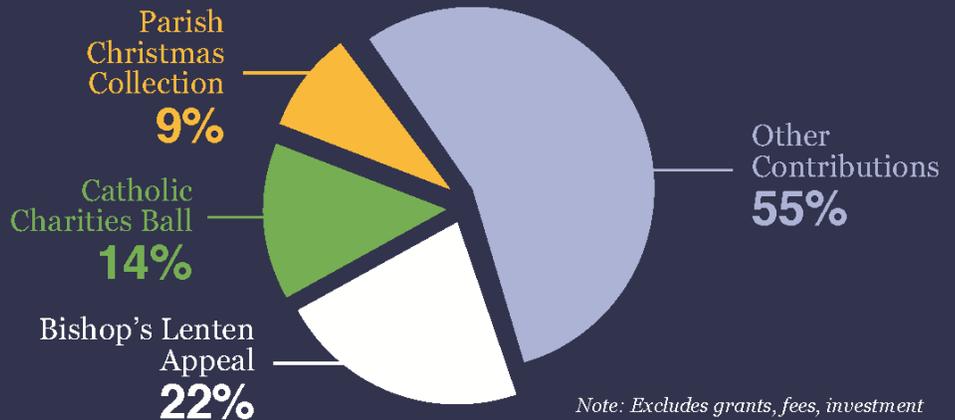
-  Feed **7,400 families** through our St. Lucy Project
-  Ensure **3,300 families** can stay in their homes through emergency rent and utility assistance
-  Provide health care to **over 800 men, women and children** at our Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic
-  Support **440 expectant mothers and parents** for healthy pregnancies and successful adoptions
-  Equip **700 job seekers** to support their families
-  Befriend and care for **334 seniors** at our St. Martin de Porres Senior Center
-  Prepare **200 lawful permanent residents** to earn citizenship
-  Minister to and welcome home **76 adults** from prison



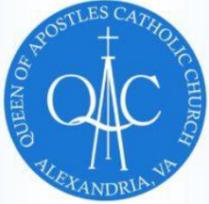
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FY 2019 Contributions | \$7,690,556



Note: Excludes grants, fees, investment income and in-kind contributions.



Next Weekend is Campaign Commitment Weekend!

Next weekend, everyone will have the opportunity to participate and contribute to the current success of the capital campaign.

What are the Projects?

Our worship space needs upgrades to maintain safety standards and enhance the celebration of the liturgy. Towards a Family of Families focuses on select, urgent needs that will benefit the future of our parish.

How Do I Make My Payments?

After you make your pledge, we will send reminders according to the payment schedule you chose.

What Form of Payment Can I Use?

For your convenience you can make payments on your pledge via any of the following methods: CHECK, FAITH DIRECT, REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION from an IRA.

Why is Making a Pledge Important?

Pledging allows consideration of a substantial gift that will allow our Parish to fulfill its goal. For example, Joe and Mary are asked to consider a pledge of \$6,000. They do not have \$6,000 at hand, but after prayerfully considering their finances, they did find a way to work within their means and allot \$25/week (\$100/month) for the next five years to the campaign.

How Do I Prepare for Commitment Weekend?

1. Read the Campaign materials
2. Pray with your family about your pledge
3. Be prepared to complete a pledge form

Please use this chart to prayerfully consider your decision

| Daily Commitment | Monthly Commitment | Yearly Commitment | Total Commitment | My Sacrifice Equals |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| \$13 | \$400 | \$4,800 | \$24,000 | Dinner & Movie WEEKLY |
| \$7 | \$200 | \$2,400 | \$12,000 | Dining out WEEKLY |
| \$5 | \$150 | \$1,800 | \$9,000 | Value meal DAILY |
| \$4 | \$100 | \$1,200 | \$6,000 | Cable Bill MONTHLY |
| \$2 | \$50 | \$600 | \$3,000 | Small Coffee DAILY |
| \$1 | \$30 | \$360 | \$1,800 | Lottery Ticket DAILY |