



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,  
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## 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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org).

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*

### Early Bulletin Deadlines For December and January

Please note the early bulletin deadlines for the entire month of **December** and first Sunday in **January**:

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 17** and **Dec. 24** bulletins was Monday, **Dec. 4**.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 31** and **Jan. 7** bulletins is Monday, **Dec. 11** by 9 am.

Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

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

**Make an end of year gift!** **Dec. 31** is the last day to make a tax-deductible gift for 2017. If you would like to make a donation of stock, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or via email at [stewardship@queenofapostles.org](mailto:stewardship@queenofapostles.org).

**The Women's Group Thanks You** Thank You to all who supported the Women's Group Annual Sale on **Dec. 3** with donations and purchases. The Women's Group will use these funds to support the Church, School and Community Projects.

**Learn About the Protestant Reformation, Angels and Church Fathers** For the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, examine the actions and historical context of Martin Luther and John Calvin on Wednesday nights with Prof. Steve Weidenkopf. Do you ever wonder about the nature and activities of pure spirits? On Monday nights Prof. Joseph Arias explores the sources of Church doctrine on the existence and roles of angelic beings. Join Professor Wallace on Friday nights to examine the catechetical writings of the Church Fathers. Spring semester registration is now open for these and several other theology courses, both on campus and online. Earn your MA in theology or take a course for personal enrichment! The semester runs from **Jan. 15** until **May 5**, and a special discounted rate makes it easy for catechists, seniors, and religious to audit courses. For more info, visit <https://graduate.christendom.edu>, or contact us at (703)658.4304, [graduate.school@christendom.edu](mailto:graduate.school@christendom.edu).

**RCIA English and Spanish** RCIA will not meet on **Dec. 25** and **Dec. 27, 2017**, and **Jan. 1** and **Jan. 3, 2018**.

**Religious Education** The registration form and fee for First Penance/First Holy Communion are due to the parish office/Religious Education by **Dec. 10**. Religious Education will provide coffee and donuts for RE families on **Dec. 17** during class time in the Multipurpose Room. Religious Education classes will not meet on **Dec. 24** and **Dec. 31**. Classes will resume on **Jan. 7, 2018**.

**Altar Servers** The schedule for Dec-Feb has been sent to families. Thank you for serving the altar. Altar servers/families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week. If you have not already chosen a week to host the Crucifix, please use this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen>. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others.

**Nazareth meets December 15 and 16!** The next Nazareth meeting is Friday, **Dec. 15** and will focus on preparing for the Lord's coming. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall with activities beginning at 4 pm Parent sign-out/pick-up is at 5:30 pm.

On Saturday, **Dec. 16** starting at 6:15 pm, Nazareth families are invited to movie night in Hannan Hall! The cost? Bringing new baby gifts (disposable diapers, infant car seats with 5 point harness, newborn clothing, onesies blankets, etc.) that will benefit the Pregnancy and Adoption Support program of Catholic Charities.

**Emmaus and Advent** Parish high school and young college students are invited observe a quiet and prayerful Advent by practicing daily sacrifices: No music Mondays; No gossip Tuesdays; No texting/social media after 8 pm Wednesdays; Meditating on the Coming of Jesus Thursdays; No complaints Fridays; Personal prayer Saturdays and Sundays. Emmaus meets on Saturday, 8:30-10:00 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer. Emmaus youth will help assemble the Nativity scene in the church vestibule.

## Pastor's Letter

### I Have Baptized You with Water (Mk 1:8)

Music is beautiful and lifts us up in our desire for the Beauty of God. Music connects deeply with our emotions, bringing nobility to our hearts. In this season of Advent and Christmas the most popular composition is the Messiah (e.g. by George Frideric Handel), which is an essential part of the Christmas repertoire.

We all remember that beautiful recitative for Tenor which echoes today's readings: "Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her" (Isaiah 40: 1-3). Indeed the coming birth of the Messiah is good news, comforting news: "Comfort, give comfort to my people" (Is 40:1). Comforting like the fresh water for the thirsty or for the feet of the pilgrim.

In our sacramental journey of Advent today we consider the water, the life-giving waters of Baptism. As the Baptist announces today, "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mk 1:8). These are the waters of creation when the Spirit of the Lord moved upon the waters (Gen 1:2). These are the waters of the flood which wiped away iniquity saving Noah and his family. These are the waters of the Red Sea when God delivered his people from the slavery in Egypt. These are the waters of the Jordan sanctified by Jesus and the water which poured from his pierced Heart. These are the life-giving waters of baptism which bring us Jesus' very life, a sharing in God's life.

On Friday we celebrated the Immaculate Conception. In Mary we contemplate how Jerusalem's "service has ended, that her guilt is expiated" (Is 40:2). When Joachim and Ann conceived Mary, Original Sin was washed away by these waters and the stain of sin never touched her. She shows us the holiness we are called to live as God's children. We rejoice in her holiness and we are called to imitate her.

We have been also washed in these waters in our own Baptism. Now, as Peter urges us, we ought to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion (2 Pe 3:11). And when sin hurts us we have available those waters in Confession. This beautiful sacrament restores in us that holiness which we admire in Mary.

Music is beautiful and lifts us up in the desire for the Beauty of God. Confession is beautiful and stirs in us the grace to live a holy life, like Mary. Let's go and with joy draw water from the fountains of salvation (Is 12:3).

## November 18 Morning of Recollection

All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection on Saturday, December 16 in the church and in Hannan Hall.

### Rule of Life Devotion for the Month of December

Reconciliation - Renewed by God's Mercy

*Let the Father embrace you.*

### Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am Holy Mass  
8:45 am Rosary at 101 S. Whiting St.  
9:30 am Talk 1  
10:15 am Break - Coffee and Pastries  
10:30 am Talk 2  
11:00 am Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
11:50 am Blessing and Reposition



Second Sunday of Advent

### Prayer for the Advent Wreath

If you have an Advent Wreath, gather around it to pray:

*O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that all who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces, Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.*

Then, every day for the second week of Advent, as you light the second candle pray:

*O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## This Week In Our Parish

### **Second Sunday of Advent - December 10:**

Hannan Hall 10:30-11:30 am Banica Meeting  
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group  
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

### **Monday, December 11:**

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary  
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

### **Tuesday, December 12:**

Church 5:00-6:00 am Mañanitas to  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Hannan Hall 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast for  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Parish Office 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study  
Parish Office 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study  
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
Hannan Hall 8:00-9:00 pm Reception for  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

### **Wednesday, December 13:**

Hannan Hall 9:30 am-1:00 pm Women's group  
Hannan Hall 4:00-10:00 pm PSSJ Christmas Pageant Set-up  
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

### **Thursday, December 14:**

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-12 noon PSSJ Christmas  
Pageant Practice  
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary  
Hannan Hall 6:30-10:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus  
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### **Friday, December 15:**

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-12 noon PSSJ Christmas  
Pageant Practice  
Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's  
Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Hannan Hall 3:00-6:00 pm Nazareth

### **Saturday, December 16:**

Parish Morning of Recollection; see page 3 for details  
Hannan Hall 12 noon St. Gabriel Day Care Center  
Christmas Pageant  
Hannan Hall 1:30-5:30 pm Couples for Christ  
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group  
Hannan Hall 5:30-8:30 pm Nazareth Movie Night  
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir  
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

### **Please give to the Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities**

The mission of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is vital to the diocese's work to serve the poor with Christian love and compassion—and your support in this collection is vital. Prayerfully consider supporting Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week's collection and note Christmas Collection/Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. Or visit [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net) to learn more and make a year-end gift.



## Vocations

**“He will feed his flock like a shepherd.”** Allow our Lord to enrich your life through service to Him. Contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**Second Sunday of Advent** That those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters will answer His call, we pray to the Lord.

**Mystic Monk Coffee** Need a tasty and appreciated Christmas gift? Mystic Monk Coffee (Midnight Vigils and Mystic Monk whole bean blends) in 12 oz. bags is available for purchase. See Susan in the parish office. Mystic Monk Coffee is roasted by the Carmelite Monks in Cody, WY. Sales of coffee benefit the **June 2018** Pilgrimage to Spain.



**Be an Angel, Help a Child** Thank you for being an angel to a child! Please bring your Advent Angel Tree gifts to the back of the church or to the rectory by Sunday, **Dec. 17**. Anyone wishing to volunteer with this wonderful project by sorting and delivering gifts please call Frieda Coccozza at (703) 399- 9946 or email [fcoccozza@msn.com](mailto:fcoccozza@msn.com).

## Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Los invitamos a la Novena, Mañanitas, Misa y celebración de la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

**Novena:** del **3 al 11 de diciembre** en la iglesia. (12/10: 7 pm, 12/11: 7 pm)

**Mañanitas:** el **12 de diciembre**, a las 5:00 am. Se bendecirán imágenes y habrá un desayuno después en Hannan Hall.

**Misa Bilingüe:** el **12 de diciembre** a las 7 pm. Representación de la aparición de la Virgen de Guadalupe a las 6:15 pm. Los niños pueden vestir sus trajes típicos. Habrá Mariachi y un compartir después en Hannan Hall.

Cualquier consulta contactarse con Lucero Gonzalez al (571) 282-1664.



## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

**Novena:** From **Dec. 3-11** (12/10: 7 pm, 12/11: 7 pm)

**Mañanitas:** Dec. 12 at 5:00 am. There will be an opportunity to bless images of Our Lady. A delicious breakfast will follow in Hannan Hall.

**Bilingual Mass:** Dec. 12 at 7:00 pm. Representation of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:15 pm. Children can wear their cultural attire. There will be a reception in Hannan Hall after the Mass. The Mariachi will join us.

For more information, please contact Lucero Gonzalez at (571) 282-1664.

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week:

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



#### Urgent Need for a Scheduled Adorer

There is an urgent need for a scheduled Adorer on Tuesday morning, 6:00-7:00 am. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or [mole-ski47@gmail.com](mailto:mole-ski47@gmail.com) if you can commit to this hour.

#### Banica Mission Meeting Sunday, December 10

All Missionaries who have signed up to participate in the 2018 Mission Trip and a parent are required to attend this meeting following the 10:30 am Mass on **Dec. 10** in Hannan Hall. There are still a few spaces available. Interested teens, 16 or older should contact Jo Balsamo at [jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com) to apply to participate. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.



#### Band Concert & Christmas Pageant

Join Queen of Apostles Catholic School as they host their band concert at 7 pm on **Dec. 13** and their Christmas Pageant at 7 pm on **Dec. 15**, both in the school gym.

**Simbang Gabi** On **Dec. 18** at 7:00 pm, Queen of Apostles Church will host the fourth Mass of 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 after the Mass at Hannan Hall. We are seeking donors for the reception. Please contact Marinette Guevarra at [nette5g@hotmail.com](mailto:nette5g@hotmail.com) or Cheryl Madlansacay at (703) 333-2809.

#### The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

In this Bible study, you will learn about the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible and get the "big picture" of salvation history. This DVD presentation is part of the Great Adventure Bible study series led by Jeff Cavins. The first half of this 24-week study is offered on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, and from 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm in Hannan Hall. The dates are Tuesdays from **Jan. 9–March 6**. (The remaining 12 sessions will be offered in the Autumn.) For more info, please contact Elizabeth Said at [elizabethsaid2@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsaid2@gmail.com). Cost, including 24-week workbook and timeline chart: is \$50. Registration forms are available at the parish office, parish vestibule, or at the first class.

#### Science Fair Judges Needed

The Queen of Apostles School Science Fair will be held on Thursday, **Feb. 8, 2018** from 7:00-8:30 pm in Hannan Hall. A light dinner and orientation for the judges will start at 6:15 pm. A background in science, math, or engineering is not required, but is helpful. For more information, or if you are interested in being a judge, please contact Mrs. Tracey Rafferty at [t.rafferty@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:t.rafferty@queenofapostlesschool.org).

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Masses this Week

#### Second Sunday of Advent - December 10:

7:30 am +William J. Hoffman  
9:00 am +Argeline Calkin  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

#### Saint Damasus I - Monday, December 11:

6:30 am +Eveline Blanco Neff  
9:00 am (L) Lucy Pinto

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe - Tuesday, December 12:

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the León-Duarte, Saunders, and Lor Families  
9:00 am +George and Margaret Fonge  
7:00 pm +Souls in Purgatory

#### Saint Lucy - Wednesday, December 13:

6:30 am (L) Lucia and Kevin Ketchmark  
9:00 am +Wilma Jenkinson

#### Saint John of the Cross - Thursday, December 14:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM  
9:00 am +Eladio Sr. and Filipinas Villafior

#### Friday, December 15:

6:30 am +Margaret Rogers Vang  
9:00 am +Roger Kasenge

#### Saturday, December 16:

8:00 am +Patrick Linnane  
5:00 pm +Lee Liskey  
7:00 pm +Juan Prado and Wencilada Herrera

#### Third Sunday of Advent - December 17:

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Byrne Family  
9:00 am +Dolores Perez  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Lily and Maria De Souza

**Women's Group** The Women's Group will meet **Dec. 13** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The meeting will be followed by a Christmas luncheon including caroling and Christmas music provided by Andrew Beatty our parish organist. All are invited.



#### Please pray for the members of our parish

**who are ill** Michael McSherry, Rosa A. Valderama, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., 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 and Patricia León-Duarte, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith