

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 Noon, 2 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4-5 pm and 6-7 pm
Sunday: 10-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 18** bulletin is Monday, **Dec. 12** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Early Deadline for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 Bulletins

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 25** and **Jan. 1** bulletins is Friday, **Dec. 16** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Meeting with Fr. Juan Queen of Apostles School parents with children in 2nd grade and preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion have a meeting in the school with Fr. Juan on **Dec. 15** at 6:30 pm.

Emmaus - High School/Young College On Fridays from 6-8 pm, meet with Fr. Juan and other high school/young college students and grow in the Catholic faith through spiritual and human formation, sharing and friendship. On the first Friday of the month is Open Gym and pizza in the School Gym. Adoration, discussion of scripture and apostolic projects (Nativity scene) are held on other Fridays at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street). Mark your calendars for **Dec. 16**. Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month.

Nazareth - Grades 4-8 Nazareth meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall. Pickup time is 5:30 pm from the parking lot between Hannan Hall and the school. Parents are needed to help provide snacks or the assist with setup/cleanup and supervision. Please contact Susan at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Thank you for supporting the Nazareth ministry.

Confirmation Sponsor/Baptismal Godparent Certificate of Eligibility

Sponsor Certificates are statements to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. If you have been asked to serve as a sponsor/godparent, please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with a priest. Please call for an appointment several weeks before the Certificate is due. If you are eligible to serve, the priest will sign and seal the Certificate of Eligibility. If Queen of Apostles is not your registered parish, please call your home parish for a Certificate of Eligibility.

For Confirmation students, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate is due on **Jan. 22, 2017**.

For the Three Sacraments of Initiation students, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate is due on **Jan. 29, 2017**.

Religious Education For students desiring Confirmation, the registration form and sacramental fee were due **Nov. 6**. The saint reports for RE students are were **Dec. 4**.

For students desiring First Penance and First Holy Communion, the registration form and sacramental fee are due **Dec. 11**.

Religious Education students and RCIA-English desiring the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist, and his/her godparent/sponsor will participate in the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming during the 10:30 am Mass on **Dec. 11**.

Religious Education classes will not meet **Dec. 25** and **Jan. 1**. Classes resume on **Jan. 8, 2017**.



Learn about the Catholic faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Queen of Apostles is offering RCIA classes in English and Spanish. The RCIA class in English meets on Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish meets on

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm. Classes will be held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street).

RCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Adults who are not baptized.
2. Adults 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, have not completed their initiation and have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. RCIA will not meet on **Dec. 26** and **Dec. 28**.

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Pastor's Letter

Walk Humbly with your God

Last Tuesday Bishop Michael Burbidge was installed as the fourth Bishop of Arlington. Monday evening there was a prayer service in the Cathedral followed by a reception attended by close family, clergy and seminarians. After dinner he went to greet each one of the attendees, showing himself to be approachable and personable. As former rector of St Charles Borromeo seminary in Philadelphia, we could expect him to be sensitive to priests and seminarians. With concrete deeds he showed his proximity and attention to all of us.

Tuesday was the big celebration of the Installation Mass. Many of the Catholics of Arlington watched the ceremony by TV. As you can recall, in his homily Bishop Burbidge spoke of the inspiring example of St. Thomas More and the need to be "God's servants first" in a time that can be challenging for us, Catholics. "More than ever, in these unsettling times we are called to imitate the witness of St. Thomas More, the witness to our faith that we proudly profess. As God's servants first we are called to bring the Truth and the Joy of the Gospel into the public arena with conviction and always in love", said Bishop in his homily. He also invited all of us to give thanks to God for all his gifts, the greatest of them our Lord Jesus Christ; to pass on the strength that God supplies and through the intercession of the saints to "walk humbly with your God", words that are his motto.

After Mass he stood in the Cathedral's basement to greet again all the guests, for over two hours. Little by little we will come to know better our new Shepherd. So far he has showed himself to be approachable and a courageous witness of our Faith and of Jesus Christ the Truth, the Way and the Life.

Let's support him with our prayers as we prepare to welcome Jesus this Christmas.

Prayer for Bishop Burbidge

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on Your servant Michael,
whom You have set at the head
of Your Church of Arlington as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

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.
Amen.



December 17 Morning of Recollection

**All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection in the church and in Hannan Hall.
This month's recollection will be led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM.**

Rule of Life Devotion for the Month of December

Prayer

Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. There is no holiness nor spiritual life without a deep experience of prayer.

Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Coffee and Pastries
9:30 am	Talk
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament Suggestions for Prayer
11:00 am	Silent Prayer
11:45 am	Blessing and Reposition

Step 1: Pray a Morning Offering and Bedtime Prayer each day.

Step 2: Devote 15 minutes of mental prayer once per week.

Step 3: Commit to 5-10 minutes of mental prayer daily.

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11:

Church	5:00-6:00 am Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe w/Mariachi
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:00 am Reception in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Hannan Hall	4:00-7:00 pm Caroling & Potluck Party
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Monday, December 12:

Church	6:00-7:00 pm Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Church	7:00-8:00 pm Mass
Hannan Hall	8:00-9:00 pm Reception in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

St. Lucy - Tuesday, December 13:

Parish Office Closed	
Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

St. John of the Cross - Wednesday, December 14:

Hannan Hall	9:30 am-12 noon Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish
Parish Office	8:00-9:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

Thursday, December 15:

Hannan Hall	2:30-3:30 pm Teacher Prayer Group
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, December 16:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
School	7:00-8:00 pm Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 17:

Parish Morning of Recollection; see page 3 for details	
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group



Angel Trees As our parish does every Advent, we are working with partner organizations to benefit local children and families in need through our Angel Trees. The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph, Catholic Charities and the Gabriel Project are our three partners this year. Please take an angel from one of the trees in the back of the church, and take notice of the directions and deadlines posted on the angels, which will vary depending on which angel you take. Thank you for your support of this program and for making Christmas a special time for many families in need.



Vocations

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Juan at gen-eral@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Third Sunday of Advent For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.



Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Daily prayer for the Advent Wreath:

Third Sunday of Advent 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 third week of Advent, as you light the third candle pray:

We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Simbang Gabi On **Dec. 16** at 7:00 pm, Queen of Apostles Catholic Church will host the second Mass of Simbang Gabi, a 9 day novena Mass to the Blessed Mother. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow after the Mass at Hannan Hall. We are seeking donors for the reception. Contact Nenita de Guzman at n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org or Cheryl Madlansacay at (703) 333-2809.

Adult Bible Study Program Registration is now open for the Winter and Spring Semesters of the parish **Adult Bible Study** program.

The inspiring **“Walking Toward Eternity”** series is designed to develop and nurture characteristics that are essential to Christian life. In two consecutive eight-week semesters, you will learn how a habit of short sessions of daily prayer and meditation with Scripture (*lectio divina*) will help you hear the subtle ways God is speaking to you.

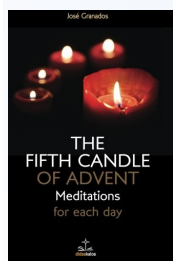
Part I, Daring to Walk the Walk, begins **Jan. 17** by introducing seven key virtues and practical steps for living them out. **Part II, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart**, continues **Mar. 14** through Lent by showing us how to identify and overcome obstacles that aggravate us, discourage us, and can even hinder our relationship with Christ.

Classes meet Tuesdays in both morning and evening sessions, featuring acclaimed speaker and master theologian Jeff Cavins on DVD, and are made available to homebound and those with periodic travel absences through online streaming. Grab a flyer in church and register in-person at the Parish Office, or go to www.QofAbiblestudy.com for more information, a preview clip, and online registration.

Enrich Your Advent

"For the Magi God's light appeared as a journey to be undertaken, a star which led them on a path of discovery. The star is a sign of God's patience with our eyes which needs to grow accustomed to his brightness."

Pope Francis, Encyclical *The Light of Faith* n. 35



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Fr. José Granados, DCJM,
is Vice-President and Professor of Dogmatic
Theology at the Pontifical John Paul II
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at the Lateran University in Rome.

Advent Caroling Party You are invited to share the Joy of the Season on Sunday, **Dec. 11** at 4 pm. Please join us for Caroling and a Potluck Party in Hannan Hall! QofA Music Ministry will lead carolers through the neighborhood and upon returning to Hannan Hall, warm up with delicious food and hot cocoa, while our musicians serenade us with carols. Bring the whole family, friends, and a dish to share! RSVPs are appreciated so that we can plan accordingly for food and caroling packets but walk-ins are welcome! Please dress accordingly for the weather and for walking. For more information and to RSVP, contact Michelle at m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org, or go to: goo.gl/a4vQK1.



Join Us for the Queen of Apostles School Christmas Concert on **Dec. 16** at 7 pm in the school gym. There will be a reception with food and drinks following the concert.

Towards a Family Fully Alive

Blessing of the Month

God our Father and Creator, together with Jesus your Son, in the love of the Holy Spirit, you are a family.

You give us the gift of life to be sons and daughters within a family.

May we always be grateful for life itself, and for the opportunity we have through Christ to be your sons and daughters.

May we be thankful to our parents for their cooperation in your Divine plan to breathe your life into us, so that we might be members of our earthly family and of your heavenly family.

If our relationships with our parents have not always been healthy or life-giving, help us to forgive and be reconciled, and send your Spirit to bless and heal our memories.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sons and Daughters December 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Masses this Week

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Monday, December 12:

6:30 am	+George and Margaret Fonge
9:00 am	+Wilma and Joe Borovicka
7:00 pm	+Clarissa Trono De Guzman

St. Lucy - Tuesday, December 13:

6:30 am	+Joseph and Patrick Deegan
9:00 am	+Filipinas Villaflores

St. John of the Cross - Wednesday, December 14:

6:30 am	(L) Fr. Jason Weber
9:00 am	+Santiago Respicio

Thursday, December 15:

6:30 am	(L) Elizabeth Martinez-Coleman
9:00 am	+Avelino and Agripina Mercado

Friday, December 16:

6:30 am	+Grace Okemo
9:00 am	+Roy Kasenge

Saturday, December 17:

8:00 am	+Clarissa Trono de Guzman
5:00 pm	+Walter Zygmunt
7:00 pm	+Maria Catalina Alvarez

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18:

7:30 am	(L) De Guzman Family
9:00 am	+Presoilo B. Lapada, Sr.
10:30 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon	+Larina G. Zialcita

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

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Rom 1:1-7	Mt 1:18-24



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Anna Jeffrey, Rose Maalouf, Ronald Redman, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Stephen Aldrich, Jessica Acot, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusk, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith