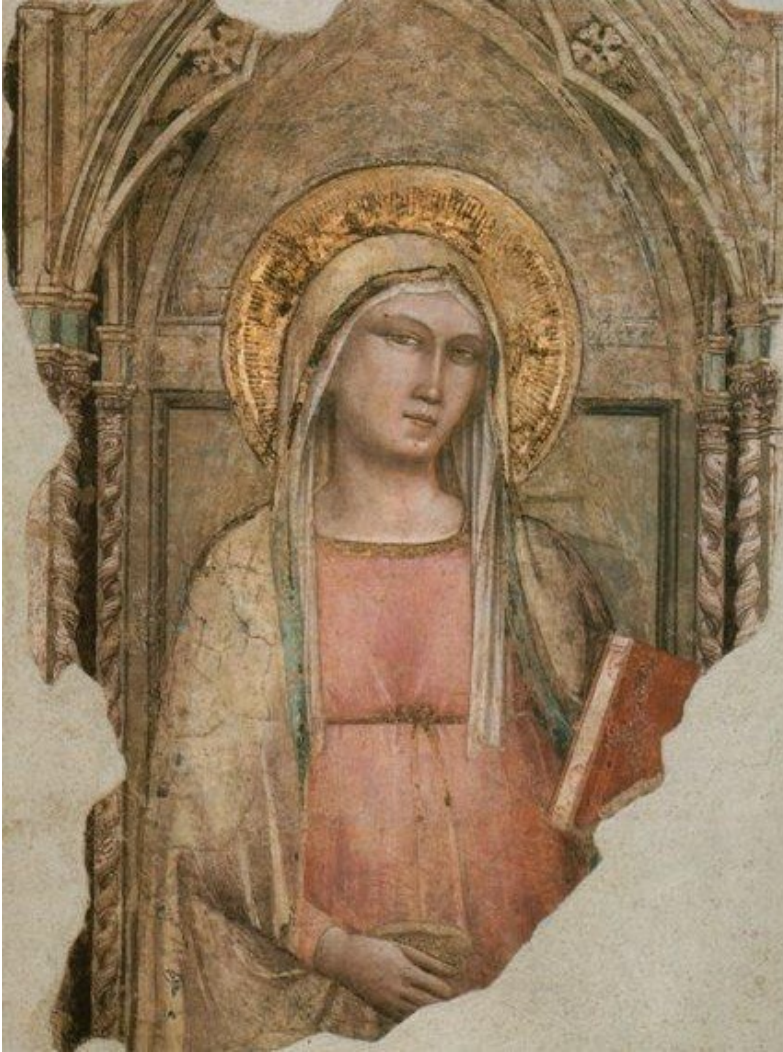


Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

December 16, 2018



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!*

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Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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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 am through Saturday 7:45 am

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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.

Nazareth Girls & boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the bi-weekly Monday meetings in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from QofA School, public school, and homeschoolers are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends.

Emmaus High school and young college students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For information call (703) 220-0562 or email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org.

High School Placement Test (HSPT) Registration

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, **Jan. 12, 2019**. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, St. Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>). The deadline for registration is **Jan. 10, 2019**.

Youth Music Festival Bishop O'Connell High School invites all 6th through 8th grade students to participate in their 4th annual Youth Music Festival on Saturday, **Jan. 5, 2019**. This full day of music clinics and performances is free, but registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the website at: www.bishopoconnell.org/youthmusic or email: music@bishopoconnell.org.

Spring Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

Courses are offered on campus in Alexandria and are also available online in both live and prerecorded formats. For details, please visit our website, <https://graduate.christendom.edu> or contact the office at (703) 658-4304, graduate.school@christendom.edu. Courses may be taken for credit toward a Master's degree or certificate. Casual students and auditors are also welcome. There is a special discount audit rate for catechists, seniors and religious. The spring semester runs from **Jan. 14-May 4**.



Religious Education The First Penance and First Holy Communion registration form and \$15 fee are due **Dec. 9**.

The packets for **Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance** and **First Holy Communion** can be found at: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>.

Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation: The registration form and \$30 fee are due **Jan. 20, 2019**.

Confirmation: Please review upcoming deadlines including submission of the Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility and Service Hours and Report.

Religious Education classes will not meet **Dec. 23** and **Dec. 30**. Classes resume on Sunday, **Jan. 6**.

RCIA RCIA in English and Spanish will not meet on **Dec. 24, Dec. 26, Dec. 31, and Jan. 2**.

Vocations Crucifix Altar server and parish families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others. If you are interested in hosting the crucifix, please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen> or contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

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. 23** and **Dec. 30** bulletins was Monday, **Dec. 10**.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jan. 6** bulletin is Monday, **Dec. 17** by 9 am.

Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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

Pastor's Letter

Time for Joy

The Liturgy of this Third Sunday of Advent presents the preaching of St. John the Baptist and the crowds approaching him for advice: "Teacher, what should we do?" (Lk 3:12).

St. Paul's second reading gives us an answer: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" (Phil 4:4). This text which also opens this Sunday's Liturgy gives its name to this Sunday in which the priest wears rose: "Gaudete in Domino!"

If we walk through our cities, we would think that there is joy. There are many lights out there, people smiling and giving good wishes: Happy holidays! And even we can run into jolly good fellow with a big white beard and dressed in red. Is this genuine joy? Is all as good as it seems?

Certainly this is not the joy of which today's liturgy speaks. Actually, the first reading gives us the reason for joy: "The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love" (Zep 3:17). The Lord is in Zion's midst and He himself will rejoice over her.

Jerusalem's joy is a sharing in God's very joy. Therefore Zion can rightly shout for joy and sing joyfully, be glad and exult with all her heart (Zep 3:14).

Where are we in our journey of Advent? Maybe we are allowing the commercials to set the pace of our journey. By now, ten days before Christmas the Christmas trees, lights and decorations have been up for a while. And we risk concluding the celebration of Christmas on the 25th's evening. Just when the season of Christmas begins our society moves on to other things. This way they are taking Christmas away from us.

"What then should we do?", we can ask with the crowds to John the Baptist (Lk 3:10).

Again we go to the liturgy. On December 8 we celebrated the Immaculate Conception. On the 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary, the mother of God is set before us. The liturgy ushers us into the school of Mary to learn from her how to prepare for the birth of the Son of God, and the art of contemplating the mystery of the Incarnate Word.

Even more, Mary is the new Jerusalem, the new Zion, the one who rightly can shout for joy: "The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, Who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, Who will sing joyfully because of you" (Zep 3:17). Yes, Jesus is in Mary's midst. In her womb. She is his mother.

Let's get close to Mary and make this journey of Advent with her. Do not let the anxieties of daily life and the turmoil of the shopping take Advent and Christmas away from us.

Schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas

Christmas Eve - December 24

5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)
12 Midnight

Christmas Day - December 25

8:00 am
10:00 am
12 Noon

Schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil Masses - December 31, 2018

5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Holy Day Masses - January 1, 20189

8:00 am
10:00 am
12 noon

Please Note that Both Solemnities are Holy Days of Obligation.

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday of Advent, December 16:

School	9:00-10:15 am	Religious Education
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
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm	Prayer Group

Monday, December 17:

Hannan Hall	3:45-5:30 pm	Nazareth
Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm	RCIA in English
Hannan Hall	8:00-9:00 pm	Simbang Gabi Reception

Tuesday, December 18:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Choir Practice
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Wednesday, December 19:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm	RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, December 20:

Hannan Hall	3:00-4:30 pm	Children's Choir Practice
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
School	9:00-10:30 pm	St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, December 21:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am	Children's Holy Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, December 22:

Parish Office	1:00-6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
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

Donate a Bike! Help provide transportation for those without a car. We need adult bikes in working order that will be used to help individuals travel to and from work. These bikes will be given to individuals in our Welcome Home Re-entry Program. Please email mchavez@ccda.net. Drop off location is Catholic Charities Arlington Office (200 N. Glebe Road).

Parish Office Closed The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, **Dec. 24** through Friday, **Dec. 28**. The Parish Office will also be closed on Monday, **Jan. 1, 2019** and will reopen on Tuesday, **Jan. 2, 2019**.

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 third week of Advent, as you light the first 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.

Vocations



Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Third Sunday of Advent That the Lord will call members from our flock to "bring glad tidings to the poor and heal the brokenhearted" as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

Seminarians Hoops Challenge Basketball Games

Join the fun as the Arlington seminarians take on the Quo Vadis high school team and the priests "Earthen Vessels" squad. There will be a free throw contest and vocational testimonies, and a pizza party at the end. The event is Saturday, **Jan. 5, 2019**, starting with Mass at 9:30 am and finishing by 1:30 pm at Saint John Paul the Great High School in Dumfries. Families and CYO teams are welcome. There is no need to RSVP. For more information visit arlingtondiocese.org/QuoVadis.

Scheduled Adorers Urgently Needed



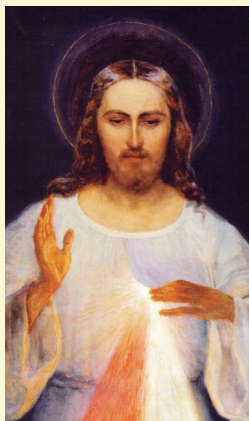
Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time each week to support these urgent needs: Tuesday morning, 1 am to 2 am, Friday morning, 4 am to 5 am, and Saturday morning, 2 am to 3 am. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

Please also prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night, 11 pm to 12 am. Please contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org.

"Happy is the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in all things!"
St. Peter Julian Eymard

Adoration Chapel The Adoration Chapel will close on Saturday, **Dec. 22** before the 8 am Mass, and reopen on Monday, **Jan. 7, 2019** after the 6:30 am Mass.

Divine Mercy



"My Child, speak no more of your misery; it is already forgotten. Listen, My child, to what I desire to tell you. Come close to My wounds and draw from the Fountain of Life whatever your heart desires. Drink copiously from the Fountain of Life and you will not weary on your journey. Look at the splendor of My mercy and do not fear the enemies of your salvation. Glorify My mercy."

(Jesus to St. Faustina)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4A Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

How Are you receiving as well as giving this Christmas?

The call to Stewardship is a call to give and to give generously. And now we are in the Season of Giving. Yet, to be good stewards means first and foremost to recognize the gifts we have been given from God's abundant love. When we look to the newborn Jesus, we find that His first acts on Earth were ones of receiving: the gift of life from His Mother... the gold, frankincense and myrrh from the Magi... Amidst all that you give this Advent and Christmas - to friends and family, to those in need, within the parish - are you also taking the opportunity of the season to "receive" God's love?

Plan Your End Of Year Giving The 2018 tax year will be ending soon (**Dec. 31**)! Talk to your financial advisor now about how you can maximize your deductions through charitable giving. Visit arlingtondiocese.plannedgiving.org about different financial instruments that are available to you to donate to the Parish, Diocese, and Catholic Charities.

Thank you for your generosity to the Advent Angel Tree

Thank you to parishioners who were "angels" to children in need this Christmas. Thanks to you, more than 100 children from the parish and local community will receive presents and clothes this Christmas. May God bless your generosity.

Simbang Gabi On Monday, **Dec. 17**, at 7 pm, Queen of Apostles Church will host the 3rd Mass of Simbang Gabi, a 9 day novena Mass to the Blessed Mother that begins on **Dec. 15** and ends on **Dec. 23**. All are invited. Light refreshments will follow after the Mass in Hannan Hall. We are seeking donors for the reception. Please contact Marinette Guevara at (202) 714-8127 or Cheryl Madlansacay at (703) 386.6254.

Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection this year. Your support is vital to our work, and we are grateful for your gifts. If you missed the opportunity to give, you may still do so by making a year-end gift in support of Catholic Charities by going online at www.ccca.net.

Give a Gift for Life Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. One grateful mother wrote: "I am also thankful for my Gabriel "Angel" volunteer who was always ready to give a helping hand. God bless you and your family always." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

March for Life Save the Date: Friday, **Jan. 18**. Please RSVP bus seat to the March for Life. Only 50 seats available. Contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863.

Third Sunday of Advent Masses this Week

Third Sunday of Advent - December 16:

7:30 am (L) Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM
9:00 am (L) Special Intention
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Roy Kasenge

Monday, December 17:

6:30 am (L) Michelle Jacobeen
9:00 am +Lily and Marina de Souza

Tuesday, December 18:

6:30 am +Fred Hundemer
9:00 am +Presoilo B. Lapada, Sr.

Wednesday, December 19:

6:30 am +Jocelyn Walter Graham
9:00 am +Martha Bracken

Thursday, December 20:

6:30 am +Sandra K. Million
9:00 am +Mary and Ethel Hetsko

Saint Peter Canisius - Friday, December 21:

6:30 am +Ernesto Adajar
9:00 am +Mary Anne Avers

Saturday, December 22:

8:00 am (L) Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM
5:00 pm +Martha Bracken
7:00 pm (L) Carin and Michael Raymundo

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23:

7:30 am +General John Abrams
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Marin de Souza

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Daisy Atiyeh, Kevin Bonko, Beverly Spagnoli, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Gabriel Carreon, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kristi Burns, 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