



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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

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Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary
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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.

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards - Last Weekend! Keep Christ in Christmas by sending beautiful, religious, Christmas cards. Share the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ with your family and friends with reasonably priced Knights of Columbus Religious Christmas cards, available after all Masses in the vestibule this weekend – which is our last weekend of sales this season! Please support our parish's Knights of Columbus Council, #4522 and share the birth of Our Lord with these stunning Christmas cards.

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

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 first week of Advent,
as you light the first candle pray:

*O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that
by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from
the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by
Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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/>.

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. 8** bulletin was Monday, **Nov. 26**.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 16** is Monday, **Dec. 3** by 9 am.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 23** and **Dec. 30** bulletins is Monday, **Dec. 10** by 9 am.

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.

2018 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection

Catholic Charities, shows the transformative love of Christ and serves tens of thousands of men, women, and families annually across 100 direct and affiliated service locations in the 21 counties and 7 cities that make up the boundaries of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. To share your blessings, please use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope provided or visit: www.cceda.net.

Pastor's Letter

1st Sunday of Advent. It's Coming!

After the Solemnity of Christ the King, we start a new Liturgical Year and the Advent Season. Jesus' coming and our need to prepare for it is this season's focus.

The coming of the Son of Man is the fulfillment of God's promises: "The days are coming –oracle of the LORD– when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (Jer 33:14).

Thus Advent season calls us to be vigilant and to conduct ourselves in a way pleasing to God: "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise" (Lk 21:34). "We earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God" (1 Tes 4:1).

But let me make a tricky maneuver. It's coming. The Son of Man. Christmas. The new year. And also a Capital Campaign! Yes, it's coming.

We are about to finalize the first phase of the Capital Campaign, which is a preliminary study to help set a prudent goal and the best strategy. The survey I asked you to fill is part of that study, in addition to a series of interviews with parishioners representing our diverse parish family. One of the concerns which was raised in the responses was the need for transparency and better communication.

Further to this effort I would like to give you some updates. All the parish projects are supervised and managed by the Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction of the Diocese of Arlington. At this point they and we are ready to sign the contracts for the renovations to the new house on Applegarth Ct. and for a new organ. Hopefully our current organ will stretch a little more and be operative until Holy Week 2019.

But my point today is not about projects and fundraising. Why do we run a Capital Campaign? Why do we ask you for an extra sacrificial offering? Certainly there are needs in the Parish, and these needs require extra financial efforts in cycles of 10, 20 and 30 years, as our own history has shown. So as our Parish approaches 60 years, we have the "perfect opportunity" (I prefer this word rather than "perfect storm").

Yes, a perfect opportunity. Because it is not only nor mainly about our facilities. It is about our growth and holiness. The Capital Campaign is coming. But above all, the Son of Man is coming. And we want to respond to his call to be alert and not grow drowsy. We are working for God's glory, to prepare a place for the one who is coming. We are taking ownership of what the first generation of parishioners build for us to enjoy today and preparing to pass it on to the coming generations of parishioners.

Any time we come to the parish for Mass, Sacraments, paperwork in the Rectory Office... we are enjoying what others generously provided for us. Let's live in spirit of gratitude and prepare for the one who is coming. Not the Capital Campaign, but Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.



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 Saturday, **Dec. 8**.

Mass will be celebrated at 8 am and 12 noon.
There will be a 7 pm Vigil (bilingual, high Mass) on **Dec. 7**.

Evening Masses on **Dec. 8** do not count for the Solemnity,
but for the First Sunday of Advent.

This Week In Our Parish

First Sunday of Advent, December 2:

Towards a Family Friendly Parish

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
Hannan Hall	8:30 am- 1:30 pm Annual Women's Group Gift, Jewelry, and Bake Sale
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

Monday, December 3:

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

Tuesday, December 4:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office	5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 5:

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

Thursday, December 6:

Parish Office Closed

Hannan Hall	3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice
School	6:00-8:00 pm St. Joseph Men's Group
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

Friday, December 7:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am Children's Holy Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:00 pm Choir Practice
Hannan Hall	9:00 pm-8:00 am First Friday Adoration Vigil

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 8:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Meeting
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

QofA Parish Secretary Position QofA is currently seeking a full-time Secretary for our Parish Office. The Parish Secretary will be responsible for providing administrative support to the Pastor, priests, and church staff. Some duties include: answering phone calls, maintaining sacramental records, assisting with the coordination of baptisms, weddings & funerals, and creating a warm, welcoming, family inspired atmosphere to all those who come to the Parish Office. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, bilingual in English and Spanish, and have excellent organizational and communications skills. Prior secretarial experience is preferred. For a complete job description and application, please visit the parish website at www.queenofapostles.org. Please send cover letter and resume to Flora Wack, Office Supervisor via email to f.wack@queenofapostles.org.

Vocations



"The LORD is our righteousness."

Are you being called to bring the word of God as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

First Sunday of Advent As we look to the birth of our Savior, that many will be called to follow in His footsteps to minister to His flock, we pray to the Lord.

Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for women on Sunday, **Dec. 16**, and a day retreat for men on Saturday, **Dec. 22**. Both run from 9 am-5 pm and are open to those 17 years and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men's. For more information and to register (by **Dec. 7**) contact the Office of Vocations: (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



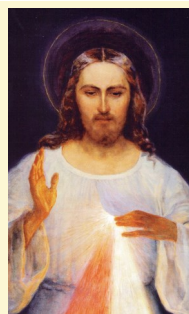
Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers

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: (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

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

*O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to Thee.*

Mothers for Priests All mothers in the parish are invited to participate in a new apostolate to pray for all priests. Please come to the Holy Hour this Thursday, **Dec. 6**, at 7:30 pm to pray especially for priests. Afterwards we will meet briefly to discuss this new group. For more information, contact Genevieve Erkens at (703) 719-7955 or gerkengal@gmail.com.



Divine Mercy

"Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 83)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Be Aware of Email Scams Recently, several parishioners received an email that appeared to be coming from the parish office but which was actually sent from a fraudulent email address. The fraudulent sender asked the recipient for gift cards to be purchased, and for the gift card numbers to be emailed back to them. This was a scam. Always check that parish emails, especially those requesting support, were sent from users on our web domain: [name]@queenofapostles.org. Many email providers, such as Gmail, sometimes only show the name of the sender and not the actual email address from which it was sent. In the case of this scam, the name showed "Leopoldo M. Vives" but the email address was not from our domain. If you are concerned you may have been the recipient of a fraudulent email, please call the parish office or email general@queenofapostles.org to let us know. Also, be sure to report the fraudulent email to your email provider (Yahoo, Gmail, etc).

The Annual Women's Group Gift, Jewelry, and Bake Sale Join us this Sunday, **Dec. 2** after all morning Masses in Hannan Hall. There will be a nice selection of Gift Items, Jewelry, and delicious Baked Goods. This year the famous Bean Soup Mix will be available.

Women's Group The Women's Group meeting will be on Wednesday **Dec. 12** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. We will follow the meeting with our Christmas Party. Come and join us for a time of joy and camaraderie.



Be an Angel, Help a Child The Advent Angel Tree will be set up in the back of the church beginning **Dec. 2**. Gifts need to be returned to the church the weekend of **Dec. 15 & 16**. Gifts returned earlier than **Dec. 15** 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.

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 very happy and grateful for the financial assistance I received from Gabriel Project. They have been very helpful and supportive throughout my pregnancy." Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife for more information and/or to donate.

Coats for Kids Drive - Thank You! Thank you parishioners! Due to your overwhelming generosity, your Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II #4522, has collected the necessary \$1,200 needed to order a full case of winter coats! Sixty community children will be warmer this winter — just because you cared! Thank you again for putting your faith in action!

First Sunday of Advent Masses this Week

First Sunday of Advent - December 2:

7:30 am +Alex and Agnes Debnar
9:00 am +Else Ryan
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm + Mr. Eugene Landrum & (L) Mrs. Jean Landrum

Saint Francis Xavier - Monday, December 3:

6:30 am +Elisabeth Debnar
9:00 am +Martha Bracken

Saint John Damascene - Tuesday, December 4:

6:30 am +Tomasita Lamberty
9:00 am +John and Jean Kakareka

Wednesday, December 5:

6:30 am +Christina Lynem
9:00 am +D. Isabel

Saint Nicholas - Thursday, December 6:

6:30 am (L) Kevin Bonko, Birthday
9:00 am (L) José and Angelina Cervantes

Saint Ambrose - Friday, December 7:

6:30 am (L) Katherine Barnoski
9:00 am +Grace Okemo
7:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation) Saturday, December 8:

8:00 am +Souls in Purgatory
12:00 pm Reparation for Clergy Abuse
5:00 pm +Stephanie A. Sarwal
7:00 pm +Georges Harikiopoulo

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9:

7:30 am +Emmanuel Descalzo
9:00 am +Thomas and Mary Patricia Clancy
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Cecilia and Tim Brady

St. Nicholas and St. Ambrose, pray for us.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

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, Margaret Cihak, 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, 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, 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