



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2020

CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio
Deacon Vincent Kapral

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
www.queenofapostlesschool.org

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Joseph Rampino,
Chaplain

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With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

We are at the gates of celebrating Christmas, the most precious time of the year - a time of life, joy, hope and peace. This year I think it will be somewhat different because we have had to live a hard and difficult trial, which we are gradually overcoming. However, many of us will not be able to be together as a precaution and for the protection of those we love, but we are sure that this pandemic will not stop our Christmas spirit and our desire that Jesus be born in our hearts. Perhaps today more than ever, in spite of everything, we should understand that we need it, and that we must receive it with much more love.



I am very grateful to all those who donated a gift to the children of our parish. The gifts have already been given. As you know, in our parish, there are some people of little resources and they strongly appreciate the gifts that you have lovingly brought for them. God bless you for your generosity.

A few months ago, I made the decision to help a poor diocese in El Salvador, and we have sent financial aid to help many under-resourced people. With the little money that the poor box had, we have fed two nursing homes and helped many under-resourced people with food. I am very sad that these families live in extreme poverty but am thankful that they are being given some food to continue. Be sure we've given them a piece of our Christmas, because they'll have something to put on their tables on Christmas Day. In one of the January newsletters I will show you the photos of the people who have received this help.

Also, I invite you to participate in our Christmas masses. I know the number is restricted, only 250 people, but we will have several masses: 5:00pm and 7:00pm in English, 9:00pm in Spanish and 11:00pm in English. On Christmas Day, we will have 8:00am and 10:00am in English and 12:00 in Spanish. Let's offer this year's Christmas Masses so this pandemic will be over soon and we can all get back together.

I remind you that the parish office will be closed on the 23rd in the middle of the day, and will reopen on December 28 at normal times.

Finally, let us not forget that the center of Christmas is Jesus. I want to invite you to put a manger in your houses, a visible manger that reminds us of the beauty of this time, but above all, reminds us of the way Jesus came into our lives. This Christmas, before we sit at the table to celebrate, be it dinner or family lunch, let us pray as a family remembering the graces and gifts he brought us, and let us not forget to ask for those most in need to also have bread on their tables.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Alex

Christmas at Queen of Apostles

December 24 - Christmas Eve

5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm (Spanish), 11 pm (subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions)

December 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord

8 am, 10 am, 12 pm (Spanish)

✝ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ✝

Religious Education Information

Religious Education students in grade 8-high school who are eligible for Confirmation were asked to submit his/her Patron saint report/poster to the catechist by **Dec 13, 2020**. QofA School students/families are to confirm due dates/projects with the school teacher, Miss Hang. Confirmation sponsors need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from his/her home parish. Generally, the sponsor makes an appointment to meet with his/her parish priest to obtain the Certificate. The Sponsor Certificate is due **Jan 10, 2021**. Students who did not attend the Nov 21 retreat will attend the **Jan 16, 2021** retreat at Queen of Apostles. Please see the link to the right to register.

On **Sunday, Dec. 13**, Fr. Diaz met with Religious Education parents of students who are eligible for First Penance/First Holy Communion this school year, English at 9am and Spanish at 9:30am. Baptized students, who are in grade 2 and above and have attended no less than two years of Religious Education and show evidence of desire for the sacraments, are eligible.

*Religious Education classes will not meet **Dec 20, 27, 2020** and **Jan 3, 2021**.* At home work/projects may be assigned and due on **Jan 10** when classes resume.

Safety: We respectfully ask each family to consider quarantining (not being around those outside your immediate circle or visiting high risk areas as noted by the CDC) starting on the morning of Wednesday, **January 6, 2021** through the morning of Sunday, **January 10, 2021**. COVID-19 symptoms can start as early as 2 days and as long as 14 days after exposure. The average time that symptoms appear is around 4 - 5 days, hence, the rationale for quarantining with your child (ren) for at least 4 days before returning to Religious Education on **Jan. 10, 2021** to monitor for developing symptoms. If symptoms develop, please contact your primary Health Care Provider immediately, do not attend Religious Education class, and send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org. We greatly value your partnership in taking extra precautions to keep Queen of Apostles parish, school, and Religious Education communities safe and healthy.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES
**Confirmation
Retreat**
For Grade 8 - High school Students!
JAN 16, 2021
Registration form can be found on the Parish Website
<https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>

RCIA RCIA in Spanish will continue to meet on Wednesdays during Christmas: **Dec. 23, 30, 2020** and **Jan. 6, 2021**. We will keep you updated regarding dates for the English RCIA classes.

Altar Servers—Serving our Lord in the Eucharist The Diocese has given us permission to have 2-3 altar servers present at each Sunday Mass (currently 8am, 10am, 12noon) and other Masses to assist with the sacred liturgy. Seasoned and new servers are invited. If your son is willing to serve at Holy Mass, please send a message to Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org or talk with Fr. Rampino. The December Mass schedule has been sent to families. Boys are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, use the upper sacristy and wait for the priest.



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 or on our website queenofapostles.org Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or general@queenofapostles.org

✝ PARISH LIFE ✝

Masses This Week

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 20:

8:00 am +Christina Lynem
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Maria Hoi Ha & Peter Nguyen
1:30 pm +Nelly Mesa

Monday, December 21:

6:30 am +Catherine Shea
9:00 am +Mercedes Henning

Tuesday, December 22:

6:30 am +Katherine Shea
9:00 am +Christina De Guzman

Wednesday, December 23:

6:30 am +Leo Weston
9:00 am +Dolores Perez

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24:

6:30 am +Leo Weston
9:00 am +Betty Quinn
5:00 pm +Efren Policarpio
7:00 pm +Enrique Espino
9:00 pm +Roberto Chirinos Marariaga
11:00 pm +Amelia Arrivas

Nativity of Our Lord - Friday, December 25:

8:00 am (L) Ivette Dupuy
10:00 am +Maria Peleaz
12:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

St. Stephen - Saturday, December 26:

8:00 am +Anne Camp
5:00 pm +Joseph Manson
7:00 pm (L) Annette Pugliese

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Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care.



An expectant mother wrote: "I give thanks for the prayers and intervention of the people who were outside the abortion clinic and I decided to call Gabriel Project. Now thanks to them I have my first medical appointment to see how my baby is doing and it really is a blessing for everything I have received." Tags can be found on our Advent Angel tree once the children's tags are all taken.

Parish Office Closures

The Parish Office will close the afternoon of **December 23rd** for Christmas, and will open again on **December 28th**. It will close again on **December 30th** for New Years and reopen on **January 4th**. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Every year, on the feast of Christmas, Christians rejoice at the birth of the baby Jesus, a time to share and at the same time to meditate on the great gift that God gives us by sending His Son to live among us. I know that this Christmas will be different from last Christmas, but we must be grateful for the miracle of life that we still have, that despite how challenging and difficult this year has been, we can always rediscover the miracle of the love of our God manifested in the manger of Bethlehem. May we discover his deep love for us there! "I invite you to pause before the Nativity scene, for there God's tenderness speaks to us. There we contemplate divine mercy, made flesh so that we gaze tenderly upon it" (Pope Francis, Christmas Message 2015).

As your pastor, I wish this to be a time of hope and reconciliation. I wish that the grace and peace of the Child Jesus abundantly bless your home, your intentions, and all your projects. I wish you to have a Merry and Holy Christmas, full of peace and wellness. Thank you for your support to parish Queen of the Apostles; keep in mind that I will remember you at the Christmas Holy Mass.

Thank you for your friendship and your affection. Always count on my prayers, and I humbly ask for your prayers for this new pastoral ministry that I have been entrusted to serve you better and with more joy.

With all my heart, I wish you:

Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Rev. Alexander Diaz
Pastor



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Christmas, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Christmas, we never could have imagined that in just a couple months, our lives and our world would be forever changed by a global pandemic. In faith and love, we have striven to persevere through these difficulties. This year we have also been shaken once again by racial tensions in our nation. With trust in God, we continue to seek the transformation of our society, that it might more fully reflect God's Kingdom. Now, the celebration of Our Lord's birth renews us in the hope and peace that comes from him alone.

When we seek models of encouragement, especially in times of trial, we need look no further than the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph traveled a long and dangerous road to keep Jesus safe. They experienced exhaustion, and yet they remained strong in faith and trusted in God's plan for them.

As we celebrate this sacred season of Christmas, may we imitate Mary and Joseph and celebrate with reverence and joy the majesty and wonder of Christmas: "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14). By taking on human flesh, he joined us in our earthly existence. Christ endured the pain, disappointment and struggle of this life but also sanctified those moments. This Christmas, may we become more fully a dwelling place of the Word by entrusting our challenges, crosses, and very lives to his infinite love and divine mercy. In him, we will find the strength and grace we need.

In this Christmas season, God invites us, through the words of St. Paul, to "let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body" (Col 3:15). May we be instruments of his peace and compassion in a world that desperately needs the witness of our faith and unity. Let us encourage and support one another in faith with a renewed commitment to serve our brothers and sisters in most need, striving daily to imitate Christ.

It is my hope and prayer that Our Lord and Savior will bless you and your family with the peace that only he can give. May this precious gift be yours throughout the Christmas season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



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Navidad de 2020

Estimados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En la última Navidad, nunca hubiéramos podido imaginarnos que apenas en un par de meses nuestra vida y nuestro mundo cambiarían para siempre por causa de una pandemia mundial. Con fe y amor, nos hemos esforzado por perseverar en medio de estas dificultades. Este año también nos han estremecido una vez más las tensiones raciales en nuestra nación. Con confianza en Dios, seguimos buscando la transformación de nuestra sociedad para que refleje el Reino de Dios de una manera más plena. Ahora, la celebración del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor nos renueva en la esperanza y la paz que provienen solamente de Él.

Al buscar modelos de aliento, particularmente en épocas de tribulaciones, no necesitamos mirar más allá de la Sagrada Familia. María y José recorrieron un largo y peligroso camino para proteger a Jesús. A pesar de su agotamiento, se mantuvieron firmes en la fe y confiaron en el plan de Dios para ellos.

Al celebrar esta sagrada temporada de Navidad, ruego para que imitemos a María y a José y celebremos con reverencia y alegría la majestad y la maravilla de la Navidad: “El Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros” (Juan 1:14). Al hacerse carne humana, Jesús se unió a nosotros en nuestra existencia terrenal. Cristo sufrió el dolor, la desilusión y la lucha de esta vida, pero también santificó esos momentos. Que en esta Navidad nos convirtamos más plenamente en una morada del Verbo al confiar nuestras dificultades, nuestras cruces y nuestra propia vida a su infinito amor y a su divina misericordia. En Él, encontraremos la fortaleza y la gracia que necesitamos.

En esta temporada de Navidad, Dios nos invita, por medio de las palabras de San Pablo a dejar “que la paz de Cristo reine en sus corazones: esa paz a la que han sido llamados porque formamos un solo Cuerpo” (Colosenses: 3:15). Que seamos instrumentos de la paz y la compasión de Cristo en un mundo que necesita desesperadamente el testimonio de nuestra fe y unidad. Animémonos y apoyémonos unos a otros en la fe con un compromiso renovado de servir a nuestros hermanos y hermanas más necesitados, esforzándonos a diario por imitar a Cristo.

Abrigo la esperanza de que Nuestro Señor y Salvador los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias con la paz que solamente Él puede dar y rezo porque así sea. Que este preciado don sea suyo en toda la temporada de Navidad y siempre.

Fielmente en Cristo,

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge
Obispo de la Diócesis de Arlington

Gospel Commentary for the Fourth Sunday of Advent: The Lord is Come

Fr. Joseph Rampino

Before anything else, I would like to wish you all, along with Fr. Diaz and all the staff here at Queen of Apostles, a very Merry Christmas! No matter what this year has brought us in a worldly sense, the mystery of this holy feast, the child who is God-with-us lying in a manger, adored by his holy mother and St. Joseph, as well as both angels and shepherds, still comes to us all the same, unchanged by the shifting currents of the outside world. Jesus Christ remains the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

So what is it that we see when we look on the infant of Bethlehem? We see God Himself contained in little space, the mighty king of all the universe held in place by swaddling bands, the one who knows all with perfect and piercing sight looking on his mother with the weak eyes of a newborn. Without ceasing to be the Almighty God, Wisdom itself, the one through whom all things were made, He becomes small and helpless, humble and easy to miss, quiet and unassuming in every way. Without leaving heaven, He comes to us on Earth, and in so doing allows living people to experience the sight of God, a foretaste of heaven's perfect joy.

Why has He done this wondrous thing? He becomes lowly to save the lowly. He becomes weak to save the weak. He becomes humble and forgotten to save the humble and forgotten. He has decided, with infinite wisdom, to call to us gently, coaxing us to Himself with humility and gentle quiet rather than to call with a voice like the roar of the ocean, as He will at the end of time. For now, He draws us with something that makes sense to us, with a face that we can understand, and with a name that we can easily call. As St. Ephraim once wrote, He looked for a chariot with which he could ride down to rescue us, and, deciding to use our human nature as His vehicle, charges down on His mission of Redemption.

So then today, we can, with joy, throw away our fear. The world may be frightening at times, but Christ will never abandon His people, and has come into our world, unafraid, to bring us home. If we have anxieties about what is taking place all around us, we can hand them to this little King, whose family has been cast out into a cave, for He knows well what it is to live in uncertain times and places. If we have sins and failings that weigh us down, we can lay them at the feet of this tiny Savior, who will one day offer His hands, feet, and side to be wounded for our healing. If we have sorrows and troubles that we carry, we can set them aside before this infant God, who longs to give us the true rest of His Father's house, taking us back with Him the way He first came.

There is nothing that can conquer or cloud the blessing that Christ offers us on Christmas day. From that first Christmas to today, and until the end of time, at the heart of reality is joyful hope. For God has become a man, like us in everything but sin, and has showed us that He is with His people forever. The joy of the Incarnation, the Christmas mystery lying in the manger, our salvation in Jesus, is the final word ringing out over all creation, no matter what lies the devil tells us. May we too proclaim the victorious truth with all our hearts, today, this whole season, and for all time.

Merry Christmas!



Please pray for all of the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, 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, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, 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, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt

† EN ESPAÑOL †

CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús.

Estamos a las puertas de celebrar la Navidad, el tiempo más precioso del año, un tiempo de vida, de alegría, de esperanza y de paz. Este año creo que será un tanto diferente porque nos ha tocado vivir una prueba dura y difícil, que poco a poco vamos superando, sin embargo, muchos no podremos estar juntos por precaución y por protección a los que queremos, pero estamos seguros que esta pandemia no detendrá nuestro espíritu de Navidad, y nuestro deseo de que Jesús nazca en nuestros corazones. Quizá, hoy más que nunca a pesar de todo, deberíamos de entender que lo necesitamos, y que debemos recibirlo con mucho más amor.

Agradezco mucho a todos los que donaron un regalo para los niños de nuestra parroquia, ya los regalos se han entregado, como saben en nuestra parroquia hay algunas personas de escasos recursos y agradecen encarecidamente sus regalos que con amor ustedes han traído, Dios les bendiga por su generosidad.

Hace unos meses tome la decisión de ayudar a un diócesis pobre en el Salvador, y hemos enviado ayuda económica para ayudar a muchas personas de escasos recursos, con lo poco que la caja de los pobres tenía hemos alimentado dos asilos de ancianos y ayudado con comida a muchas personas de escasos recursos, me siento muy complacido porque esas familias viven en la extrema pobreza y agradecen el que se les dé un poco de comida para continuar. Estén seguros que les hemos regalado un pedazo de nuestra navidad, porque tendrán algo que poner en sus mesas el día navidad. En uno de los boletines de enero les mostrare las fotos de las personas que han recibido esta ayuda.

También, les invito a participar en nuestras misas de navidad, sé que el número es restringido, solamente 250 personas, pero tendremos varias misas 5:00pm y 7:00pm en inglés, 9:00pm en Español y 11:00pm en Inglés, y el día de navidad 8:00am y 10:00am en Inglés y a las 12:00 en español. Ofrezcamos las misas de navidad de este año para que esta pandemia termine pronto y podamos todos volver a estar juntos.

Les recuerdo que la oficina parroquial cerrará el 23 al medio día, y reabrirá hasta el 28 de diciembre en horario normal, para que lo tengan presente

Finalmente, no olvidemos que el centro de la navidad es Jesús, quiero invitarles a que pongan un pesebre en sus casas, un pesebre visible que nos recuerde lo bello de este tiempo, pero sobretodo que nos recuerde la forma en que Jesús vino a nuestras vidas, que esta navidad antes de sentarnos a la mesa para celebrar, ya sea la cena o el almuerzo familiar, hagamos una oración en familia recordando las gracias y dones que él nos traído, y no olvidemos pedir para los más necesitados tengan también pan en sus mesas.

Feliz Navidad para todos.

En Cristo,

P. Alex

Navidad en la Reina de los Apóstoles

24 de Diciembre

5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm (En Español), 11 pm (sujeto a cambios)

25 de Diciembre

8 am, 10 am, 12 pm (En Español)

Misas esta semana

Domingo 20 de diciembre:

8:00 am +Christina Lynem
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
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6:30 am +Catherine Shea
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6:30 am +Katherine Shea
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6:30 am +Leo Weston
9:00 am +Dolores Perez

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7:00 pm +Enrique Espino
9:00 pm +Roberto Chirinos Marariaga
11:00 pm +Amelia Arrivas

Natividad de nuestro Señor-Viernes 25 de diciembre:

8:00 am (L) Ivette Dupuy
10:00 am +Maria Peleaz
12:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sabado 26 de diciembre:

8:00 am +Anne Camp
5:00 pm +Joseph Manson
7:00 pm (L) Annette Pugliese

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Vida Por favor, de un Regalo por la Vida esta temporada para ayudar al Proyecto Gabriel a financiar el cuidado de maternidad de una madre. Una futura madre escribió: "Doy gracias por las oraciones y la intervención de las personas que estaban fuera de la clínica de abortos y decidí llamar a Proyecto Gabriel. Ahora gracias a ellos tengo mi primera cita médica para ver cómo está mi bebé y realmente es una bendición todo lo que he recibido".



Oficina Parroquial La Oficina Parroquial cerrará la tarde del **23 de diciembre** para Navidad, y volverá a abrir el **28 de diciembre**. Se cerrará de nuevo el **30 de diciembre** para Año Nuevo y reabrirá el **4 de enero**. ¡Le deseamos una Feliz Navidad y un bendito Año Nuevo!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús:

Cada año en la fiesta de la navidad, los cristianos nos regocijamos por el nacimiento del niño Jesús, un tiempo de compartir y al mismo tiempo de meditar en el don tan grande que Dios nos da, al enviarnos a su hijo a vivir entre nosotros. Sé que esta navidad será totalmente diferente a las navidades pasadas, pero debemos de estar agradecidos por el milagro de la vida que aún tenemos, que a pesar de lo duro y difícil que ha sido este año aun podamos redescubrir el milagro del amor de nuestro Dios manifestado en el pesebre de Belén. Que descubramos ahí su amor profundo por nosotros. "Les invito a detenerse ante el pesebre, porque allí nos habla la ternura de Dios. Allí se contempla la misericordia divina que se ha hecho carne, y que enternece nuestra Mirada" (Papa Francisco).

Como su párroco deseo que este sea un tiempo de esperanza, de reconciliación, deseo que la gracia y la paz del Niño Jesús bendiga abundantemente su hogar, sus intenciones y todos sus proyectos, deseo que viva una Feliz y Santa Navidad, llena de paz y bienestar. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra parroquia Reina de los Apóstoles, tenga presente que les recordare en la Santa Misa de Navidad.

Gracias por su amistad y por su cariño, cuente siempre con mis oraciones, y pido humildemente sus oraciones por este nuevo ministerio pastoral que he recibido para poderle servir mejor y con más alegría. De todo corazón les deseo:

¡Feliz Navidad y bendecido y próspero Año Nuevo!

Rev. Alexander Díaz
Párroco