



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate them  
in practicing the virtues of family life  
and in the bonds of charity, and so,  
in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.*

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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

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

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

**RCIA** RCIA in English and Spanish will not meet on **Dec. 31**, and **Jan. 2**. Classes resume on **Jan. 7** and **9**.

**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](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

**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](mailto:s.calvino@queenofapostles.org).

### 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**, 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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/QuoVadis).

**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 the **Parish Needs**.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jan. 6** bulletin has passed.

**Religious Education** Religious We wish our Religious Education families a blessed and prayerful Christmas season. Classes resume on Sunday, **Jan. 6**.

The Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation packet is posted to: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. The registration form and fee are due **Jan. 20**. Also, parents and godparents of unbaptized children have a meeting with the priest on **Jan. 20** at 9 am in the school library.

Grade 8 and high schools students who desire Confirmation have upcoming projects and deadlines: Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility, signed and sealed by the priest, is due **Jan. 20**. Service hours and typed report is due **Feb. 3**. The packet is posted to: [http://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/Confirmation-Packet\\_2019.pdf](http://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/Confirmation-Packet_2019.pdf).

**Sick and Homebound Ministry** In the spirit of family of families in our parish, please consider joining Queen of Apostles' new Sick and Homebound Ministry in assisting others who have special needs, or are sick at home or in a medical or residential facility. The new ministry follows the Parish Mission Statement: *"to encourage the faithful to the faithful to use their time, talent and treasure for the glory of God..."* We especially need you to share your faith by signing up to spend time in prayer with others who are in need. For more information, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495.

### The Holy Family Prayer

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

## Pastor's Letter

### Christmas Season

On Monday, with Christmas Eve we began the Christmas Season, which this year will end on January 13, so let's celebrate it 'till the very last day! Keep up the "Christmas lights", the "Christmas trees" and the Nativity Scene as a reminder: we are in Christmas season!

In addition to this, I would like to give you a tour through the Christmas liturgy, from Dec 25 to Jan 1. Let's accompany Mary, Joseph and the people of Israel in the events which happened those days.

Christmas Eve begins with Jesus' genealogy. The one who is born is the son of David and the Son of God. "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son" (Mt 1:22).

At the midnight Mass a great light shines: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone... For a child is born to us, a son is given to us" (Is 9:1.5a). This is the announcement of the angel to the shepherds.

It always makes me meditate that we haven't seen Jesus yet. The angels are singing the glory of God, the shepherds are running to the stable, but we haven't seen Jesus. It will be the Mass at the dawn - when the Sun rises - when we will see Jesus. "So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger" (Lk 2:16).

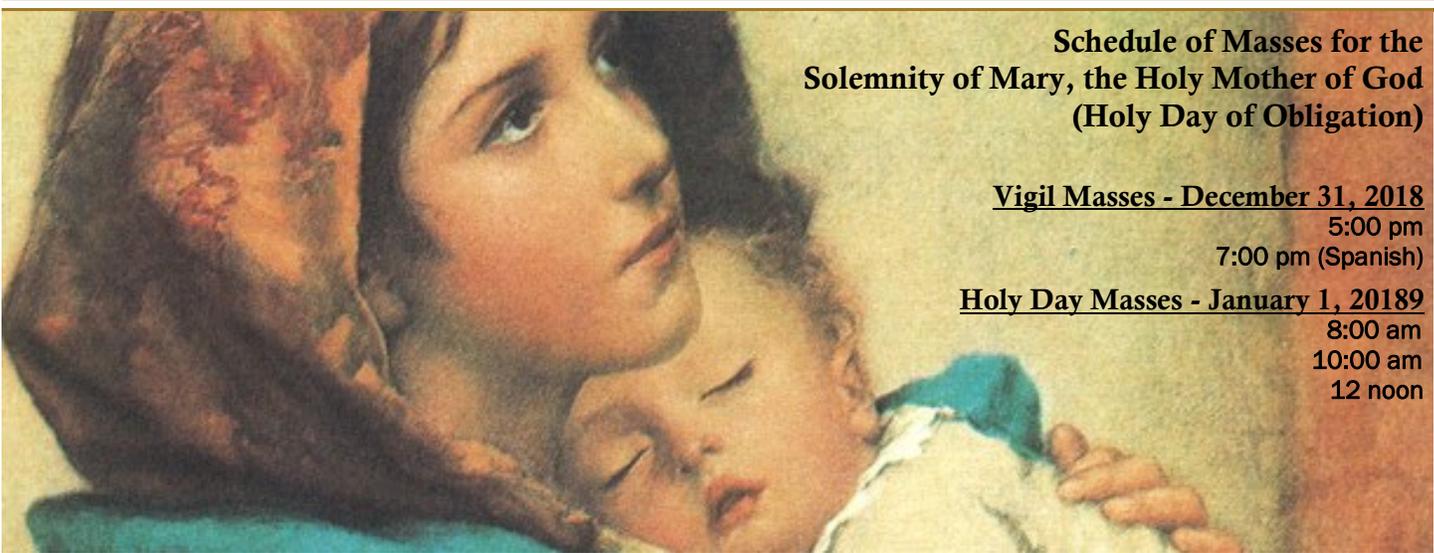
Finally, the Mass during the day will introduce us in the contemplation of the mystery of the incarnate Word: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).

The Sunday between Christmas and Mary, Mother of God we celebrate the Holy Family. If the Son of God wanted to live a family life for 30 years, we want to go to Nazareth and learn the presence of God in family life.

This feast reminds us also that family is at the core of God's plan. He created us male and female to become one flesh and be blessed with the children. Every human person is meant to be born in a family and receive life and love as a gift. This is why family is so fundamental for the future of our society.

Today we invite you to join the Knights of Columbus to consecrate your households to the Holy Family in an intentional way, completely surrendering your family to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family and that through your domestic church, you are called to follow their example.

Holy Family of Nazareth, bless our parish family and our households!



### Schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

#### 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

## This Week In Our Parish

### The Holy Family - Sunday, December 30:

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 31:

Adoration Chapel Closed  
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Tuesday, January 1:

Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 2:

Adoration Chapel Closed  
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 Ghana Prayer Group

### Thursday, January 3:

Adoration Chapel Closed  
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, January 4:

Adoration Chapel Closed  
Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym  
Church 7:00-8:00 pm Epiphany Concert  
Hannan Hall 9:00 pm-8:00 am First Friday Adoration Vigil

### Saturday, January 5:

Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group  
Hannan Hall 6:00-9:00 pm International Food Festival  
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir  
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

**Clean Out Your Garage and 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. If you would like to donate your bike, please email [mchavez@ccda.net](mailto:mchavez@ccda.net). Drop off location is Catholic Charities Arlington Office (200 N. Glebe Road).

**Give a Gift for Life** 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](http://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.

## Vocations



Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org), or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or [m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.



## Scheduled Adorers 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](mailto:moleski47@gmail.com).

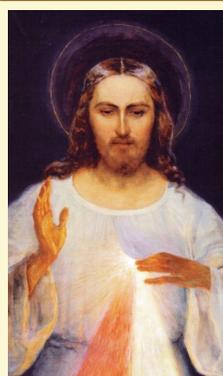
Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night, 11 pm to 12 am. Please contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or [n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org](mailto:n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org).

Please also prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday afternoon, 3 pm to 4 pm. Please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or [rosalieam@msn.com](mailto:rosalieam@msn.com).

**Adoration Chapel Closed** The Adoration Chapel will reopen on Monday, **Jan. 7, 2019** after the 6:30 am Mass.

**Parish Office Closed** The Parish Office will close on Monday, **Jan. 1, 2019** for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will not be available on Tuesday morning, **Jan. 1, 2019**.



## Divine Mercy

*"My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace."*

(Jesus to St. Faustina)

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6      Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Eph 3:2-3A, 5-6      Mt 2:1-12

**Pray the Family Rosary** Queen of Apostles' Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council, #4522, invite and encourage all parishioners to join us immediately following the 12 noon Mass this Sunday where (Sir Knight) Fr. Leopoldo Vives will lead us in praying the Holy Rosary.



### Epiphany Concert and Food Festival

**Next Weekend** Next Friday, **Jan. 4** and Saturday, **Jan. 5** our parish will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with two events: Friday at 7 pm in the church our parish Music Ministry program will host a Christmas concert. All are invited to this free event. On Saturday at 6 pm there will be an International Food Festival in Hannan Hall, with proceeds benefiting our Parish Retreat in Spanish, taking place **February 8-10** at the San Damiano Retreat Center. We hope you will join us for these Epiphany celebrations!

**Tax Savings Through Gifts of Stock** Consider a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts\\_stock.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx).

### Last Opportunity to Make an End-of-Year Gift!

**Dec. 31** is the last day you can make a charitable gift for the tax year **2018**. Minimize your taxable income and support the parish by making a donation to Queen of Apostles! Your contribution will help continue to grow our liturgy, our school and our diverse ministries in the new year. One-time donations may be made at: [membership.faihdirect.net/VA324](http://membership.faihdirect.net/VA324). Thank you and we wish you a happy and blessed New Year!

**ACCA Volunteers Needed** ACCA needs volunteers to help with the Meals on Wheels delivery program which serves elderly and disabled individuals. Queen of Apostles has two weeks that are not covered. Please consider this activity and call Jessica Meyer at (412) 537-1383.

### "Catholicism" Bible Study Program Starting January 8

Join us as we journey around the world and deep into the Catholic Faith in all its richness, history, beauty, goodness, and truth in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography. Travel with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. The study will be offered Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 am and from 5:45 to 7:15 pm at Queen of Apostles. Classes begin **Jan. 8** and will conclude **Mar. 12** (10 weeks). The cost for the booklet is \$20. Register on the first day of class or with Elizabeth Said at [elizabethsaid2@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsaid2@gmail.com).

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Masses this Week

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#### Sunday, December 30:

7:30 am      +Almira Pasasadaba  
9:00 am      +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.  
10:30 am      Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm      +John Abrams

#### Saint Sylvester I - Monday, December 31:

6:30 am      +Michelle Marie Lowery  
9:00 am      (L) Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kemble  
5:00 pm      +Winifred Cook  
7:00 pm      +Leonarda Espino

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

#### Tuesday, January 1:

8:00 am      (L) Miguel Antonio Saunders  
10:00 am      (L) Msgr. John C. Cregan  
12:00 pm      Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

#### Wednesday, January 2:

6:30 am      +Juan Pasasadaba  
9:00 am      +Loren Beach

### The Most Holy Name of Jesus - Thursday, January 3:

6:30 am      +Herminio Biñas  
9:00 am      +George Davis

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton - Friday, January 4:

6:30 am      (L) Patricia León-Duarte  
9:00 am      +John Brooks

### Saint John Neumann - Saturday, January 5:

8:00 am      (L) Andrew Beatty  
5:00 pm      +John Abrams  
7:00 pm      +Felicita Méndez

### The Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, January 6:

7:30 am      +Joseph Barnoski  
9:00 am      +Constantino Perez  
10:30 am      Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm      +Lucia and José Antonio Venero



### 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, 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