



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
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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. 10/11** bulletin is Monday, **Dec. 5** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Subscribe to Our Weekly Parish E-Newsletter

To sign up please visit
<https://queenofapostles.org/news/>

Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcoming On **Dec. 3** during the 7 pm Mass and on **Dec. 11** during 10:30 am Mass, the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming the Candidates will be celebrated at Queen of Apostles.

Please pray for our students and adults as they learn about the Catholic faith and seek and desire Christian initiation.

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. 9, 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. Parents are needed to help provide snacks or 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.

The Vocations Crucifix Program at Queen of Apostles is a means of developing prayer and devotion among our parish families. Altar servers and their families will host the Vocations Crucifix weekly. Families who have not chosen a week to host the crucifix are asked to visit, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-vocations>. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others.

Religious Education For students desiring Confirmation, the registration form and sacramental fee were due **Nov. 6**.

The saint reports for RE students are due **Dec. 4**.

For students desiring First Penance and First Holy, the registration form and sacramental fee are due **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.
- For more information, contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org.
- Adults attending either RCIA class are asked to participate in the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming on Sunday, **Dec. 11** (change in date) at 10:30 am or Saturday, **Dec. 3** at 7 pm (Spanish). Your godparent/sponsor is invited to attend, too.

Pastor's Letter

Remark on Bishop Loverde

Bishop Loverde has been Arlington's Bishop for 17 years. He will remain in the Diocese, residing at the Priests' Retirement Home near St. Michael so hopefully we will continue benefiting of his ministry as retired Bishop for preaching, confirmations... As he retires I would like to encourage all of you to give thanks to the Lord for this "Shepherd after his own heart." His devotion to the Sacred Heart, prayer life and humility has inspired all of us. His episcopacy has been a tremendous gift.

After these 17 years, the Arlington Diocese is well known for its thriving life. Financially solid; growing in numbers; with strong parish schools and diocesan high schools. Bishop Loverde brought to the Chancery talented people who made a successful planning and management. His pastoral priorities have been charity, evangelization, youth, vocations, and Catholic education. He has been successful in growing and promoting all of them. As a result, Queen of Apostles School benefits a lot from the financial support coming from the Diocese.

Let's raise a loud prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for our beloved retired bishop, and let's pray for his holiness and a fruitful ministry as retired bishop. THANK YOU, LORD. THANK YOU, BISHOP LOVERDE.

New Bishop of Arlington to be Installed December 6

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will be the fourth Bishop of Arlington

Nearly eight weeks after being named the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington by Pope Francis, the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, will take possession of the Diocese at a Mass of Installation.

When: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 2 pm (*Please note time change in Parish Advent calendar.)

Where: Cathedral of Saint Thomas More

There will be no general public admission to the Mass of Installation due to the limited seating capacity at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. Admission will be granted only to those who have tickets.

The Diocese has arranged that the Mass be live-streamed at www.arlingtondiocese.org because of the limited seating. WMET 1160 AM will also air the Mass of Installation live. The ceremony will air in its entirety on the EWTN Global Catholic Network at 3 pm ET.

December 17 Morning of Recollection



**All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection
on Saturday, Dec. 17 in the church and in Hannan Hall.**

**This month's recollection will be lead by
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM.**

**Rule of Life
Devotion for the
Month of December**
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

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.

This Week In Our Parish

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4:

Towards a Family Fully Alive Program

Vestibule	KofC Christmas Card Sale
Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	Women's Group Bake & Gift Sale
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, December 5:

Cupertino Room	7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

St. Nicholas - Tuesday, December 6:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

St. Ambrose - Wednesday, December 7:

Hannan Hall	7:00-8:00 pm
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8:

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

St. Juan Diego - Friday, December 9:

Hannan Hall	8:00 am-9:00 pm PSSJ Set up for Children's Play
Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus

Saturday, December 10:

Hannan Hall	9:00-10:30 am St. Gabriel Day Care Center Christmas Pageant
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary Auxiliary Feast
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

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
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

Dec. 5 Heads of Ministries Meeting Canceled

Due to unforeseen events related to Bishop Burbidge's Installation which will demand the presence of our priests, our Heads of Ministries Meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5 has been canceled.



Vocations

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Advent For all those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and in the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.



Second Sunday of Advent

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

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.

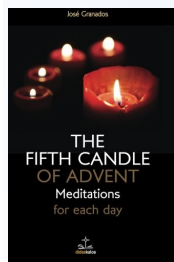
Part I, Daring to Walk the Walk, begins **Jan. 17** by introducing seven key virtues and practical steps for living them out. **Part II, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart**, continues **Mar. 14** through Lent by showing us how to identify and overcome obstacles that aggravate us, discourage us, and 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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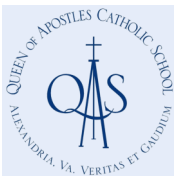
Angel Trees As our parish does every Advent, we are working with partner organizations to benefit local children and families in need through our Angel Trees. The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph, Catholic Charities and the Gabriel Project are our three partners this year. Please take an angel from one of 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.

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.

Open call for Musicians! All musicians that wish to join the Music Ministry for Immaculate Conception or the Advent and Christmas season are welcome to begin attending rehearsals as soon as possible. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 pm in the Choir Room (Hannan Hall). Contact Michelle for more information: m.jacobeen@queenofapostles.org.



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. All are encouraged to attend.

Second Sunday of Advent

Masses this Week

Monday, December 5:

6:30 am +Nicholas Boschi
9:00 am +Shoukry Said (Anniversary 12/2)

St. Nicholas - Tuesday, December 6:

6:30 am (L) James Saunders & Reynaldo León Lor
9:00 am +Emilia Perez Rosado

St. Ambrose - Wednesday, December 7:

6:30 am +Nicholas Boschi
9:00 am (L) Katherine Barnoski

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) - Thursday, December 8:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Armando Marsal, DCJM
9:00 am (L) Mary and Pat Moran
12:00 noon +Nathaniel Jacobeen
7:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

St. Juan Diego - Friday, December 9:

6:30 am (L) Germelina Green
9:00 am +Felix and Belén Perez

Saturday, December 10:

8:00 am (L) Michael Zacarias
5:00 pm (L) Ms. Gertrude
7:00 pm +Sara Maria Inostroza

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11:

7:30 am +John Steve Catilo
9:00 am +Antonio Castro and Nelly Bryson
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Maria Giordanelli de Reyes



Annual Bake, Jewelry and Gift Sale

The Women's Group is having their annual bake, jewelry, and gift sale this Sunday, after all Masses in Hannan Hall.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



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 Subalsky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith