

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary,
deserving of all praise;
from you rose the sun of justice,
Christ our God.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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

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.

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. 16** bulletin was Monday, **Dec. 3**.

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.

Christmas Caroling this Sunday Please join us for Christmas Caroling with the Philippino Adorers after the 9 am Mass in the church.

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 first 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.

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.

Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection

Today marks the Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their mission is central to the Church's fundamental mission to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion – and your support of this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting those in need through Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are unable to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week's collection and note Christmas Collection/Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. Or visit www.cdda.net to learn more and make a year-end gift.

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

Pastor's Letter

Lame Duck

Until January the Congress is in a lame duck mode. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a lame duck as “an elected official or group continuing to hold political office during the period between the election and the inauguration of a successor.”

Advent reminds us that the world is a lame duck. Jesus is coming in power and glory. He has triumphed over evil, sin and death. Today I would like to share with you the news I would like to see in broadcasts and newspaper headlines:

- Giving special honor to the non-re-elected representatives, Congress calls for a session to pray in the spirit of Advent. During this time of recollection, they will meditate on the Bible and devote themselves to works of charity like serving dinners in various homeless shelters in DC.
- DC Major explains that even though most of the Christmas lights are already up, they will keep them off. “We are in Advent –he said– and it makes no sense to have Christmas lights until Jesus, the Light of the World, will shine on us. Thus, we will light our Christmas trees and all the beautiful lighting around the District on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm.”
- Fifth Avenue’s shops in Manhattan are promoting a Pre-Christmas Campaign to call the attention about how consumerism does not go with the Christmas Season. Jesus was born in dire poverty in a stable, and we want to imitate him by living a sober lifestyle during Advent.
- Big toy stores encourage and invite families to consider what they would like to offer up instead of what they want to purchase. In doing so, our celebration of Christmas will be one that intently welcomes Jesus in our homes. We will celebrate Christmas! Sure we will! With a nice meal and some presents! But in a Christian way because we are a Christian people.
- The prayer service for late President Bush was a moment of deep prayer and renewed respect and concord between our politicians. Thinking that we are called to heaven and we want everyone to be there, our politicians have renewed their efforts to make politics an exemplification of heaven on earth as much as we can. They will respect each other; be loyal, honest and gentle to each other and work hard together for the common good of the Country they serve.

Dear parishioners, please no hard feelings. This is meant to be a type of a fable to show how much the way we live Advent is like a lame-duck. How easily it can be for us to get into consumerism and even adopt the language of the “happy holidays” in which stunned by so many lights, commercials, expenses, parties... we can forget who we are and what are we celebrating: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths” (Lk 3:4).

Happy Advent and Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

December 15 Morning of Recollection

Join us for our Morning of Recollection on Saturday, December 15
in the church and in Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street)

Advent and the Sacraments

Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass	11:15 am	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
8:45 am	Rosary at 101 S. Whiting St.	12:00 pm	Blessing and Reposition
9:15 am	Breakfast	12:15 pm	Lunch
9:45 am	First Talk	12:50 pm	Holy Rosary
10:30 am	Group Discussions	1:20 pm	Gathering
11:00 am	Break	2:00 pm	Dismissal



This Week In Our Parish

Second Sunday of Advent, December 9:

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 10:

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 11:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 12:

Church 5:00-6:00 am Mañanitas to
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Hannan Hall 10:00 am-1:00 pm Women's group
Hannan Hall 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast for
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Hannan Hall 8:00-9:00 pm Reception for
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, December 13:

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 14:

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

Saturday, December 15:

Parish Morning of Recollection, see page 3 for details
Hannan Hall 12 noon St. Gabriel Day Care Center
Christmas Pageant
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

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please join us in celebrating the
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Novena: Dec. 3-11 at 7 pm
(6:30 pm on **Dec. 8**)

Mañanitas: Dec. 12 at 5 am with *Son de America Mariachi*. There will be an opportunity to bless images of Our Lady. A delicious breakfast will follow in Hannan Hall.



Feast Day Mass: Dec. 12 — Representation of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:15 pm, followed by a 7 pm bilingual High Mass. Children are encouraged to wear their traditional, cultural attire. Reception in Hannan Hall following Mass. *Son de America Mariachi* will perform.

For more information, please contact Lucero Gonzalez at (571) 282-1664 or Monica Muñoz at (703) 200-0077.

Vocations



Do you have the desire to give His people the knowledge of salvation? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Advent That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

Queen of Apostles Catholic School

We would like to thank all our parishioners for your support of the school auction. The event was a great success and we were happy to see many of you there. This year our auction raised over \$18,000. Events like this are important to our school as it helps us support the growth of our students. To provide an example of how your support of our school helps our students: Last year, Queen of Apostles had the highest growth in test scores in the areas of Math and Language Arts. Our Catholic Faith assessment scores were among the highest in the Diocese of Arlington at a 96% rate. This is evidence that Queen of Apostles provides a strong academic and spiritual foundation for our students. Thank you all again for your continued support.

We would like to welcome your continued support by inviting you to our annual Christmas program that will be held on Wednesday, **Dec 19**, beginning at 5:30 pm in the school gym. There is not charge, just bring your holiday cheer.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers

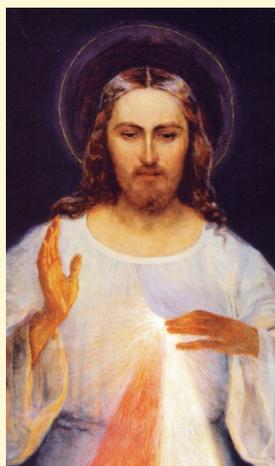
Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time each week to support these urgent needs: Tuesday morning, 1 am to 2 am, Friday morning, 4 am to 5 am, and Saturday morning, 2 am to 3 am. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

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.

Divine Mercy

"My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth — the tabernacle — and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to Me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1485)



Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18A Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Parish Planning Study: Preliminary Results Thank you to parishioners who participated in our parish planning study. Nearly 200 families contributed to the study, either through an in-person interview or by completing the e-survey. 28% of interviewees had a "very positive" perception of the parish, 63% had a "positive" perception, and 9% had a "mixed" perception. Respondents said that our top strength was our priests, followed by our parish community and diversity. Our top challenges included cohesiveness and effective communication, the sustainability of our school, and the care of our facilities. We look forward to sharing more about the study as the results are reviewed and next steps are considered.

Be an Angel, Help a Child Thank you to those who took a Giving Angel last weekend. Gifts are due back the weekend of **Dec. 15 & 16**. Please affix the angel to the bag of gifts, and leave the gifts unwrapped. Gifts returned before **Dec. 15** must be brought to the parish office during our office hours.

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 an join us for a time of joy and camaraderie. All parishioners are cordially invited. Thank You to all who supported the Women's Group Sale. Your support helps the organization provide donations to the church, school and community programs.

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.

Pro-Life Rosary Please join us in praying the Rosary for the protection of all unborn children and their parents, every third Saturday after the 8 am Mass in front of the abortion clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street.

Join us - Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join us as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community. Join us Saturday, **Dec. 15** at 10 am at the Landmark Towers (101 So Whiting St, Alexandria). Questions? Contact Larry Cirignano: (202) 306-6863, LarryVote@gmail.com.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent Masses this Week

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

Monday, December 10:

6:30 am +Felix and Belén Perez
9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen

Saint Damasus I - Tuesday, December 11:

6:30 am (L) Stephen Rodgers
9:00 am (L) Lucy Pinto

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Wednesday, December 12:

6:30 am (L) James and Miguel Saunders
9:00 am (L) Mary Petrick

Saint Lucy - Thursday, December 13:

6:30 am (L) Moira McAveney
9:00 am +Christina Lynem

Saint John of the Cross - Friday, December 14:

6:30 am +David Stovall
9:00 am (L) Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCM, Birthday

Saturday, December 15:

8:00 am +John Adams
5:00 pm (L) Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM
7:00 pm +José Enrique Lucchini

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



Give a Gift for Life Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. For more information and/or to donate, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.



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, 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, 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