



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Grant us, O merciful God,
protection in our weakness, that we, who keep
the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God,
may, with the help of her intercession,
rise up from our iniquities.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

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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
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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.



Altar Servers All servers, seasoned and new, are invited to have Pizza with the Pastor on Tuesday, **Feb. 19**, 6-8 pm. First, meet Fr. Leopoldo and Mr. Kirby in the church for refresher training then enjoy some pizza! If attending, please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org, or call (703) 354-8711.

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. Next meeting is this Monday, **Feb. 11**.

Emmaus High school and 8th grade 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 more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Young Adults Beginning **Feb. 18**, please join us in Hannan Hall on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm for fellowship and our study Priest, Prophet, and King. For more information on this and other young adult activities, text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list.

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 the **School Fund**.

Taller de Oración El Taller de Oración y Vida de la Espiritualidad del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga se ofrecerá a partir del **19 de febrero** en la Biblioteca de la escuela los días martes de 7-9 pm. El taller es gratis y les ofrece un método práctico y sencillo para aprender a orar en 15 sesiones. La inscripción se cierra el día martes **5 de marzo**. Para mayor información, llamar a Antonieta Berthe al (703) 244-5497.

Religious Education Classes will not meet on **Feb. 17** in observance of Presidents' Day.

Each Sunday, students are to bring their textbook and a pencil/pen to class along with completed homework. Students may be asked to bring a bible and rosary.

Thank you to the RE families for attending the potluck breakfast on **Feb. 3**. \$480 was raised for QofA's Capital Improvement Program!

Parents/sponsors of grade 8 and high school Religious Education students who desire Confirmation have a meeting with the priest on Sunday, **Mar. 3** at 9 am in All Saints Hall.

Sacraments of Initiation students: Students and godparents are to attend the Rite of Election on Sun, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington.

First Penance/First Holy Communion students: The date for First Penance for RE students is on Saturday, **Mar. 9**, beginning at 9:30 am. Also, families are invited to go to Confession during this time. The example of parents and others celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in joy and with meaning teaches the child to appreciate this opportunity to seek God's forgiveness and to deepen his or her relationship with Him.

Parents of grade 2 students attending QofA School should confirm the date and time of First Penance with the school teacher.

RCIA The Rite of Election (catechumens) and the Rite of Continuing Conversion (candidates) is on Sunday, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington). This is not a Mass. Due to limited seating only RCIA, godparent/sponsor, and 1 guest may attend. Please plan to arrive to the Cathedral by 1:30 pm. QofA will have reserved seating.

Why a Church Marriage? For couples who are not married in the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 to set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 17** and **Feb. 24** bulletins is Monday, **Feb. 11** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Pastor's Letter

Marriage is Good News

Today, along with the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate World Marriage Day. It is part of the week before Saint Valentine's Day, in which the Church invites us to celebrate, promote and defend marriage and the family.

In a society which is divided on political and ethical issues; in a society which considers marriage as an unnecessary burden and exalts transgenderism and homosexuality; in a society which sets a successful career as the paradigm of self-accomplishment to which all, even family, can be sacrificed... Marriage seems to be an underdog.

However Marriage is good news. "The family is the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love [...] The family is a necessary good for peoples, an indispensable foundation for society and a great and life-long treasure for couples" (Benedict XVI, World Meeting Families, July 8, 2006). And marriage is blessed and guarded by the grace of the sacrament of Marriage.

Today's readings can give us rich insight to approach the good news of marriage. Marriage is a vocation to holiness in conjugal love and family life. God is the one calling, like He did with Isaiah: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" (Is 6:8). Likewise, Jesus invites the expert fishermen to try again: "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch" (Lk 5:4).

Man and woman, created in the image and likeness of God who is love, are called to conjugal love. This is the Gospel which has been preached to us: "I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand" (1 Cor 15:1).

"Authentic married love is caught up into divine love and is governed and enriched by Christ's redeeming power and the saving activity of the Church, so that this love may lead the spouses to God with powerful effect and may aid and strengthen them in sublime office of being a father or a mother [...] By virtue of this sacrament, as spouses fulfil their conjugal and family obligation, they are penetrated with the spirit of Christ, which suffuses their whole lives with faith, hope and charity" (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes #48).

This miracle of love and grace is what husband and wife are called to live. Even in the midst of challenges and difficulties couples should not lose heart. God's grace is at work with them. "There is a temptation which perennially besets every spiritual journey and pastoral work: that of thinking that the results depend on our ability to act and to plan [...] We then share the experience of the disciples in the Gospel story of the miraculous catch of fish: 'We have toiled all night and caught nothing' (Lk 5:5). This is the moment of faith, of prayer, of conversation with God, in order to open our hearts to the tide of grace and allow the word of Christ to pass through us in all its power: Duc in altum!" (St. John Paul II, Novo Millennio Ineunte #38).

Dear couples and families, renew this act of faith and trust and put out into deep water once more. And, at Jesus' words, let down your nets (Lk 5:5).

PROGRESSING IN LOVE

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, the Church invites us to a deeper conversion and a more intense prayer life.

(Ages 18 and up)

Date: March 1, 2, and 3, 2019 [Beginning at 8 pm Friday (dinner) and ending at 2 pm Sunday (lunch)]

Cost: \$225 (each) double occupancy, **\$240** single occupancy

Location: Spiritual Life Center at San Damiano (125 Old Kitchen Road, White Post, VA 22663)

Registration Deadline: February 20

Food Allergies: If you have food allergies, please let the parish office know before **February 20**

To register and for additional information, please contact the Parish Office at (703) 354-8711.

This Week In Our Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 10:

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 11:30 am- 12:30 pm Banica Youth
Mission Meeting
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Our Lady of Lourdes - Monday, February 11:

Hannan Hall 3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
Church 6:30-7:30 pm Holy Hour for Married
and Engaged Couples
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, February 12:

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, February 13:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-12:30 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall 5:30-7:30 pm QofA School Science Fair
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, February 14:

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, February 15:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's
Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:30 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Hannan Hall 9:45 pm-1:30 am GCC Funeral Reception

Saturday, February 16:

Vestibule Banica Youth Mission Bake Sale
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

Venerate the Heart of Saint John Vianney The incorrupt heart of Saint John Vianney will be available for veneration at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on **Feb. 14-18**. This is a part of a national tour of the relic across the U.S. from **Nov. 2018** through **May 2019**.

Saints Cyril and Methodius, pray for us.

Alexandria Parish Seeks Director of Finance St. Louis Catholic Church seeks a qualified Director of Finance (25-30 hours a week). For more information, contact the Pastor (Fr. Keith O'Hare), at fr.ohare@saintlouisparish.org.

Vocations



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?" Do you think that the Lord wants to send you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

Holy Hour for Married and Engaged Couples

Monday, February 11 at 6:30 pm
Queen of Apostles Catholic Church

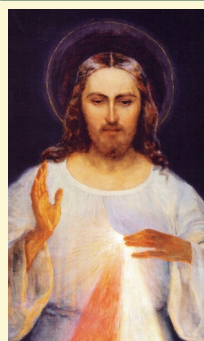
National Marriage Week is February 7-14. During this time, we focus prayerfully on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family (USCCB).

To celebrate and recognize the Sacrament of Marriage, married and engaged couples are invited to pray a Holy Hour with Fr. Leopoldo. This Holy Hour is a moment of thanksgiving before the Blessed Sacrament for the beauty and the sanctity of the gift of Marriage.

Prayer for Married Couples Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

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.



Divine Mercy

"But child, you are not yet in your homeland; so go, fortified by My grace, and fight for My kingdom in human souls; fight as a king's child would; and remember that the days of your exile will pass quickly, and with them the possibility of earning merit for heaven. I expect from you, My child, a great number of souls who will glorify My mercy for all eternity. My child, that you may answer My call worthily, receive Me daily in Holy Communion. It will give you strength..."

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1489)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

Banica Youth Mission 2019 All teens 16 and older are invited to participate in the Summer Youth Mission from **Jun. 22** to **Jul. 3** to serve our brothers and sisters in the Arlington Diocesan Mission of Banica, Dominican Republic. Teens interested in applying to take part in this year's mission should contact Mother Maria at mgonzalezpssj@aol.com or (703) 354-0395, or Jo Balsamo at jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com or (703) 623-5607 ASAP. There will be an informational meeting for all participants and parents this Sunday, **Feb. 10** after the 10:30 am Mass in Hannan Hall. Apply now, space is limited.

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

Women's Group The Women's Group meeting will be this Wednesday **Feb. 13** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. Our guest speaker will be Matilde Alvarado from the The Mother of Light Center. The Board and volunteers of the Center work to give people assistance and dignity. They provide for the material and spiritual needs for the overlooked, the homeless, the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend.



Scheduled Adorers Urgently 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. Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

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

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

*“Everywhere, wherever you may find yourself,
you can set up an altar to God in your mind
by means of prayer.” - St. John Chrysostom*

Virginia Catholic Conference and ERA As the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is considered by the Virginia General Assembly this year, follow along with the Catholic response to ERA and updates from the General Assembly at www.vacatholic.org. The Virginia Catholic Conference also tracks legislation and public discourse on education and the family, religious freedom, social justice, and other issues that have an impact on our Catholic faith and life as Virginians.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 10:

7:30 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Scotty Dickson

Our Lady of Lourdes - Monday, February 11:

6:30 am (L) Kevin Bonko and Family
9:00 am +Virginia P. Villanueva

Tuesday, February 12:

6:30 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
9:00 am +Marge Dickson

Wednesday, February 13:

6:30 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
9:00 am +Marge Dickson

Saints Cyril and Methodius - Thursday, February 14:

6:30 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.

Friday, February 15:

6:30 am (L) Kathy Bedard
9:00 am +Deceased Legion of Mary Members

Saturday, February 16:

8:00 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
5:00 pm +James Patrick Charnley
7:00 pm (L) Jazlynn Galeas

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 17:

7:30 am +Evangeline F. Madrona
9:00 am (L) The Diaz Family
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Marcel Dupuy

*Let I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence
of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship
at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Alex Samantela, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Daisy Atiyeh, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, 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 Jocsen, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo