



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor  
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence  
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

## 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

4409 Sano Street,  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
Kathy Littlefield, Principal  
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.*

### Emmaus - High School/Young College Students

Emmaus meets on Fridays, 6-8 pm at Queen of Apostles. On the first Friday of the month, Open Gym is held at the School Gym. On other Fridays, meet Fr. Juan at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayer, and other activities. Please note that Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month.

**Nazareth** is open to students in grades 4-8, and meets on the first and third Fridays of the month. Meet Fr. Juan and other Nazareth leaders in Hannan Hall. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4:00 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. The next Nazareth meetings are **Mar 3, 17**.

Parents are needed to help with snacks and activities. Please contact [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) if you can help.

### Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage - Thank You!

Thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of the Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage. Seven young men will be traveling with Fr. Juan to Fatima, Portugal and Rome, Italy during Holy Week 2017. As you pray for Andrew, Deion, Eduardo, Glen, Jason, Miguel, and Vincent, during this journey of faith, they will be praying for you and your intentions.

You can help defray the costs of the pilgrimage by purchasing delicious Mystic Monk Coffee (beans are roasted by the Carmelite Monks in Cody, WY), car raffle tickets, and snacks and donuts during CYO basketball games **Feb. 25-26**. Donations by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles, are greatly appreciated.

Questions? Please contact [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or call (703) 354-8711.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 26** bulletin was Friday, **Feb. 17** by 9 am.

**Religious Education** is not meeting on Sunday, **Feb. 19**. See you on **Feb. 26**!

Service hours and report were due on **Feb. 12** from students desiring and preparing for Confirmation or the Three Sacraments of Initiation.

Registration for the **2017-2018** Religious Education school year opens on **Apr. 23, 2017**.

**Rite of Election, March 4** Our students and adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and their godparents/sponsors, are attending the Rite of Election on Sunday afternoon, **Mar. 4** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

RCIA-English is not meeting on **Feb. 20**.

### School Auction and Social - March 25

The auction is a fun and exciting way to unite the parents, faculty, staff, families, church members, volunteers and community in one common cause: our great parish school. Items of value are donated from school families, church members, alumni, friends of Queen of Apostles and local businesses. Items are then offered at the auction for you to purchase. Items range from a birthday party for 10 at a local movie theater, gift certificates to some of the very best restaurants in our area, spa services, and weekend getaways.

We hear each year from people who want to help but are not sure how. It's easy! You may:

1. Purchase a ticket to attend the auction.
2. Donate an item of value for the auction. We need many items to make this event a success, and no item is too big or too small. All donations are greatly appreciated, are tax deductible, and now is an excellent time to get those end of the year tax donations checked off the list.
3. Purchase an auction raffle ticket for a chance to win cash, an Apple watch or other prizes.
4. Sponsor the auction with a cash donation (<https://queenofapostlesschool.org/payments/>).

Contact [QueenofApostlesAuction@gmail.com](mailto:QueenofApostlesAuction@gmail.com) for additional information and to donate an item to the auction.

## Pastor's Letter

### Let Yourself be Surprised

Tolkien's fans would probably remember a popular quote of his masterpiece *The Lord of the Rings*, when about to embark on their journey Gandalf says to Frodo, "My dear Frodo! ... Hobbits really are amazing creatures, as I have said before. You can learn all that there is to know about their ways in a month, and yet after a hundred years they can still surprise you at a pinch."

Yes, Gandalf the Grey, the wise old sage, having being around for hundreds of years can still be surprised. Life is always opening opportunities for something amazing if you let yourself be surprised.

In a different way, and yet much more, the Gospel should be an unquenchable source of surprises. During these Sundays we are invited to go up to the mountain with the crowds to listen to this new and astounding Teacher. "Blessed the poor... Blessed are they who are persecuted" (Mt 5:2.10). And then, "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors... But I say to you..." (Mt 5:21 ff).

And yet, Jesus raises the bar even more. Now we are measured against God's holiness: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). Is Jesus going too far?

The first reading reminds us that this is not new: "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy", we read in the Book of Leviticus (19:1). What is new is that Jesus fulfills this in his own humanity. Even more, he gives us his Holy Spirit so we can share in God the Father's life and be his children. We should never cease to be astounded by this reality.

Yes, we are called to be holy as God. Holiness, however, is not the outcome of our planning or ability: it's God's gift which makes us sharers of his own holiness. To be holy is to open humbly our hearts to God's healing grace which transforms our lives. In that respect, Pope Benedict stated, "But who could become perfect? Our perfection is living humbly as children of God, doing his will in practice... How can we imitate Jesus? He said: 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in Heaven' (Mt 5:44-45). Anyone who welcomes the Lord into his life and loves him with all his heart is capable of a new beginning. He succeeds in doing God's will: to bring about a new form of existence enlivened by love and destined for eternity" (Angelus, Feb. 20, 2011).

God is a wellspring of eternal novelty. The Gospel is a source of unquenchable surprise. Let us be surprised by it.



### Rule of Life for the Month of February Confession

**In Confession we are embraced by Jesus' mercy.** In this sacrament we receive the forgiveness of our sins, and our communion with God and the Church is reestablished. Jesus heals the wounds of the heart, restores our spiritual health, and brings new life to our relations with others.

❖**Step 1:** Make a thorough examination of conscience and go to confession.

❖**Step 2:** Prayerful examination of conscience once a week.

❖**Step 3:** Confession every three months.

**Other Resources:** Fr. Alvaro Montero DCJM, [The Touch of Life](#). Get your copy at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or at the parish office.

*"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin,  
all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."*

St. Isidore of Seville

## This Week In Our Parish

### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19:**

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education  
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

### **Monday, February 20:**

Adoration Chapel Closed

Parish Office Closed

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday, February 21:**

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study

Hannan Hall 6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 22:**

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

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

### **Thursday, February 23:**

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### **Friday, February 24:**

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's  
Adoration Hour

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

### **Saturday, February 25:**

Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

School 6:00-8:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner  
and Bingo Night

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

### **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 26:**

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

**40 Days for Life** Join fellow prayer volunteers for one hour during the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil that begins on Ash Wednesday, **Mar. 1** and continues through Palm Sunday, **Apr. 9**, held at the US Supreme Court, 1 First St. NE, Washington, DC. Please contact Larry Cirignano for more information: [larryote@gmail.com](mailto:larryote@gmail.com) or visit [www.40DaysforLife.com](http://www.40DaysforLife.com).

### **Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart - An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff and Emily Cavins**

Just in time for Lent, *Walking Toward Eternity* is an inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. *Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart*, is a challenging study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk such as greed, envy, fear and shame. Through prayer, reflection, guidance, and the aid of the Holy Spirit, we begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue toward our goal of union with Christ. Give up your Struggles for Lent. Join us, classes begin **Mar. 7**. Visit [QofAbiblestudy.com](http://QofAbiblestudy.com) for registration information or pick up a flyer in the vestibule and register in person. We look forward to meeting you in class!



## Vocations

**“Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.”** Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** For all those called to be perfected through the vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, that their lives of service in charity will bear lasting fruit, we pray to the Lord.

### **Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)**

**Matching Gift Campaign** Support our seminarians through the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF). SEEF's income provides funding for expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance, and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously and take advantage of a \$100,000 matching gift! Make checks payable to Foundation for the CDA – SEEF. Mail to The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Bob Mueller at [r.mueller@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:r.mueller@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2545 with questions.

**Thank You** for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.

**Second Collection** Next Week's Second Collection will be for the School Fund.

**Subscribe to Our Weekly Parish E-Newsletter** To sign up please visit <https://queenofapostles.org/news/>

**Instructional Aide Position** Queen of Apostles School is looking for a positive, energetic, caring, and self-motivated individual to assist in the 1st and 2nd classrooms. The individual will also monitor students during recess and the after school program. The hours are 11:30 am to 4:45 pm, Monday through Friday. The position is open immediately. Please send resume to Kathy Littlefield, principal, at [k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org).



### **Queen of Apostles School Now Hiring Principal for 2017-18 School Year**

Our parish thanks Kathy Littlefield for her many years of service as teacher and then as principal to our school. We now open a hiring process for principal for the 2017-18 year, and seek a candidate who will join our mission of helping students to grow in discipleship of Christ. A full job description may be found at [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org).

The application process is conducted through the Office of Catholic Schools. To apply, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers). Completed applications must be received by **Mar. 19, 2017**.

**2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!** This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "Offering hands to serve and hearts to love." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Through your support of this important appeal, you become the hands and heart of our Lord Jesus!

**Volunteers Needed** The MaRiH Center is a pro-life crisis pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. We are seeking new volunteers to assist pregnant women and their babies. There are many ways to help, with both weekday and Saturday shifts. All training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are also needed. If you have questions or would like to visit and do a tour, please call us at (703) 370-4774 ask for the volunteer coordinator Beth Whitehead. We are located at 3230-B Duke St, Alexandria, 22314.



**QofA School PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo** Please join us for our school's family-friendly Spaghetti Dinner next Saturday, **Feb. 25**, from 6-8 pm in Hannan Hall. The food is amazing! There will be Bingo and prizes! You don't want to miss this event.

\$10 Adults, \$5 children under 12. All you can eat menu: salad, rolls, beverages, dessert. Dine-in or take-out available.

For more information please contact Roxana Huertas: [rmon-tecinos@verizon.net](mailto:rmon-tecinos@verizon.net), (703) 403-7425.

If you wish, you may volunteer to help by signing up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-break>.

**Towards a Family Fully Alive**

**Blessing of the Month**

LOVING FATHER,  
 We pray for all whom you will call to the vocation of marriage, and for their future spouse. Send them your divine guidance.  
 May their character reflect the traits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
 May they be upright, loyal, generous, sincere and noble.  
 May they be free to share in love, making themselves a gift to each other, and to the children that you are pleased to entrust to their care.  
 May their mutual love bind them so their future home may be most like the home in Nazareth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Spouses  
February 2017**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Masses this Week**

- Monday, February 20:**  
 9:00 am +Froilan Mate
- St. Peter Damian - Tuesday, February 21:**  
 6:30 am +John Pheiffer  
 9:00 am + Margaret and Francis Pheiffer
- The Chair of St. Peter - Wednesday, February 22:**  
 6:30 am +Mary Constantino  
 9:00 am +Roland LaGrenade
- St. Polycarp - Thursday, February 23:**  
 6:30 am +Mr. Geier  
 9:00 am +Keith LaGrenade
- Friday, February 24:**  
 6:30 am +Paul and Helen Walker  
 9:00 am (L) Christopher and Alex Lynem
- Saturday, February 25:**  
 8:00 am +Gregario Pereira  
 5:00 pm +Steffen Moeritz  
 7:00 pm +Ana Teresa Silva de Castillo
- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 26:**  
 7:30 am +Thana Dixon  
 9:00 am +Roy T. Jenkinson  
 10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
 12:00 noon +Juan Muñoz Mosquera

**Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture**

**Readings for Next Week:**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
 1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34



**Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Closed for Presidents' Day**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **Feb. 20** for Presidents' Day. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9 am. The Adoration chapel will remain closed on Monday and reopen on Tuesday, after the 6:30 am Mass.



**Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill**

Dick Owens, Miriam Farfan Christopher Said, Marta Fajardo, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Esther Stanley, 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, Kristi 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 Peczyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith