

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-8711 www.queenofapostles.org

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2020



CLERGY

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am; Vigil: 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*)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 am (*except Federal Holidays*),
9:00 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

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
www.queenofapostlesschool.org
School Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM,
School Chaplain
Phone: (703) 354-0714



Please take time to visit our school! If you would like to request a tour, please contact the school office or visit our website for more information.

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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. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next 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-mailing general@queenofapostles.org

Mary, Queen of Apostles, Pray for us!

Religious Education The priest will meet with RE parents/sponsors of Confirmation students on Sunday, **Feb 23** at 9am (English) and 9:30am (Spanish) at the school.

Baptized students in grade 2 and above, who have attended 2+ years of Religious Education, and desire the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, have First Confession on Saturday, **Feb 29** starting at 9:30am in the church.

Families are invited to go to Confession during this time. The example of parents, grandparents, and godparents 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. Also, the priest will meet with RE parents on **Mar 8** at 9am (English) and 9:30am (Spanish) about First Holy Communion.

Families of school students should confirm with the teacher or front office the time and date of First Confession.

Unbaptized students and sponsors are to attend the Rite of Election on Sunday, **Mar 1** at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Cathedral.

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

Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12 noon, and 7:00 pm (bilingual).

The Light Is On has become a tradition in our Diocese for parishes to offer the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday evenings during Lent, **Mar 4, 11, 18, 25**, and **April 1**, 6:30-8pm. Queen of Apostles offers Confession every Wednesday at 6:30pm and will extend our hours as part of the The Light is On for You program. We welcome especially those who are returning to the Sacrament of Penance after a long absence. Confession resources are available at www.thelightison.org/resources



Stations of the Cross Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, **Feb 28-Apr 3, 2020**, 7-8pm in the church.

RCIA All RCIA students, English and Spanish, are asked to call the parish office at 703-354-8711 and schedule a meeting with Father Javier.

All RCIA students, catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized), and sponsors are to attend the Rite of Election and the Rite of Continuing Conversion on Sunday, **Mar 1** at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Cathedral (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA). Please meet at the Cathedral by 1:45pm. Please carpool because parking at the Cathedral is limited. QofA will have assigned seating. This is not a Mass so please attend Mass earlier in the day.

Annual Car Raffle Be on the look out for your All Saints 5-car Raffle Tickets. One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please return any unused tickets to All Saints as soon as possible.

Women's Group The Women's Group will hold a Book Sale on **Sunday, March 1st** after all of the Masses. Stop by for the Sunday Social and help support The Women's Group!

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Mar. 1** bulletin is **Feb. 24**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

School Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo will be on Saturday, **Mar 7** in Hannan Hall from 6-8 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. \$35 family max. For more info, contact Neal McCluskey at nmcccluskey@hotmail.com

Have you ever considered putting Queen of Apostles in your will or estate? Please contact Flora Wack (f.wack@queenofapostles.org or 703-354-8711) at the Parish Office for more information.



Pastor's Letter

We are blessed by the fact that the Arlington Diocese is a thriving diocese. There are many great things happening here. Bishop Burbidge has continued in the same line as previous bishops ensuring that current and future needs of the diocese are being addressed. The annual Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is the way in which we are all able to support and be a part of the great things happening in our diocese. All of us coming together in this way helps strengthen families and helps the poor throughout our diocese. It also helps support the programs and offices that help enrich parish life and inspire and form new generations. Concretely, the BLA allows us to help form seminarians, support Catholic Charities to assist people in need, assist Catholic schools, and many other efforts in the diocese. Your donation toward the BLA is a restricted gift to be used within the diocese for the sole benefit of those programs listed under the BLA project. Please help as you are able. We seek 100% participation from our parish.



This coming week is Ash Wednesday already! This past Monday, my brother priests and I had a day of retreat as we do once a month. It typically coincides with a Federal holiday. As part of our rule of life, we have an 8-day retreat once a year, and we also have a day of recollection once a month. Each time we invite a different priest to give us a reflection. This time, it was Bishop Loverde who kindly directed the day for us. He truly is a father to the priests. He began with a brief reflection of the following verse from Psalm 95: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart." The Lord is speaking to us. He has something to say to us. He is the Word of God. Bishop Loverde invited us to keep this verse in mind as we began the retreat but also as we prepared for Lent. Lent is a time of conversion. It is a time to hear the voice of God and to ask him to mold our hearts again or to grant us a new heart. Please pray for us Disciples, for our holiness, and the holiness of all priests.

This Lent, I invite you to join me in praying especially this week for our youth. We see in them the promise of a great life. Pray for our young missionaries who, under the leadership of Mother Maria, will go to Banica (Dominican Republic) this summer to serve the families there. Pray for the youth in our Religious Education program. Fr. Jaime in collaboration with school teachers and catechists held a retreat for 63 eighth-grade and high school students, many of whom are preparing to receive Sacraments this year. Pray for our school youth, that the Lord will grant them hearts filled with true wisdom. Pray also for our youth whom the Lord calls to follow him in a radical way as a priest or a religious.

You are all in my prayers as we begin this sacred time.

~ Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM



Mardi Gras At Queen of Apostles

Eat, Drink, and be Merry, for tomorrow you shall fast!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Hannan Hall, 6:00-8:00 pm

Volunteers needed! Please see the Parish Website for details and registration information, or visit the table in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend, February 22-23. Please also bring last year's palms for us to burn for Ash Wednesday



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Excerpt from a Student Testimonial

"My name is Josemari Roque. Most of you have seen me around the parish specifically as an altar server. I am an alumnus of Queen of Apostles School and currently a junior at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria. My time being a student at Queen of Apostles is a time for which I am extremely thankful. The teachers and staff pushed me to become the best person I could be. Through my time in the grades K-8, they taught me the many valuable skills I needed to succeed in high school, and will need in college, and in life beyond. They also gave me a positive and warm environment in which to grow in my faith. Thanks to the smaller classes, I made several close friendships with my classmates, some of whom to this day are my best friends. The people that surrounded me in school gave me a second family where I could feel loved and where I could have fun. I hope other kids can experience learning in this wonderful school."



This Week In Our Parish

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– February 23:

Vestibule After All Masses: Mardi Gras ticket sales
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00pm Prayer Group

Monday, February 24:

Hannan Hall 3:30-6:00pm Nazareth
Notre Dame/Parish Center 7:30-9:00pm RCIA

Tuesday, February 25:

Parish Center 10:00-11:30am Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Center 5:45-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 6:00-8:00pm Mardi Gras

Wednesday, February 26:

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

Thursday, February 27:

Parish Center 6:30-8:00pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30pm Holy Hour with Confession

Friday, February 28:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church 7:00-8:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 29:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
Notre Dame 8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

First Sunday of Lent

GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7
ROM 5:12-19

PS 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
MT 4:1-11

In a Sacramental Marriage? For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please call the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

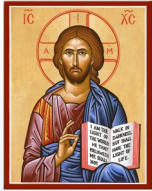
Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles Mark your calendars for the **July 13-17, 2020** Vacation Bible School!

Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours

of need! Our Chapel is open Mon. 7am -Sat. 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:



- * **Tues., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, Thurs., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 3-4 am** *Critical need for permanent adorers*
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096
or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- * **Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-5 pm; Thurs 3-4 pm;**
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or
rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need

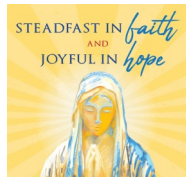


Vocations

"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? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

BLA Commitment Weekend This weekend every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that furthers the Mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Your gift is very important! Every donation, regardless of the amount, is vital to the success of the BLA.

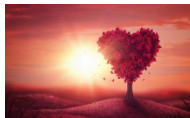


Annual Men's Conference All men are invited to the 2020 Annual Men's Conference- Noble and Bold: Taking a Cue from St. Joseph. Join us on Saturday, **March 7, 2020**, for the Men's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Speakers include Father Roger Landry, Catholic columnist, author and papal attaché at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. Also, Dr. Mark Mziravalle, renowned mariologist, professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and author. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. To register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men

Annual Women's Conference All women are invited to the 2020 Annual Women's Conference - Known and Loved From All Eternity. Join us on Saturday, **March 14, 2020**, for the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. To register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/women

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2020**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.



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Masses this Week

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time- February 23:

7:30 am +Ann G. Hoyer
9:00 am (L) Juliana Rubino
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Betty Kan Family

Monday, February 24:

6:30 am +Paul Walker
9:00 am +Pete and Marilyn Recinto

Tuesday, February 25:

6:30 am (L) Marie Blanco Family
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

Ash Wednesday, February 26:

6:30 am (L) Puanani Alama and family
9:00 am +John Thompson
12:00 pm +Melba and Lina Padilla
7:00 pm (L) Celia Monzon

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 27:

6:30 am +Rev. John W. Rea
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

Friday after Ash Wednesday, February 28:

6:30 am (L) Cissy Marshall Family
9:00 am (L) Samuel Rubino

Saturday after Ash Wednesday, February 29:

8:00 am +Mary Elmore
5:00 pm +Paul Walker
7:00 pm (L) Fr. Leopoldo Vives, DCJM

First Sunday of Lent- March 1:

7:30 am +Shingnang Wu
9:00 am +Mr. Joseph E. Thach, Sr.
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Dean Richardson

St. John Bosco, pray for us!



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Jean McDermott, Anne 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, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Dean Richardson, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Cervantes