



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Virgin Immaculate, perfect lover of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we ask you to obtain for us the graces we need to become true adorers of our Eucharistic God. Grant us, we beg of you, to know Him better, to love Him more, and to center our lives around the Eucharist, that is, to make our whole life a constant prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.*

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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

4409 Sano Street,  
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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org).

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*

**Vocations Crucifix** Parish families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week during the school year. 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 interested in hosting the crucifix, sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen> or contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

**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 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](mailto:s.calvino@queenofapostles.org), or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

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

**PVI Close Up Night at St. Paul VI Catholic High School** This is a special evening for all students accepted into the Class of 2023 and 8th graders and their families who are considering a Catholic High School Education. Join us at 7 pm on Tuesday, **Mar. 5** at 10675 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax and experience all PVI has to offer your high school student. Questions? Please email [ehanley@pvipanther.net](mailto:ehanley@pvipanther.net).

**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 the **Parish Charity**.

**Religious Education** 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.

Class begins promptly at 9 am with doors opening at 8:30 am. Grade 8 students are to complete and return their Mass attendance form this Sunday, **Feb. 24**.

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. Arrive no later than 1:30 pm. Due to limited seating, only the student, godparent/s, and 1 guest may attend.

**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.

**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 **Mar. 3** bulletin is Monday, **Feb. 25** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

## Pastor's Letter

### Grave Church Matters

A lot is happening in our beloved mother the Holy Catholic Church. A week ago, we learned that the Holy See had reduced Theodore McCarrick to the lay state. Please, see Bishop Burbidge's statement on the Diocesan Website.

As we know, the supreme law of the Church is the salvation of souls. Canonical punishments have no other end than the conversion of sinners and the reparation of scandal. We pray that this aspiration will be fully accomplished.

These days, the meeting "The Protection of Minors in the Church" is taking place at the Vatican. Pope Francis meets with the presidents of all the Episcopal Conferences around the world. We are intently praying for a fruitful outcome for this meeting.

This "second edition" of the clergy sex-abuse crisis has shaken all of us. It has been a sorrowful journey. "If one member suffers, all the members suffer together" (1 Cor 12:26). And the victims themselves know better. The focus of this new episode has been the misbehavior of Bishops themselves and the cover up of this grave sin.

On June 29, 1972, Paul VI stated, "... We would say that, through some mysterious crack—no, it's not mysterious; through some crack, the smoke of Satan has entered the Church of God. There is doubt, uncertainty, problems, unrest, dissatisfaction, confrontation... The Church is no longer trusted."

However, we know that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it [the Church]" (Mt 16:18). And "that all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). What is God's plan for us in this moment? What is the good we can take from this pain?

Lent is coming. A journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The suffering of the Church and the victims can inspire us to take this endeavor as never before. Yes, we are suffering with the Church and the victims, and we fast asking forgiveness, pray for healing, and devote ourselves to make up for our Bishops and clergy failing in his mission.

This Sunday readings reminds us that the measure of Christian life is Holiness, to "be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). Indeed, a time for holiness.

I would like to conclude with a text from Benedict XVI's encyclical *Saved in Hope*, inviting us to suffer with those who suffer: "The true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer. This holds true both for the individual and for society [...] The individual cannot accept another's suffering unless he personally is able to find meaning in suffering, a path of purification and growth in maturity, a journey of hope. Indeed, to accept the "other" who suffers, means that I take up his suffering in such a way that it becomes mine also. Because it has now become a shared suffering, though, in which another person is present, this suffering is penetrated by the light of love" (Benedict XVI, *Saved in Hope* #38).

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### Anima Christi

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from Christ's side, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come unto Thee.  
That I may praise Thee  
with Thy saints and with Thy angels.  
Forever and ever. Amen.*

### The Angel's Prayer

*O Most Holy Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
I adore Thee profoundly.  
I offer Thee the most precious  
Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,  
present in all the tabernacles of the world,  
in reparation for the outrages,  
sacrileges and indifference  
by which He is offended.  
By the infinite merits of the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I beg the conversion of poor sinners.  
Amen.*



## This Week In Our Parish

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 24:

Vestibule Banica Youth Mission Bake Sale  
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, February 25:

Hannan Hall 3:45 -5:30 pm Nazareth  
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study  
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 26:

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 27:

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

### Thursday, February 28:

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, March 1:

*Parish Spiritual Exercises Retreat in English at San Damiano*  
Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's  
Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym  
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus  
Hannan Hall 9:00 pm-8:00 am First Friday Adoration Vigil

### Saturday, March 2:

*Parish Spiritual Exercises Retreat in English at San Damiano*  
Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group  
Hannan Hall 6:00-8:00 pm QofA School  
Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo  
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir  
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

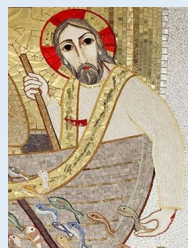


## Queen of Apostles School PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo

Please join us for our school's family-friendly Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, **Mar. 2**, from 6 to 8 pm in Hannan Hall. Great food, Bingo and prizes! You don't want to miss this event!

Price: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children under 12. All you can eat menu includes salad, rolls, beverages, dessert. Dine-in or take-out is available. For more information, please contact Neal McCluskey at: [nmcccluskey@hotmail.com](mailto:nmcccluskey@hotmail.com). You may volunteer to help by signing up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054aaaa72fa46-spaghetti>.

## Vocations



**“Love one another as I have loved you.”** Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org), or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or [m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

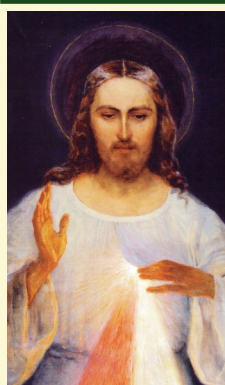
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Weekend Discernment Retreat for Men** Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-55) **Apr. 12-14**. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, talking with priests and seminarians, and preparing for Holy Week. Cost is \$60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 pm and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Deadline to register is Friday, **Mar. 29**. There is a similar retreat for women **Jun. 14-16**.

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

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**Taller de Oración** El Taller de Oración y Vida de la Espiritualidad del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga se esta ofreciendo 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.



## Divine Mercy

*“My child, you are My delight, you are the comfort of My Heart. I grant you as many graces as you can hold. As often as you want to make Me happy, speak to the world about My great and unfathomable mercy.”*

*“O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You!”*

(Diary of St. Faustina, 164, 309)

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week

#### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7      Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
1 Cor 15:54-58      Lk 6:39-45

### 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal, Together in the Light of Christ

The 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend is next weekend. Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no single parish could provide on its own. This important effort is a means by which we work together by sharing the gifts God has bestowed on us. Our goal is 100% participation. Please join us to continue God's work of spirituality, education and charity in our diocese through this appeal.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*



### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Is God calling you to a weekly Hour with Him?

Queen of Apostles is blessed to offer Perpetual Adoration 24 hours a day every week, from Monday 7 a.m. through Saturday 8 a.m. Please prayerfully consider serving our current needs:

- Tuesday, 1-2 am; Friday, 4-5 am; Saturday, 2-3 am  
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or [moleski47@gmail.com](mailto:moleski47@gmail.com) for these hours of need
- Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, 11 pm to 12 am  
Contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or [n.deguzman\[a\]@queenofapostles.org](mailto:n.deguzman[a]@queenofapostles.org) for these hours of need
- Monday, 3-4 pm  
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or [rosalieam\[at\]msn.com](mailto:rosalieam[at]msn.com) for these hours of need

**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 [mgonzalezpssi@aol.com](mailto:mgonzalezpssi@aol.com) or (703) 354-0395, or Jo Balsamo at [jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com) or (703) 623-5607 ASAP.

### Office of Catholic Schools Annual Teacher Job Fair on March 9

The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Teacher Job Fair on **Mar. 9**. The Fair will be held at St. Paul VI Catholic High School (10675 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax) from 9-11 am. For more information, please visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/> or call (703) 841-2519. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

**2Minutes2Virtue** Get closer to Jesus through Sunday reflections given by the priests of the Diocese of Arlington. To sign up, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue) or TEXT "2m2v" to 84576.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 24:

7:30 am      +Franz Rodas  
9:00 am      +Christina Lynem  
10:30 am      Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm      +Gloria Arandia

### Monday, February 25:

6:30 am      +Rosemary Johanssen  
9:00 am      +José Rodriguez-Soria

### Tuesday, February 26:

6:30 am      +Elisa Dionisio  
9:00 am      +Roy Jenkinson

### Wednesday, February 27:

6:30 am      +Fr. John W. Rea  
9:00 am      +Patricia M. Pastore

### Thursday, February 28:

6:30 am      (L) Jeffrey Petrino  
9:00 am      (L) Grace Patrick

### Friday, March 1:

6:30 am      +Getrude Brox Mathews  
9:00 am      +Mr. Joseph Thach, Sr.

### Saturday, March 2:

8:00 am      +Michael McCollum  
5:00 pm      +John De Costa  
7:00 pm      +Conchita Fernandez

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 3:

7:30 am      +Charles Crotty  
9:00 am      +Dolores Perez  
10:30 am      Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm      +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

*He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.*

*He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.*



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

Marilyn Cole, Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, 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 Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo