



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Sacraments of Initiation - RCIA (adults) and Religious Education (students)

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, special Rites call Scrutinies take place during Mass. Students and adults, accompanied by their godparents/sponsors, who desire the Sacraments of Initiation are to attend.

The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 141)

The First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed is scheduled during Masses on **Mar. 3, 4**: RCIA-Spanish 7:00 pm on **Mar. 3** and RE students and RCIA-English 10:30 am on **Mar. 4**. The Elect, formerly known as catechumens, and their godparents, are expected to participate. Adult candidates and their sponsors are encouraged to attend.

Nazareth Girls and boys in grades 5-8 are invited to join Nazareth. Generally, Nazareth is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Nazareth will be held on **Mar. 2, 16**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall with activities beginning at 4 pm Parent sign-out/pick-up is at 5:30 pm. Parents/adults are invited to help with Nazareth activities and to bring snacks.

Emmaus Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets with Fr. Juan on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

Way of St. James, Pilgrimage to Spain Thank you for your spiritual and financial support of the Pilgrimage to Spain. In **June**, nine young men will travel with Fr. Juan to Madrid and then walk/hike ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago. As you pray for Andres, Billy, Christopher, Daniel, Deion, Erki, Matthew, Nicholas, 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 homemade baked items on **Mar. 3/4** in the church vestibule/Hannan Hall. Donations by cash or check, payable to Queen of Apostles, are greatly appreciated.

Religious Education Families are reminded that Religious Education classes begin promptly at 9 am on Sundays at the School. Doors open at 8:30 am and please allow extra time to travel when there is inclement weather.

Confirmation students:

On **Feb. 25** at 9 am in the School, Fr. Juan will host a mandatory meeting with parents/sponsors of Confirmation (grade 8 and high school) students who have fulfilled the requirements.

Altar Servers The serving schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday will be sent by email to families. Please remember to sign-in at least 15 minutes before Mass and before the 7 pm Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Also, if you cannot serve, please find a substitute by sending a message to the altar server email group.

Not in 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 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Taller de Oración y Vida Espiritual El próximo martes **20 de febrero** empieza un Taller de Oración y Vida de la Espiritualidad del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga. Se lleva a cabo en la biblioteca de la escuela. El taller es gratis y les ofrece un método práctico y sencillo para aprender a orar en 15 sesiones. El Taller le ayudará a desarrollar una relación personal con el Señor Jesus que les dará la confianza para enfrentar las dificultades de la vida con paz. Para más información y para registrarse, contactar a Antonieta Berthe: (703) 244-5497, antonietasb@gmail.com.

Día y hora: Martes, de 7-9 pm Duración: Cuatro meses
Inicio: **20 de febrero** Cierre de Inscripción: **6 de marzo**

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 4** bulletin is Monday, **Feb. 26**. Please email announcements by 9 am to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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**.

Pastor's Letter

The Transfiguration

Last week we reflected on the sacraments as a new beginning. The mystery we contemplate today shows that the transformation the sacraments act in us is not something merely spiritual, but a transformation of the whole human person which, though already started, is still a work in progress.

Since Descartes in the 17th century, our culture has broken the “substantial unity” of body and soul. The human person has different dimensions: body, affections, emotions, memory, intelligence, and will. All of them constitute the richness of the human person in its complexity but also in its unity. Body and soul are not different realms. Matter and spirit are not disjointed. We are not a broken being yearning for an impossible unity.

The transfiguration of the Lord shows how humanity is a revelation of God's glory. As the body is the visibility of the person, in Jesus' body the glory of the divine person is made visible anticipating the glory of his and our resurrection.

Jesus' human body is not different from ours. And the glory of our body in the resurrection will not be different than Jesus'. This is what we state in the Creed: “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” Thus the Church asks to bury the ashes of the deceased, because they are the remains of a body which is called to the resurrection. To spread them does not fit with our faith in the resurrection.

The glory of the resurrection is the end of the human person's journey. We will be risen like Christ and share in his glory. Now, Baptism is the beginning of this transformation. Thus we say that Baptism is a new beginning. And rightly so. Baptism makes us children of God. This new fatherhood brings a new identity and a new net of relationships, a new life not only for the soul, but also for the body. Indeed all of our choices, actions and relationships happen through and in our bodies. We bear in our bodies the glory of God and we are being transformed, little by little, both in body and soul, until God's glory will fully shine in our resurrection.

The Transfiguration is not only something that happens to Jesus. It happens to me. And it happens because of the sacraments. Baptism is a new beginning for me, body, affections, and spirit... Something totally new has happened in me, and the sacraments continue that work of transformation.

If my body bears the glory of God, holiness is the natural consequence of Baptism. Let us pursue holiness intently in this time of Lent.

FORMED is an online library of Catholic study programs, Bible studies, eBooks and movies providing Catholics the opportunity to learn the Faith and grow in their knowledge and love of Christ. Go to FORMED.org and enter our parish code: Z37RTW for unlimited access to all programs.

Have you signed up for FORMED's daily Lenten Reflections yet? This Lent, get daily reflections from Ahava Productions' ECHO series, hosted by Bishop Donald Hying, delivered right to your email, every day. Available in both English and Spanish!

Watch, Read, and Reflect for just 10 Minutes a Day:

- *Watch a beautiful, 5-minute video reflection from Bishop Hying's ECHO series
- *Read an inspiring passage from the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- *Reflect on how God's truth applies to your daily life

Give FORMED for free to your family and friends for Lent! FORMED is available for FREE during Lent. Share this opportunity with your loved ones, and they can register for the free trial when they sign up for FORMED Lenten Reflections!

Reflect on the meaning of the cross with Father Mike Schmitz In this inspiring Lighthouse Talk, Father Mike Schmitz explores how God's rescue mission includes the need for each of us to embrace our own cross, that we may re-establish trust in the Father and fully understand that love requires sacrifice.

This Week In Our Parish

Second Sunday of Lent - February 25:

School *Banica Mission CYO Sales*
School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, February 26:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, February 27:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Hannan Hall 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 28:

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

Thursday, March 1:

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, March 2:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's
Adoration Hour
Church 2:00-3:00 pm School Stations of the Cross
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:00-6:00 pm Nazareth
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym
Hannan Hall 6:00-9:00 pm KofC Fish Fry
Church 7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Hannan Hall 9:30 pm-12:30 am GCC Prayer Meeting

Saturday, March 3:

Vestibule & Hannan Hall
Way of St. James Pilgrimage Donut and Coffee Sales
Hannan Hall 7:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
Parish Office 9:00-11:00 am Finance Classes
Hannan Hall 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



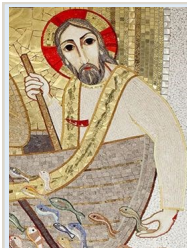
Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the church.

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.*

Banica Mission Fundraiser Dinner: Saturday, March 10, 5 pm to 9 pm in Hannan Hall

Please join us for an evening out with live music and to learn more about our Youth Mission to Banica. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$6 for children (10 & under) and include your choice of pupusas, flautas or arroz con pollo + dessert and beverage. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the parish office and/or from a youth missionary or at the door. Thank you for your generous support.



Vocations

“If God is with us, who can be against us?” Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Second Sunday of Lent That those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life will answer the call of the Lord unhesitatingly like Abraham, we pray to the Lord.

Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions.



KofC Fish Fry Join us for some delicious fish fry in Hannan Hall, from 6-8 pm, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Friday, **Mar. 2**. Great food at \$5 per person, \$20 per family.

Abstinence During Lent Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (no meat). Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.

Would you like to grow closer to Christ during Lent and throughout the year?

Our parish is richly blessed by the beautiful devotions being led Monday through Friday in the church, before and after 9 am Mass. Each devotion takes about 15 minutes, and prepares those who dedicate themselves to regular practice to receive and cooperate with God's graces and His plans for their lives. Come join us as we learn to know and love the Lord more deeply through these inspired responses to the Word of God—"no experience necessary."

8:30-8:50 am -The Rosary

(5 decades of reparation also are prayed on First Saturdays after the 8 am Mass)

Immediately following 9 am Mass

Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours (books are provided, and individual orientation is available), followed by the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, continuous novena for needs of the world and forgiveness of sins.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Please join us every Friday at 9 am for the School Mass.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



Adorers Needed Urgent need for permanent Adorer (on a weekly basis) on Thursday morning, 1 am- 2 am. If you are interested in supporting the Adoration Ministry during this hour, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com. Great way to begin Lent!

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Monday 1 pm-2 pm, Thursday 3 pm-4 pm, and Friday 3 pm-4 pm. If you are able to be a scheduled Adorer on a regular basis, please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com.

2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: Living in Faith, Giving in Gratitude

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. If you wish to make a pledge or gift online, you may do so at www.arlingtondiocese.org. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

Sorrowful Heart of Mary, pray for us.

The Light is on for You Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on. The Light is On is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington in which all Catholic churches across the DC metro area are open for quiet prayer and Confession (6:30-8:00 pm) on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Use our Confession Finder Map to locate times and locations near you! Visit thelightison.org.

St. Joseph Men's Group We invite men of the parish to grow in their vocation to holiness. For information on upcoming St. Joseph's Group events, visit www.queenofapostles.org/SJG. Scholarships are available to attend the Diocesan Men's Conference on **Mar. 3**. Email SJG@queenofapostles.org for more information.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Mar. 24**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info. and confidential registration, contact Project Rachel Ministry: 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

40 Days for Life Join us in prayer for an hour or more. We have the busiest abortion mill in the diocese at 101 S. Whiting Street. 2,263 babies died there in 2016 which is 6+ babies a day! Contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863, or visit www.40daysforlife.com to sign up to pray.

Second Sunday of Lent

Masses this Week

Second Sunday of Lent - February 25:

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members
of the Bartholme Family
9:00 am +Avelino and Agripina Mercado
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Josephine Gambera

Monday, February 26:

6:30 am +Encarnación Guerrero
9:00 am (L) Moira Leite

Tuesday, February 27:

6:30 am +Fr. John W. Rea
9:00 am +Peter Nguyen Kinh

Wednesday, February 28:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy
9:00 am +Rosa Cardenas

Thursday, March 1:

6:30 am +Mr. Joseph Thach
9:00 am +Raul Zalles

Friday, March 2:

6:30 am +Mario M. Caporiccio
9:00 am (L) Alexander Stangel

Saint Katharine Drexel - Saturday, March 3:

8:00 am +Elisa Felipe Dionisio
5:00 pm +Grace Okemo
7:00 pm +Alvaro Alvarez Bernard

Third Sunday of Lent - March 4:

7:30 am +Daniel Ferrazzano
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Judy Trozado

*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
then from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
(Mark 9:7)*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Carmelita Mate, Ray Piluso, Melba Padilla, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Michael McSherry, Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelevina and Patricia León-Duarte, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprahnt, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith