

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2021



CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio
Deacon Vincent Kapral

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
1:30 pm (*Spanish*) 3:00 pm (*Ghana Community Mass*)

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am

Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent

Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent

Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm

Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



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. Joseph Rampino,
Chaplain

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With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are celebrating the second Sunday of Lent, and today Jesus invites us to climb the mountain of Tabor with Him, a different setting from last Sunday. It is a high mountain, a place where there is light, where God manifests Himself. The mountain symbolizes the challenges that the Christian life poses to us, the pains and fatigues, the fears, and everything in life that makes us lose our joy, but for a Christian, those challenges and difficulties are always walked with God's hand. They are rewarded with something as great as the crown of holiness. Lent is always an invitation to fight hard for our transfiguration, even if this involves pain when we deny ourselves.

I congratulate all our catechetical students because they received the sacrament of Confirmation last Monday, February 22nd. Our Bishop Michael was very pleased and happy; in his name and mine, I congratulate them. At the same time, I thank the great work and sacrifice that the catechists and the staff of our parish have made to form and prepare them as good soldiers in the faith. Thank you very much, Susan Gray, our DRE, our school staff, and our parish, for all the effort and dedication to this great work.

Please take note of some important dates on your calendars for this Lent. On March 13th, we have a morning of reflection and spiritual preparation starting with Holy Mass at 8:00 am, then we will have the prayer of the Rosary plus a meditation, exhibition with the Holy Sacrament and confessions this day will be only in English and on March 20th it will be in Spanish. The goal is that together we prepare to celebrate Holy Week. I invite you to participate.

I invite you to support the Knights of Columbus with their Fish Fry sale on Friday, March 5th. You can come to pick it up from the kitchen of Hannan Hall. With the funds collected by Council 4522, you will continue to support our parish. Please check the newsletter for more information and how you can order online.

I hope you all have a good week, don't forget that we have the Stations of the Cross meditation at 5:30 pm in English and 7:30 in Spanish on Fridays.

God bless you.

Fr. Alex

Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Fish Fry

March 5, 2021 at 5:30, 6:00, and 6:30 pm

Orders MUST BE PLACED BEFORE Noon, March 3, 2021
Cost per order: \$8.00 (Max \$40.00 per family) - Pay at the door

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Religious Education Information

We follow Fairfax County Public Schools on closures related to snowy weather. Students may be assigned homework during snowy weather or when class do not meet.

Congratulations to the 35 students in grade 8-high school who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Feb 22 with Bishop Burbidge! We pray, Confirmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, may you bear witness to Christ Jesus through your steadfast faith and charity. Religious Education students are to continue attending classes through **May 30, 2021**. Certificates will be distributed during the last class.

First Penance for School students is now scheduled for **Mar 4 at 10am**. School families should confirm the information with the school teacher. First Penance for RE students is scheduled for **Saturday, Feb 27, 2021 at 9:30am** in the church. Let us pray for our parish's young people as they prepare for this lifelong Sacrament of Healing.

Please continue to pray for our 3 student catechumens (now called The Elect) who are preparing to receive the Three Sacraments of Initiation and enter the Catholic Church at Easter, Jeison, Jennifer, Elias.

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, special Rites called Scrutinies take place during Mass.

Students and adults, along with his/her godparents/ sponsors, who desire the Three Sacraments of Initiation are to attend the Scrutinies scheduled for **Mar 7, 14, 21 during the 12 noon Mass**.

What is a Scrutiny? 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.

Prayer for Students receiving Confession

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Amen

Safety Guidelines

We continue to be vigilant and intentional as we strive to stay healthy. Before coming to RE on Sunday mornings, please monitor for coronavirus and flu symptoms. If symptoms develop, please contact your Primary Health Care Provider immediately, do not attend Religious Education class, and send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Thank you for your partnership in taking extra precautions to keep Queen of Apostles parish, school, and Religious Education communities safe and healthy.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

RCIA

The Rite of Continuing Conversion for our baptized adults/ candidates and his/her sponsor will be held at Queen of Apostles on **Sunday, Feb 28, 2021 during the 12noon and 1:30pm** Masses. Please sit in the reserved seating closest to the Presider's Chair.

Please pray for our adult catechumen who is preparing to receive the Three Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

Adults are asked to come to the parish office during the day if he/she has questions or needs to drop off paperwork.

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 or on our website queenofapostles.org. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or general@queenofapostles.org

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

Masses This Week

Second Sunday of Lent - Sunday, February 28:

8:00 am +Roy Kasenge
 10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm +Trace Godbey
 1:30 pm +John Battaglia

Monday, March 1:

6:30 am +Arlene Quinn
 9:00 am +Leo Weston

Tuesday, March 2:

6:30 am (L) Justin Banis
 9:00 am +John De Costa

St. Katherine Drexel - Wednesday, March 3:

6:30 am +Ed Constantino
 9:00 am (L) Alexander Stangel

St. Casimir - Thursday, March 4:

6:30 am (L) Rita Budig
 9:00 am +Leo Weston

Friday, March 5:

6:30 am +Cecilia Chung
 9:00 am +Mary O'Mara

Saturday, March 6:

8:00 am (L) John Jay McAulliffe Family
 5:00 pm +Ed Constantino
 7:00 pm +Maria Rosa Espitia

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Lenten Schedule Please join us for our upcoming Lenten devotions here at Queen of Apostles:



- ◇ “Light is on For You” program, we will add Confessions **every Wednesday at 6:30 pm** in the Adoration Chapel.
- ◇ The Holy Way of the Cross will take place in the Church in English on **Fridays at 5:30 pm** and **7:30 pm in Spanish**.
- ◇ Lenten Morning of Recollection - in English on **March 13th from 9 am to 12 pm** and in Spanish on **March 20th from 9 am to 12 pm** in the Church.
- ◇ Vocations Holy Hour on **March 4th at 7 pm**

Women’s Group We will hold our first monthly meeting of the year on **Wednesday, March 10th at 10:00 am** in Hannan Hall. Our speaker will be Susan Gray, Director of Religious Education. We look forward to hearing about the program at Queen of Apostles. We hope to see you there!

40 Cans for 40 Days Challenge Returns! Sponsored by Knights of Columbus in cooperation with Queen of Apostles Catholic School. Attention school students! Each school day bring ONE can of food to school, then take it with you to morning prayers in the gymnasium and place it in your class box. You can win “Dress Down Day” OR a Pizza Lunch! The challenge started Ash **Wednesday, February 17th** and ends **Holy Thursday, April 1st**.

Praise and Worship Holy Hour Join us for prayer, praise and worship on **Tuesday, March 9** at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fr. Joseph Bergida will lead us in prayer along with our very own Michelle Jacobeen! All are welcome. Please email info@helpafterabortion.org if you need assistance with our livestream option.

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2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

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Gospel Commentary by Fr. Joseph Rampino for Second Sunday of Lent:

A Sign of Hope

This Sunday presents us with what may seem like a strange choice of Gospel for the early days of Lent. Rather than a passage wherein Christ urges us to self-denial, or an account of one of the many dramatic conversions present in the Gospels, we receive today the story of Christ's Transfiguration in glory before Peter, James, and John, on Mount Tabor. Rather than a renewed focus on our earthly struggle of penance and self-discipline, we are given a vision and foretaste of heaven.

To understand why we are reading this beautiful passage now, during the days of fasting, we have to understand why Christ showed his glory to the Apostles in the first place. The fathers of the Church, the ancient scripture commentators, tell us that Christ brought Peter, James, and John, the three pillars of His newly formed Church, up the mountain in order to strengthen them for the trials that were about to come. He showed them the glory of His divinity because they were soon going to see the suffering of His humanity upon the Cross. Knowing that their faith in Him would be tested, the Lord offered His dearest friends a preview of His resurrection, so that even as they watched Him seemingly overcome by His enemies and very truly subjected to death, they would have the memory of His glory to which they could hold fast.

Jesus offers this pillar of hope to us as well. As we progress through the season of Lent, he reminds us of the goal: to rise with Him in His glory after having suffered with Him in His Passion. Whatever our disciplines and practices, they have the peace and joy of risen life with Christ at their end. This is true not only for the relatively short season of Lent, but for the whole length of our Christian life. The Lord makes clear through the splendor of His Transfiguration what sort of reward and destiny await His friends who cling to Him in love. No matter what trials we may have to face here in time, no matter how heavy and distressing the Cross may seem to us as we carry it now, the temptations and difficulties will not last forever, and will give way to a light and fellowship with Christ which has no end.

So then, our task is to let Christ remind our souls of this truth. In prayer, and in acts of faith and hope, we must let the truth of the good things to come sink deep into our hearts and act as the foundation of our whole Christian life. We must learn real devotion to Christ in glory, not only to Christ crucified, and find in it a true and unconquerable courage and joy. Just as His Cross is a sign of His love for us, so also is His triumph, the difference being that while Christ does descend from the Cross, He never leaves the peace of heaven. With our hearts anchored firmly there, where Christ is seated at God's right hand, along with all the holy men and women who have found salvation in Him, we will have all the stability necessary to run hard after that bright land until we enter and find it to be our true home.



Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. Those who were sent letters in November/December who have not yet pledged will be receiving a phone call from our Continuation Committee to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



Please pray for the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, 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, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon



Remembering Vocations In your Lenten Devotions—2021

Meditation in the words of His Holiness, Pope Francis:

“The first word of vocation, then, is gratitude. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfillment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.”

Weekly Meditations

February 17, Ash Wednesday

“Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. ... Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again.” Pope Francis

February 21, First Sunday in Lent

“We are continually immersed in God’s merciful grace like the air that permeates us. ... Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks.” Blessed Solanus Casey O.F.M. Cap.

February 28, Second Sunday in Lent

“O my God, teach me to be generous to serve you as you deserve to be served to give without counting the cost to fight without fear of being wounded to work without seeking rest and to spend myself without expecting any reward but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen.” St. Ignatius of Loyola

March 7, Third Sunday in Lent

“I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God’s call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him.”

Pope Francis

March 14, Fourth Sunday in Lent

“The Church’s mission is enlivened by a spirituality of constant exodus. We are challenged to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel. The Church’s mission impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice.” Pope Francis

March 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent

We pray for men of vision and courage to lead the Lord’s flock. In the words of Blessed Rev. Stanley Rother, Martyr, “The shepherd cannot run.”

March 28, Palm Sunday

“The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ.” St. Anthony of Padua

April 2, Good Friday

“Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinity is our homeland. We are always expected in Heaven. Do not be afraid; because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there’s no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us.” Bl. Carlo

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Recite the Vocations Prayer following each week’s meditations:

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families.

Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience.

Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice.

Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

For information on vocations, Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, write:

michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

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CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas

Estamos celebrando el Segundo domingo de Cuaresma, y hoy Jesús nos invita a subir con él la montaña del Tabor, un lugar escenario diferente al del domingo pasado. Es un monte alto, lugar donde hay luz, un lugar donde Dios se manifiesta. La montaña simboliza los retos que la vida cristiana nos plantea, los dolores y las fatigas, los miedos, y todo aquello en la vida nos hace perder la alegría, más sin embargo para un cristiano esos retos y dificultades caminados con la mano de Dios siempre son recompensados con algo tan grande como es la corona de la santidad. La cuaresma es siempre una invitación a luchar con fuerza por nuestra transfiguración personal aunque esto implique dolor al negarnos a nosotros mismos.

Felicito de manera especial a todos nuestros estudiantes de catequesis porque recibieron el sacramento de la confirmación el pasado lunes 22 de febrero, nuestro Obispo Michael, estaba muy complacido y contento, en su nombre y en el mío les felicito y al mismo tiempo agradezco la gran labor y sacrificio que han hecho los catequistas y el Staff de nuestra parroquia para formarles y prepararlos como buenos soldados en la fe. Muchas gracias Susan Grey nuestra DRE y al Staff de nuestra escuela y nuestra parroquia por todo el esfuerzo y dedicación a esta gran obra.

Por favor pongan en sus calendarios algunas fechas importantes para esta cuaresma. El 13 de enero tenemos una mañana de reflexión y de preparación espiritual comenzando con la Santa Misa a las 8:00 am, luego tendremos el rezo del Rosario más una reflexión exposición con el Santo Sacramento y confesiones este día será solamente en inglés y el 20 de Marzo será en español. El objetivo es que juntos nos preparemos para celebrar la Semana Santa. Les invito a participar.

Les invito a apoyar a los caballeros de Colon, en la venta de Pescado Frito, el viernes 5 de Marzo, será a domicilio o pueden venir a recogerlo a la cocina del Hannan Hall, con lo recaudado el concilio 4522, continuara apoyando nuestra parroquia, vean el boletín para más información y ver cómo pueden hacer su orden on line.

Les deseo a todos que tengan una buena semana, no olviden que los viernes tenemos la meditación del Via Crucis a las 5:30pm en Ingles y a las 7:30 en español.

Que Dios les bendiga.

P. Alex

Los Caballeros de Colón estarán vendiendo pescado frito

5 de marzo a las 5:30, 6:00, and 6:30 pm

Los pedidos DEBEN REALIZARSE ANTES del mediodía, 3 de marzo de
2021

Costo por pedido: \$8.00 (Máximo \$40.00 por familia) - Pague en la puerta

Por favor, recoja su pedido en la parte trasera de la iglesia (Entrada de la
cocina) Por favor ingrese entre la iglesia y el Centro Parroquial.

Escanee aquí
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Misas esta semana

Domingo 28 de febrero:

8:00 am +Roy Kasenge
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Trace Godbey
1:30 pm +John Battaglia

Lunes 1 de marzo:

6:30 am +Arlene Quinn
9:00 am +Leo Weston

Martes 2 de marzo:

6:30 am (L) Justin Banis
9:00 am +John De Costa

Miércoles 3 de marzo:

6:30 am +Ed Constantino
9:00 am (L) Alexander Stangel

Jueves 4 de marzo:

6:30 am (L) Rita Budig
9:00 am +Leo Weston

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6:30 am +Cecilia Chung
9:00 am +Mary O'Mara

Sábado 6 de marzo:

8:00 am (L) John Jay McAulliffe Family
5:00 pm +Ed Constantino
7:00 pm +Maria Rosa Espitia

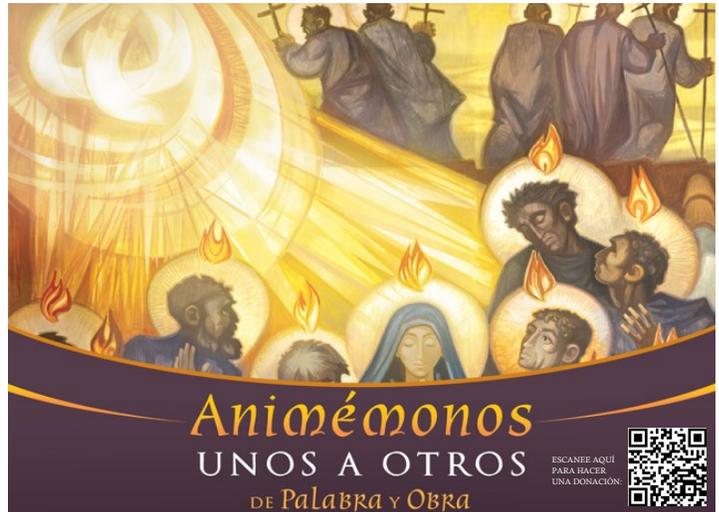
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EN EL HANNAN HALL DE LA PARROQUIA
REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

**INTERESADOS CONTACTAR CON
LOS HERMANOS:**

**ALEX ORELLANA (571) 309 8207
VÍCTOR POSADA (703) 585 3876**

Te invitamos:



COMUNIDAD MISIONEROS DE JESÚS PARROQUIA REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES

Horario de Cuaresma

Por favor, únase a nosotros para nuestras próximas devociones cuaresmales aquí en Queen of Apostles:



- ◇ El programa "La luz está encendida para ti", añadiremos Confesiones todos **los miércoles a las 6:30 pm** en la Capilla de adoración.
- ◇ El Via Crucis tendrá lugar en la Iglesia en inglés **los viernes a las 5:30 pm y 7:30 pm** en español.
- ◇ Mañana de recuerdo - en inglés el **13 de marzo de 9 am a 12 pm** y en español el **20 de marzo de 9 am a 12 pm** en la Iglesia.
- ◇ Vocaciones Hora Santa el **4 de marzo a las 7 pm**

40 latas para el desafío de 40 días Patrocinado por Caballeros de Colón, el Consejo 4522 del Papa Juan Pablo II en cooperación con la Escuela Católica Reina de los Apóstoles. ¡Atención a los estudiantes de la escuela! Cada día escolar lleva UNA lata de comida a la escuela, luego llévala contigo a las oraciones de la mañana en el gimnasio y colócala en tu caja de clases. Usted puede ganar "Dress Down Day" O un almuerzo de pizza! El desafío comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza, **17 de febrero** y termina el Jueves Santo, **1 de abril**.