

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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

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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.

Altar Servers Thank you for serving in this ministry. On Tuesday, **Feb. 19**, 6-8 pm, all servers are asked to meet with Fr. Leopoldo and Mr. Kirby for a refresher training followed by pizza.

All altar server and 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.

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. Next meeting is **Feb. 11**.

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, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Young Adults Do you want to continue growing in your faith with your peers? Are you looking for fellowship with other young Catholics? We will be offering continuing faith formation and social events beginning in the New Year. Text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 10** bulletin is Monday, **Feb. 4** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education We follow Fairfax County Public Schools regarding closings because of winter weather. If FCPS delays or cancels events on a Sunday, RE class for that Sunday is canceled. Students are to bring their textbook and a pencil/pen each Sunday to class.

This Sunday, **Feb. 3**, RE families are invited to a potluck breakfast from 10-11 am in All Saints Hall in the School. Families are asked to bring food/drink to share. \$5/adult and \$3/child. Proceeds will benefit the church capital improvements project.

Classes will not meet on **Feb. 17** in observance of Presidents' Day.

Confirmation students: Grade 8 and high schools students who desire Confirmation have service hours and a typed report due **Feb. 3**.

Sacraments of Initiation students: The 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.

First Penance/First Holy Communion students: The date for First Penance for RE students is now **Mar 9** (rescheduled from Feb. 9) beginning at 9:30 am. Sacraments packets are posted at <https://queenofapostles.org>, under Youth and Family, Religious Education.

RCIA The Rite of Election (catechumens) and the Rite of Continuing Conversion (candidates) is on Sun, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Due to limited seating only RCIA, godparent/sponsor, and 1 guest may attend.

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.

¿Quiere Hacerse Ciudadano? ¡Aplica ahora! Venga a un taller para aplicar para la ciudadanía ofrecido por Caridades Católicas, Hogar Immigrant Services el **23 de febrero**, de 10 am a 1 pm. Lugar: Clarendon Presbyterian Church (1305 N. Jackson Street, Arlington). Costo: \$110, efectivo o credito. Pare registrarse contactar al (571) 208-1572 o visite hogarimmigrantser-vices.org/taller. **Hay que haber sido un residente permanente legal por 5 años para calificar para la ciudadanía.

Pastor's Letter

National World Marriage Week

This coming Thursday we begin National Marriage Week, with Sunday, February 10 being World Marriage Day. "Every year, it is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with promoting and defending marriage and the family" (Archbishop C. Chaput).

With family being essential to QofA's mission and vision, marriage is also very important and we want to highlight this celebration. Therefore there will be a blessing of married couples at Masses on Sunday, February 10th and a Holy Hour for couples on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 pm.

As we prepare for this celebration, today's readings give us good insight. The first reading and the Gospel remind us that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place" (Lk 4:24). The prophet telling the people what God commands will be fought against and suffer persecution and death.

The second reading is St. Paul's well known text about Christian love: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous..." (1 Cor 13:4 ff). It is a text that everybody likes, inside and outside the Catholic Church. It expresses in a beautiful way the Church's teaching about human love, and even more, conjugal love.

Accordingly, the Church teaches that marriage is good news. She is at the service of the Gospel of Marriage and Family. She proclaims that "The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church" (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* #1). And when the Church proclaims this message, like in Nazareth's synagogue, "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth" (Lk 4:22).

However, the Church also teaches that "love requires truth" (Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei* #26-27). We are celebrating *Humanae Vitae*'s 50th anniversary. What happens when the Church, for example, teaches that contraception is intrinsically evil or marriage is a lifelong communion between a man and a woman opened to life? "When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury" (Lk 4:28).

Today we see how Gender Ideology is becoming a politically correct form of bigotry and intolerance. Whoever disagrees with this new dogma is outside of the law and guilty of wrongdoing.

We still have the refreshing images of the recent March for Life. Marriage is Good News. And we want to support our families and give them a home in which they will flourish and thrive. We want to support couples in their mission of bringing forth new lives to build up the earthly city and populate the heavenly Jerusalem. Queen of Apostles is a family of families, committed to help couples and families to be holy, and live out what St. Paul so beautifully stated: Love "rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:7-8).

PROGRESSING IN LOVE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, the Church invites us to a deeper conversion and a more intense prayer life.

(Ages 18 and up)

Date: March 1, 2, and 3, 2019 [Beginning at 8 pm Friday (dinner) and ending at 2 pm Sunday (lunch)]

Cost: \$225 (each) double occupancy, \$240 single occupancy

Location: Spiritual Life Center at San Damiano (125 Old Kitchen Road, White Post, VA 22663)

Registration Deadline: February 20

Food Allergies: If you have food allergies, please let the parish office know before February 20

To register and for additional information, please contact the Parish Office at (703) 354-8711.

This Week In Our Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 3:

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
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

Monday, February 4:

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 5:

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 6:

Hannan Hall	7:00-8:30 Town Hall Meeting
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, February 7:

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, February 8:

<i>Parish Spiritual Exercises Retreat in Spanish at San Damiano</i>	
Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, February 9:

<i>Parish Spiritual Exercises Retreat in Spanish at San Damiano</i>	
Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Meeting
Parish Office	1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
School	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

Scheduled Adorers Urgently Needed

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time each week to support these urgent needs: Tuesday morning, 1 am to 2 am, Friday morning, 4 am to 5 am, and Saturday morning, 2 am to 3 am. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night, 11 pm to 12 am. Please contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org.

Please also prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday afternoon, 3 pm to 4 pm. Please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or rosalieam@msn.com.

Alexandria Parish Seeks Director of Finance St. Louis Catholic Church seeks a qualified Director of Finance (25-30 hours a week). For more information, contact the Pastor (Fr. Keith O'Hare), at fr.ohare@saintlouisparish.org.

Vocations



“Before you were born, I consecrated you.” Do you think that you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time For those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

World Day for Consecrated Life World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated in the Church on **Feb. 2** and in parishes on the weekend of **Feb. 2-3**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. We give thanks to our DCJM Priests, Fr. Leopoldo, Fr. Javier, and Fr. Ignacio for the gift of their vocation!

Interested to Learn How the Move of Amazon's "HQ2" to Northern Virginia Will Affect Our Region and Parish Family? Join us for a meeting this Wednesday, **Feb. 6** at 7 pm in Hannan Hall for presentations and a discussion around this important topic. Refreshments and light snacks will be offered at 6:30 pm and the presentations will begin promptly at 7. RSVP by calling the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or visit queenofapostles.org/fastforward. Limited seating available.

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 mgonzalezpssj@aol.com or (703) 354-0395, or Jo Balsamo at jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com or (703) 623-5607 ASAP. There will be an informational meeting for all participants and parents on Sunday, **Feb. 10** after the 10:30 am Mass. Apply now, space is limited.



Divine Mercy

Jesus: “Poor soul, I see that you suffer much and that you do not have even the strength to converse with Me. So I will speak to you. Even though your sufferings were very great, do not lose heart or give in to despondency. But tell Me, My child, who has dared to wound your heart? Tell Me about everything, be sincere in dealing with Me, reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them, and your suffering will become a source of your sanctification.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1487)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2A, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

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

Holy Hour for Married and Engaged Couples

Monday, February 11 at 6:30 pm
Queen of Apostles Catholic Church

National Marriage Week is February 7-14. During this time, we focus prayerfully on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family (USCCB).

To celebrate and recognize the Sacrament of Marriage, married and engaged couples are invited to pray a Holy Hour with Fr. Leopoldo. This Holy Hour is a moment of thanksgiving before the Blessed Sacrament for the beauty and the sanctity of the gift of Marriage.

Prayer for Married Couples Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Virginia Catholic Conference and ERA As the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is considered by the Virginia General Assembly this year, follow along with the Catholic response to ERA and updates from the General Assembly at www.vacatholic.org. The Virginia Catholic Conference also tracks legislation and public discourse on education and the family, religious freedom, social justice, and other issues that have an impact on our Catholic faith and life as Virginians.

Women's Group The Women's Group meeting will be on Wednesday **Feb. 13** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. Our guest speaker will be Matilde Alvarado from the The Mother of Light Center. The Board and volunteers of the Center work to give people assistance and dignity. They provide for the material and spiritual needs for the overlooked, the homeless, the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend.

Taller de Oración El Taller de Oración y Vida de la Espiritualidad del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga se ofrecerá a partir del **19 de febrero** 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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 3:

7:30 am +Jim Charnley, Sr.
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Monday, February 4:

6:30 am +Margarita Elizabeth
9:00 am +Helen Adams

St. Agatha - Tuesday, February 5:

6:30 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
9:00 am +Martha J. Bibb

St. Paul Miki and Companions - Wednesday, February 6:

6:30 am +Mr. Ruzbasan
9:00 am +Thomas Benson

Thursday, February 7:

6:30 am +Debbie DuBrul
9:00 am +Constance Seymour

St. Josephine Bakhita - Friday, February 8:

6:30 am +Dante U. Espejo
9:00 am +Michael McGuire

Saturday, February 9:

8:00 am +Roland Shamburek
5:00 pm +Dante U. Espejo
7:00 pm +Alejandro Espinosa

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 10:

7:30 am +Virginia P. Villanueva
9:00 am +Maria Hatim Hoi and Peter Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Scotty Dickson

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Daisy Atiyeh, Beverly Spagnoli, 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 Jocsón, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo