



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor  
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar  
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.*

**RCIA English and Spanish** Adult catechumens and candidates, and their godparent/sponsor are to attend the Rite of Election/Rite of Continuing Conversion on Sun, **Feb. 18** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Please meet in the Cathedral no later than 1:45 pm.

**Emmaus** Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets with Fr. Juan on Saturday evenings for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

**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. In February, however, Nazareth will be held on **Feb. 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. Questions? Please call (703) 354-8711 or email [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

**Altar Servers** Remember to sign-in at least 15 minutes before Mass. Also, if you cannot serve, please find a substitute by sending a message to the altar server email group. Families are invited to host the Vocation Crucifix for one week. Sign-up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen>.

**Thank You** for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

**Way of James Pilgrimage, June 2018** Fr. Juan and young men will travel to Spain for this year's pilgrimage, Way of James. The pilgrims will visit the DCJM House of Formation and then walk/hike ~140 miles of the Camino de Santiago. The young men will take your prayer intentions to the various holy sites. Upcoming fundraisers: breakfast on **Feb. 11** and donut/coffee sales on **Feb. 17/18**.

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 11** and **18** bulletins is Monday, **Feb. 5** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

**Religious Education** Religious Education classes begin promptly at 9 am on Sundays. Doors open at 8:30 am. Please allow extra time to travel when there is inclement weather. 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.

#### **Confirmation students:**

The service hours log and 2 page written report are due **Feb. 4**. Fr. Juan will meet with parents of Confirmation students on **Feb. 25** at 9 am in the School.

#### **Sacraments of Initiation students:**

The priest-signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility and Patron Saint Report were due on **Jan. 28**.

The service hours log and written report are due on **Feb. 4** from grade 5 - high school students.

Students and godparents are to attend the Rite of Election on Sun, **Feb. 18** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington.

#### **First Penance/First Holy Communion students:**

Please pray for our 23 Religious Education students as they prepare for their First Penance. First Penance for RE students is scheduled for Sat, **Feb. 10**, at 9:30 am in the church. Also, RE families are invited to go to Confession and receive this sacrament of healing on **Feb. 10**.

**Why a Church Marriage?** Holy Matrimony is a Sacrament uniting one man and one woman to each other and to God for the sake of the salvation of their own souls and to help share in Christ's mission in the world. Holy Marriage is not merely a human commitment or a contract between two parties. It is a God inspired unity of self-sacrifice. Just like every Sacrament, its goal is to get us to heaven. When a couple gets married they are promising God and the other to do everything in their power to get their spouse to heaven. This is the purpose and the number one responsibility of marriage (<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Vocations/Holy-Matrimony>).

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.

## Pastor's Letter

### Super Bowl 2018

GO EAGLES!



It is not that I am trying to gain the Bishop's favor. The Super Bowl is a great event in our country, and these days there are many conversations about it. Plans have been made some time ago to watch it. Most likely our Bishop as well. He, as it is well known, is a big Eagles' fan. However, most likely he will not watch it live because he will have other ministerial duties. Today we read in the Sunday Gospel: "Everyone is looking for you" (Mk 1:37). And I can't help but to think sarcastically, "sorry Jesus; no offense but everyone is looking for the Super Bowl."

Dear parish family, Who are we looking for?

I would like to make two remarks on today's readings. The first is about God's healing grace. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others. In his misery, Job looks up to heaven and cries to God, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle/ they come to an end without hope / Remember that my life is like the wind / I shall not see happiness again" (Job 7:6-7). Maybe this text will console many in New England on Sunday evening.

Sometimes we feel miserable and, like Job, we cry out to heaven. We ask God to assist us. And rightly so. He is our Father and sure enough we should cry out to him in need. And it is a good way to learn to look up so that in good times we will also look up to give thanks and praise our heavenly Father. Hopefully, on Sunday evening many will praise God because they are with the Eagles on Cloud 9.

The second remark is about what happens when we look up to heaven. Jesus, "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed" (Mk 1:35). In prayer Jesus embraces the Father's will and sets himself ready to continue preaching in other villages. Likewise, Paul is in fire and is prompted to preach the Gospel: "and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Cor 9:16).

So back to my question, Who are we looking for? Today's readings invite us to refocus and pay attention to what is essential for us: prayer, in which we embrace God's will and do not neglect our call to evangelize. This Sunday the Eagles fans will have the need to call others and share their joy. We have Jesus' joy. Wouldn't we want to share it?

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## ENTERING INTO THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Led by Fr. Leopoldo Vives, DCJM and 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: February 16, 17, and 18, 2018** [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 15

**Food Allergies:** If you have food allergies, please let the parish office know before **February 12**

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

## This Week In Our Parish

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4:**

*Toward a Missionary Family*

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	7:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	3:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

### **Monday, February 5:**

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 6:**

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 7:**

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

### **Thursday, February 8:**

Hannan Hall	9:00 am-9:00 pm School Science Fair
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School	9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

### **Friday, February 9:**

Hannan Hall	9:00 am-12 noon Science Fair
Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

### **Saturday, February 10:**

Parish Office	9:00-11:00 am Finance Classes
Church	9:30-11:30 am First Confessions for RE Students
Hannan Hall	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall	6:00-9:00 pm QofA School Spaghetti Dinner
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School	8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

## **Day of Prayer for the African American & African Family**

Join us! As we pray on this 29th National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family. The Diocese of Arlington will be honoring this day with a Rosary Conference Call Across America, **Feb. 5**. Help Share the Journey with others by participating in this call. All are welcome!

Call details:

**Feb. 5** at 12 noon. Dial: (641) 715-3580

Access Code: 951981

**The Rebuilding Program** Separated? Divorced? Widowed??? The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, **Feb. 25** and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. Questions? Email [facilitator@copingrebuilding.com](mailto:facilitator@copingrebuilding.com), visit us on the web at <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>, or call us at (703) 596-2673.



## Vocations

**“Everyone is searching for You.”** Is your search for the Lord leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits, we pray to the Lord.

## World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated in parishes this weekend. 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 special thanks to God for our priests, the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, for the gift of their holy vocation, and for all they do in the service of Our Lord and our parish.

## 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.

**Mass to celebrate World Marriage Sunday** All married couples are invited to attend the World Marriage Sunday Mass offered at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria on Sunday, **Feb. 11** at 12:00 noon. Fr. Thomas Ferguson, Vicar General & Moderator for the Curia, will be celebrating the Mass and offer words of reflection for married couples. A reception will be offered after Mass thanks to the generosity of Families in Christ Jesus. Register at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/wms18](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/wms18).



## 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:

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45



**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](mailto:moleski47@gmail.com). Great way to begin Lent!

Adorers are needed (on a weekly basis) on Monday 1 pm-2 pm, Monday 4 pm -5 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](mailto:rosalieam@msn.com).

**Mardi Gras!** Eat, Drink, and Be Merry for tomorrow you will fast! Help us to celebrate Mardi Gras as a parish family on Tuesday, **Feb. 13**, from 6 to 8 pm. Donations of food and help, as well as your RSVP are needed by 9 am on Monday, **Feb. 12**. Please use the sign-up link: [www.queenofapostles.org/mardigras2018](http://www.queenofapostles.org/mardigras2018). We will be burning palms whose ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday. Please bring your blessed palms to Mardi Gras or place them in the labeled boxes in the vestibule of the church on Sunday, **Feb. 11**.

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

Next weekend, every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be a place to note that on the form. Please read the BLA newsletter inserted in today's bulletin with information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese to help thousands of people each year. Then, prayerfully consider joining in support by making a pledge to the BLA.

**Women's Group** The Women's Group will be holding their monthly meeting on **Feb. 14** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The speaker for the meeting will be Ms. Therese Bermpohl, Executive Director of the office of Marriage, Family & Respect for Life from the Dioceses of Arlington. The topic will be *Mary: Mother of Mercy, Model for Life*. All are invited.

**Finding Freedom After Abortion** It's time to make peace with your past. "Do not be afraid. Let the light of Christ penetrate and heal your heart." For confidential, compassionate Help After Abortion, please call Project Rachel at (888) 456-HOPE or email [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

**40 Days for Life** starts on Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 14**. 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com) to sign up to pray. With prayer, four abortion centers have closed in the past four years, and only three are left in the entire Arlington Diocese.

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Masses this Week

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4:

7:30 am +Margarita E. Denison  
9:00 am +Dolores Perez  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Helen Adams

#### Saint Agatha - Monday, February 5:

6:30 am +Thomas P. Hamilton  
9:00 am +Martha J. Bibb

#### Saint Paul Miki and Companions - Tuesday, February 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis  
9:00 am +Don Czaja

#### Wednesday, February 7:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM  
9:00 am +Martha Bibb

#### Saint Josephine Bakhita - Thursday, February 8:

6:30 am +Jane Hoyt McPherson  
9:00 am +Caroline Robertson Cross

#### Friday, February 9:

6:30 am +Cara and Wilson Farr  
9:00 am +Donald Czaja

#### Saint Scholastica - Saturday, February 10:

8:00 am +Frank Shaughnessy  
5:00 pm +Thun Yi  
7:00 pm +Kamilah Ceballos Bernard

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11:

7:30 am (L) Debbie DuBrul  
9:00 am +Matthias Lang  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon (L) Mr. Nicuser Serban

*"My hope is in you, Lord. Be my refuge, for You are my strength.... Into Your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit. You have redeemed me, Lord, God of Truth."*

*St. Bernadette Soubirous*



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

Leonor Cabrestane, Debbie DuBrul, Petrona Reyes, 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, Etelvina 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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith