



# 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

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12 Noon, 2 pm (Ghana Community)

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9 am  
*No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays*  
Saturday: 8 am

## HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7-7:30 am  
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent  
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour  
Saturday: 4-5 pm and 6-7 pm  
Sunday: 10-10:30 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
Kathy Littlefield, Principal  
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.*

## Emmaus - High School/Young College Students

Emmaus meets on Fridays, 6-8 pm at Queen of Apostles. On the first Friday of the month, Open Gym is held at the School Gym. On other Fridays, meet Fr. Juan at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayers and other activities. Please note that Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month.

**Vocations Crucifix** Thank you to our 40+ altar servers who serve Queen of Apostles. We ask all altar server families to sign up to host the Vocations Crucifix for a week. Thank you to those families who have committed to this prayer. Families are invited to choose a week during February - June to host the Crucifix: [goo.gl/ArPVBt](http://goo.gl/ArPVBt).

**World Day for Consecrated Life** was celebrated in the Church on **Feb. 2** and is celebrated in parishes this weekend, **Feb. 4-5**. 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.

**Finding freedom after abortion** This year it's time to make peace with your past. "Do not be afraid...Open your heart and let go of the weight you carry - 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).

**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. 26** 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. For more information, go to: <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>.

**Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 12** bulletin is Monday, **Feb. 6** by 9 am. Please email announcements to [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).



**Religious Education** Religious Education students will make their First Confession on Saturday, **Feb. 11** at 9:30 am in the church. Please pray for these students as they experience this Sacrament of Healing for the first time.

On **Feb. 11**, we invite families of RE students to go to Confession, too.

Generally, Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program follows Fairfax County Public Schools for winter weather-related closings. If an exception is made, Religious Education families will be emailed as soon as a decision is made. If you have an updated email, please send a message to [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org).

Registration for the **2017-2018** Religious Education school year opens on **Apr. 23**.

## Confirmation Sponsor/Baptismal Godparent Certificate of Eligibility

Sponsor Certificates are statements to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. If you have been asked to serve as a sponsor/godparent, please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with a priest.

If you are eligible to serve, the priest will sign and seal the Certificate of Eligibility. If Queen of Apostles is not your registered parish, please call your home parish for a Certificate of Eligibility.

For Confirmation students, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate was due on **Jan. 22**.

For the three Sacraments of Initiation students and adults, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate is due on **Jan. 29**.

Incomplete Certificates will be returned.

## Pastor's Letter

### Welcoming the Stranger

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:13-14).

This past week our Bishops have been asking us to pray and to act in the public arena standing for refugees. Our Bishop Michael Burbidge stated last Monday Jan 30:

*"Together with Bishop Vasquez and my brother bishops, I encourage Catholics to contact our elected officials to make our voices heard: our communities have been and will continue to be hospitable to refugees, in keeping with our legacy of welcoming the stranger. Together, we also pray for comprehensive immigration reform and for peace, safety and harmony within our nation and throughout the world" (Find his full statement at [www.arlintondiocese.org](http://www.arlintondiocese.org)).*

That same day and with the same approach, the President and Vice President of the USCCB issued the following statement:

*"Over the past several days, many brother bishops have spoken out in defense of God's people. We are grateful for their witness. Now, we call upon all the Catholic faithful to join us as we unite our voices with all who speak in defense of human dignity.*

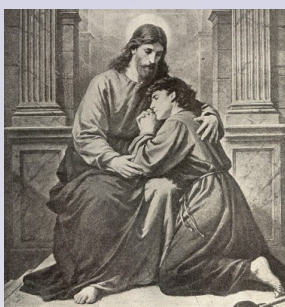
*The bond between Christians and Muslims is founded on the unbreakable strength of charity and justice. The Second Vatican Council in Nostra Aetate urged us to sincerely work toward a mutual understanding that would "promote together for the benefit of all mankind social justice and moral welfare, as well as peace and freedom." The Church will not waver in her defense of our sisters and brothers of all faiths who suffer at the hands of merciless persecutors.*

*The refugees fleeing from ISIS and other extremists are sacrificing all they have in the name of peace and freedom. Often, they could be spared if only they surrendered to the violent vision of their tormentors. They stand firm in their faith. Many are families, no different from yours or mine, seeking safety and security for their children. Our nation should welcome them as allies in a common fight against evil. We must screen vigilantly for infiltrators who would do us harm, but we must always be equally vigilant in our welcome of friends.*

*The Lord Jesus fled the tyranny of Herod, was falsely accused and then deserted by his friends. He had nowhere to lay His head (Lk. 9:58). Welcoming the stranger and those in flight is not one option among many in the Christian life. It is the very form of Christianity itself. Our actions must remind people of Jesus. The actions of our government must remind people of basic humanity. Where our brothers and sisters suffer rejection and abandonment we will lift our voice on their behalf. We will welcome them and receive them. They are Jesus and the Church will not turn away from Him.*

*Our desire is not to enter the political arena, but rather to proclaim Christ alive in the world today. In the very moment a family abandons their home under threat of death, Jesus is present. And He says to each of us, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (MT 25:40)" (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-027.cfm>).*

Let's pray and act. "But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything" (Mt 5:13).



### Rule of Life Devotion for the Month of January

Confession

*"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."*

St. Isidore of Seville

## February 18 Morning of Recollection

All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection  
in the church and in Hannan Hall.

### Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary at 101 S. Whiting St.
9:30 am	Talk 1
10:15 am	Break - Coffee and Pastries
10:30 am	Talk 2
11:00 am	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11:50 am	Blessing and Reposition



## This Week In Our Parish

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5:**

Rule of Life

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Pancake Breakfast
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

### **Monday, February 6:**

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 7:**

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 8:**

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

### **Thursday, February 9:**

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

### **Friday, February 10:**

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	5:30-9:00 pm Homeschoolers Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus

### **Saturday, February 11:**

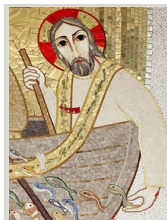
Church	9:30-11:00 am First Confessions (RE Students)
Parish Office	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Meeting
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Hannan Hall	8:30-10:30 pm Hispanic Families Meeting

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 12:**

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

**Catholic Charities Loves Volunteers** Do you want to answer God's call to serve? Please visit [www.cdda.net/volunteer.php](http://www.cdda.net/volunteer.php) to find more than 100 different volunteer opportunities available. There is something for everyone. Catholic Charities relies on its volunteers to reach those in need throughout the Diocese. To learn more, please contact the Director of Volunteers, Sally O'Dwyer at [sodwyer@cdda.net](mailto:sodwyer@cdda.net) or (703) 841-3838.

**Science Fair Judges Needed** The Queen of Apostles School Science Fair will be held on Thursday **Feb. 16, 2017** from 7:00-8:30 pm in Hannan Hall. A light dinner and an orientation for the judges will be at 6:15 pm. A background in science, math or engineering is not required, but is helpful. Please contact Mr. Dex Curi ([d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org)) at Queen of Apostles School for more information if you are interested in being a judge. Thank you.



## Vocations

### **“Let your light shine before others”**

perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. 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 for Consecrated Life**

That all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

**A Blessing of Married Couples** As part of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day, a Blessing of Married Couples will take place during Masses, **Feb. 11-12**. The Sacrament of Marriage is a vocation to love and is a gift of self to your spouse. 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.

If you were not married in the Catholic Church or your marriage is not recognized by the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 and make an appointment to meet with a priest.

## Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

### **Readings for Next Week:**

#### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5: 17-37



**Clases de Inglés y de Ciudadanía** empiezan en febrero. Las clases se llevarán a cabo los lunes y miércoles de 7-9 pm en la Escuela Reina de los Apóstoles. Hay varios niveles de clases. Llame a Caridades Católicas - Hogar Immigrant Services para más información (571) 208-1572.

**English Classes and Citizenship Classes** begin in February at Queen of Apostles School. Multiple levels available. Classes are Monday/Wednesday from 7-9 pm. Contact Catholic Charities - Hogar Immigrant Services for more information at (571) 208-1572.



### **Queen of Apostles School**

Queen of Apostles School is seeking a new principal for the 2017-2018 school year. The qualified candidate will be a paragon of our school values: Faith, Excellence and Joy; an experienced teacher that

will foster the school project based on three pillars: Jesus Christ is the Teacher and the keystone who gives unity and meaning to our learning; the educational endeavor is an alliance between parish, family and school; students take ownership of their own stories through the great literary and historic narrations.

We also express our wholehearted gratitude to Mrs. Littlefield for her successful leadership since 2013 and we keep her in our prayers and thoughts.



## Feb. 5 Breakfast Fundraiser for Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage

Pilgrims and their families are hosting a breakfast that will benefit their Holy Week pilgrimage to Fatima/Rome. Funds raised will help defray the costs of the pilgrimage. A delicious breakfast will be available after all Masses this Sunday, **Feb. 5** in Hannan Hall. Your donations are appreciated!

Led by Fr. Juan, the young men pilgrims will take your prayer intentions with them and pray for you at the various holy sites.

During the breakfast, there will be a gift basket raffle featuring a variety of themed gift baskets. Raffle tickets will be sold onsite. Also, Mystic Monk Coffee will be sold.

Thank you for your generous support of this pilgrimage.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!

**2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!** This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "Offering hands to serve and hearts to love." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Through your support of this important appeal, you become the hands and heart of our Lord Jesus!

**Exhorto Matrimonial** Fernando Martínez Santos pretende contraer matrimonio con Leticia García Medrano en la parroquia de San Juan Bautista de la Salle, Colonia Piletas IV, León (Guanajato), México. El contrayente fue miembro de esta parroquia desde 2008 hasta 2014 siendo su domicilio Morgan St 5505.

Si alguno conoce alguna razón por la cual no deba celebrarse este matrimonio o sabe de alguna circunstancia que deba tenerse en cuenta en orden a la celebración de este matrimonio, por favor, póngase en contacto con el P. Leopoldo Vives, [parastor@queenofapostles.org](mailto:parastor@queenofapostles.org) o en la oficina parroquial.

**Salvar la semilla** La semilla humilde de un grano de trigo puede germinar fecundamente en un fruto deseado, verdadera parábola de lo que debe ser la pastoral de la esperanza: es decir de la familia. Por qué la familia es un lugar de esperanza? Cómo debemos hacerla fecunda? El sacramento del matrimonio es un camino de crecimiento de los esposos. Reunión de matrimonios: sábado, **11 de febrero** \* a las 8:30 pm en Hannan Hall. (\*cambio de fecha)

**Stephen Ministry** Does life's struggles pull you down? Do you feel so alone? Are you hurting? A Stephen Minister could be there for you, to walk with you in your journey through life's difficulties by sharing the joy and hope which the ultimate healer, Christ and the Love of God brings. To inquire about Stephen Ministry, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495 or [stephenministry@queenofapostles.org](mailto:stephenministry@queenofapostles.org).

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

### St. Paul Miki and Companions - Monday, February 6:

6:30 am +Elisa Dionisio  
9:00 am +George Cook

### Tuesday, February 7:

6:30 am +Peter Murtha  
9:00 am +Ralph Farr

### St. Jerome Emiliani - Wednesday, February 8:

6:30 am +Richard and Gloria O'Donnell  
9:00 am (L) Rosalie Mainey

### Thursday, February 9:

6:30 am +James and Sadie Whitehead  
9:00 am +Joan McCulloch

### St. Scholastica - Friday, February 10:

6:30 am +Almaz Awalom  
9:00 am +Clarissa Trono De Guzman

### Our Lady of Lourdes - Saturday, February 11:

8:00 am (L) James Saunders and Debbie DuBrul  
5:00 pm +Georgianna Gillespie  
7:00 pm (L) Miriam Farfan

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 12:

7:30 am +Jane McPherson  
9:00 am +Matthias Lang  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 noon +Chester and Stella Moleski

### Subscribe to Our Weekly Parish E-Newsletter

To sign up please visit <https://queenofapostles.org/news/>

**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**.

**Second Collection** Today's Second Collection will be for the Arlington Catholic Herald. Next Week's Second Collection will be for the Capital Improvement Fund.



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

Christopher Said Marta Fajardo, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Esther Stanley, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Anna Jeffrey, Rose Maalouf, Ronald Redman, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Stephen Aldrich, Jessica Acot, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Peczyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith