

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am; Vigil: 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*)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 am (*except Federal Holidays*),
9:00 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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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. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM,
School Chaplain
Phone: (703) 354-0714



Please take time to visit our school! If you would like to request a tour, please contact the school office or visit our website for more information.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for Healing



O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comforter of the Afflicted, you know my needs, my concerns, my sufferings. Look with mercy on me please. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your merciful favors; and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities: both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with trusting confidence to implore your faithful maternal intercession. Obtain, O Loving Mother, the granting of my prayerful petitions, as God would so will it, for His Glory. . . . (mention your petition) . . . Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory in the Heavenly Kingdom of your Divine Son when He calls me Home. Thank you, O Beloved Mother Mary, Our Lady Of Lourdes. Amen.

Religious Education All Religious Education students in grade 8 and high school, no matter the sacramental status, are to attend the **Feb 22** retreat, 8:30am-3:30pm at in Hannan Hall. Snow makeup date is **Mar 21**.

School, Ghana, and homeschool students in grade 8 and above who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend the **Feb 22**, 8:30am-3:30pm retreat. Meet in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 8:15am.

The priest will meet with RE parents of Confirmation students on Sunday, **Feb 23** at 9am (English) and 9:30am (Spanish) at the school.

Baptized students in grade 2 and above, who have attended 2+ years of Religious Ed, and desire the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, have First Confession on Saturday, **Feb 29** starting at 9:30am in the church. Parents, godparents, and grandparents are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their child. Families of school students should check with the teacher or front office to confirm the time and date of First Confession.

Unbaptized students and sponsors are to attend the Rite of Election on Sunday, **Mar 1** at 2:30pm at the St. Thomas More Cathedral.

Religious Education classes will not be held on **Feb 17** in observance of Presidents' Day.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Feb. 16** bulletin is **Feb. 10**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

Banica Bake Sale Feb. 15/16 after all Masses: Enjoy freshly made baked goods while helping to support our parish youth mission to Bánica, Dominican in June. Free will donations are gratefully accepted! Please stop by the table in the vestibule for delicious treats and to learn more about this year's mission. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Women's Group Please join The Women's Group on **Wednesday, Feb. 12th** to watch a documentary titled *The Face Of Mercy*. You will see the face of mercy in our modern world. It is an excellent film! Join us at 10:00 in Hannan Hall. All parishioners are invited. See you there!

RCIA All RCIA students are asked to call the parish office at 703-354-8711 and schedule a meeting with Fr. Javier. RCIA will not meet on **Feb 17**.

All RCIA students, catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized), and sponsors are to attend the Rite of Election and the Rite of Continuing Conversion on Sunday, **Mar 1** at 2:30pm at St. Thomas More Cathedral. Please meet at the Cathedral by 1:45pm. QofA will have assigned seating. This is not a Mass so please attend Mass earlier in the day.

Third Saturday Pro-Life Vigil Join QofA's Pro-life group in praying outside the Alexandria Abortion Clinic (5999 Stevenson Ave #403) this Saturday, **Feb. 15**. We will begin the morning by attending the 8:00 am Mass. Directly following the Mass, all will reconvene outside the abortion facility to pray. Invite a friend!

In a Sacramental Marriage? For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please call the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Holy Hour with Married and Engaged Couples In celebration of National Marriage Week, our Holy Hour on **Feb 13** will be a moment of thanksgiving before the Blessed Sacrament for the beauty and the sanctity of the gift of Marriage.

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

NO Confessions on Sunday, **February 16**. Thank you for understanding.

Annual Car Raffle Be on the look out for your All Saints 5-car Raffle Tickets. Prizes include five 2020 vehicles from Koons of Manassas. One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets.

Pastor's Letter

This week is packed with many good things. I would like to highlight two: the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and National Marriage Week. We will celebrate each of these special moments with a liturgical celebration.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, falls on the first day of many apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in 1858. Our Lady introduced herself to St. Bernadette as the Immaculate Conception, conceived without stain of sin. The grotto where she appeared has become a place of pilgrimage, and many cures and conversions have taken place there. Her message as always is a call to conversion and prayer.

Saint Pope John Paul II proclaimed February 11 as World Day of the Sick. For this reason, during the 9 AM Mass on Tuesday, February 11, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is only to be given to "those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age". We know that those who share in the cross and suffering of Christ, have access to a treasure of graces. It is for this reason, that we encourage those who are sick to offer their sufferings for special intentions, especially for the offenses done against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Today, we begin National Marriage Week. It is an opportunity for us to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting the sanctity of marriage and the family. Thank you for your witness to all of us - for your fidelity in your marriage. I pray that you continue to protect and nourish your marriages by inviting God into your marriage. I pray especially for those going through difficulties so that you may find healing in Christ. I learned from another priest that what provides an anchor for a child is not the individual love of their parents for him, rather it is the love the parents have for one another.

We will dedicate this Thursday's Holy Hour especially for married couples and those who are engaged. It will be an opportunity to pray for you and for other married couples and to renew your vows before the Blessed Sacrament. Don't miss it!

Jesus challenges us today to be salt of the earth and light of the world, and this challenge is especially for our married couples. As a married couple, graced by the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, we look to you to be a light for us, and so I ask all parishioners to join me this week in this prayer as we pray for you, that you may continue to progress in love of God and of one another:

*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*

~Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM



Mardi Gras *At Queen of Apostles*

Eat, Drink, and be Merry, for tomorrow you shall fast!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in Hannan Hall, 6:00-8:00 pm

Volunteers needed! Please see the Parish Website for details and registration information, or visit the table in the vestibule after all Masses the weekend of February 22-23. Please also bring last year's palms for us to burn for Ash Wednesday



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Excerpt from a Student Testimonial

"My name is Alexia De Costa and I was a student at Queen of Apostles School from 2010 to 2019 where I had the privilege of getting a good faith-based education. Last August, I started high school at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The values instilled in me at Queen of Apostles School will always remain with me. Queen of Apostles led me to encounter Jesus Christ through exposure to our Catholic culture. It is where I gained an understanding of myself as a child of God and it has influenced the choices and decisions I make in life. Queen of Apostles school prepared me for high school and beyond. The school is a vibrant and important part of our family and church life. As parents, you all want the best for your son or daughter. Joining Queen of Apostles School is one of the best gifts you can give them. Queen of Apostles School creates a community for our families. The school has dedicated faculty and staff and great priests who bring us closer to God and get us to form a stronger bond with Him. I would also like to acknowledge the Queen of Apostles community and the people who keep our school going and growing. I am proud to be an alumna of this school and a member of this community. Queen of Apostles will always be in my heart and prayers."



This Week In Our Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time– February 9:

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30pm Ghana Group

Monday, February 10:

Parish Center/Notre Dame 7:30-9:00pm RCIA

Tuesday, February 11:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30am Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Center 5:45-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 12:

Hannan Hall 8:00-12:00pm Women's Group Meeting
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, February 13:

School 5:30-8:00pm Science Fair
Parish Center 6:30-8:00pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30pm Holy Hour
Hannan Hall 7:30-8:30 pm Holy hour babysitting

Friday, February 14:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, February 15:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
Notre Dame 8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIR 15:15-20
1 COR 2:6-10

PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
MT 11:25

To Progress in Love: Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Spanish

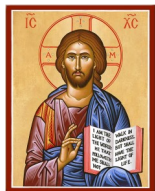
Last chance to join us for a weekend of Spiritual Exercises led by Fr. Javier O'Connor next weekend, **Feb. 14-16**, at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. Register by this Monday, **Feb. 10**.



Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours of need! Our Chapel is open Mon. 7am -Sat. 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:



- * **Tues., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, Thurs., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 3-4 am** *Critical need for permanent adorers*
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096
or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- * **Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-5 pm; Thurs 3-4 pm;**
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or
rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need



Vocations

"Let your light shine before others" perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles Mark your calendars for the **July 13-17, 2020** Vacation Bible School!

World Day of the Sick Pope John Paul II designated **Feb 11**, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, as World Day of the Sick, "a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind" (*Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, 13 May 1982, After the 9am Mass on Feb 11, the priest will invite those who are sick to come forward and receive an anointing.*)

Annual Women's Conference All women are invited to the 2020 Annual Women's Conference - Known and Loved From All Eternity. Join us on Saturday, **March 14, 2020**, for the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. To register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/women

Attend VA March for Life! Join the Virginia Catholic Conference at the Virginia March for Life in Richmond on **February 13**. Your participation this year is critical! The state legislature is considering extreme abortion legislation that would dismantle current pro-life laws and even deem abortion to be "a fundamental right." Let your voice be heard! Mass with Bishop Knestout and Bishop Burbidge will be held at the Richmond Convention Center at 9:15 a.m. before a rally and march at the State Capitol. You can also visit your legislators' offices. If you are a Fairfax County Public School student in grades 7 through 12, you can use your once-a-year excused absence for a civic engagement activity in order to attend. For more information visit www.vacatholic.org.



Have you ever considered putting Queen of Apostles in your will or estate? Please contact Flora Wack (f.wack@queenofapostles.org or 703-354-8711) at the Parish Office for more information.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

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7:30 am +Napoleon Sierra
9:00 am +Mrs. Roberta Gail Herman
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Matthias Lang

St. Scholastica- Monday, February 10:

6:30 am +Jea Matzinger
9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

Our Lady of Lourdes - Tuesday, February 11:

6:30 am +John Czarniecki
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

Wednesday, February 12:

6:30 am (L) Anne McDonald
9:00 am In Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 13:

6:30 am (L) Joe and Anne Arias
9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

Sts. Cyril and Methodius - Friday, February 14:

6:30 am +Maria Fernandez
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach

Saturday, February 15:

8:00 am +Jay Sun
5:00 pm +Julie Barreto
7:00 pm +Mercedes Paulo Merino

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16:

7:30 am +Napoleon Sierra
9:00 am +Mrs. Roberta Gail Herman
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Matthias Lang

"I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next." —Our Lady of Lourdes



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Jean McDermott, Anne 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, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Dean Richardson, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Cervantes