



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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

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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.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Altar Servers Altar servers/families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week. If you have not already chosen a week to host the Crucifix, sign-up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen>. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others.

Do you have a Shot? Specifically, a basketball Free Throw Shot? The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 is pleased to announce the 2018 International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The Competition will begin at the Council level, to be held on Wednesday, **Jan. 17** in the Queen of Apostles School gym at 6:00 pm.

Winners move on to the district, regional, and state levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group. All competitors will receive a Participation Certificate and trophies will be presented to the winners in each age category. Entry forms will be available at the competition.

For more information, please contact the Council's Youth Director, Brother Vincent Guevara at vincentg.97@gmail.com, (703) 310-9718, or Grand Knight, Roger Williams, at rlwsb11@gmail.com, (703) 629-3239.

Emmaus Emmaus, for high school and young college students, meets on Saturdays 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer.

Youth will participate in the **Jan. 18** evening of prayer, Life is Very Good, at George Mason University.

Nazareth meets on Jan. 26 Girls and boys in grades 5-8 are invited to join Nazareth on **Jan. 26** and **Feb. 2**. 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 are need to help with Nazareth activities and to provide snacks. Please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711 if you can help.

RCIA English and Spanish RCIA meets on Mondays (English) and Wednesdays (Spanish), 7:30-9 pm with Fr. Javier at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street). If you have not submitted your (birth, baptismal, etc) certificates to the parish office, please do so this week. Registration for sacraments is due **Jan. 21**.

Adult catechumens and candidates and their godparent/sponsor are to attend the Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing and Blessing on **Jan. 27** during the 7 pm (Spanish) Mass or on **Jan. 28** during the 10:30 am Mass. Please sit in the front pew nearest the Presider's Chair.

Please note there will be no RCIA class on Monday, **Jan. 15** due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Religious Education The Religious Education Program follows 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.

As a reminder, students in Religious Education are asked not to have more than 3 absences for the school year. When a student is absent, parents should contact the catechist and ask about homework that is due.

The deadline to return a Certificate of Eligibility for Confirmation sponsors is **Jan. 21**. Sponsors need to call ahead for an appointment to meet with his/her parish priest in order to obtain a priest-signed and sealed Certificate of Eligibility. Completed Certificates may be brought to the parish office or returned to RE on Sunday mornings. Lastly, the Confirmation service hours log and report are due **Feb. 4**.

Fr. Juan will meet with parents and godparents of unbaptized students (over the age of 7 and has attended 2+ years of Religious Education) on Sunday, **Jan. 21** at 9 am in the School. This is a mandatory meeting that will review the Three Sacraments of Initiation. The registration form for Baptism/Three Sacraments of Initiation is due **Jan. 21** and the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility is due **Jan. 28**. RE students, who are catechumens, and their godparent are to attend the rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing and Blessing on **Jan. 28** during the 10:30 am Mass.

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

Pastor's Letter

Rabbi, Where Are You Staying? (Jn 1:38)

After the Christmas celebrations we begin ordinary time with an invitation to remain with Jesus. This is the first fruit of Christmas: the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. He himself becomes a dwelling for us. The first apostles' question makes sense: "WHERE are you staying?"

As Benedict XVI beautifully stated, Andrew and John experienced "the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (Deus Caritas Est, 1). They were John the Baptist's disciples. While staying with Jesus they were transformed into apostles, which means "one sent on a mission." What a transformation for these two fishermen!

Considering Jesus' presence and the apostles' transformation, we naturally turn our thoughts to the Eucharist. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Creation is transformed. We become the Body of Christ, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" (1 Cor 6:15).

In our yearly program "Towards a Missionary Family", this month we consider how God transforms us through the Eucharist. And it is not by chance. The Eucharist is the fitting hinge between the two parts of this program: "The sacraments transform us" (October to January) and "through us, God transforms others" (February to June).

In the sacraments, the water, the oil, the words, the bread and wine, are transformed by the Holy Spirit to be the means of our sanctification. The Eucharist brings this transformation to the end. The bread and wine are transformed in Christ himself. This is "the Mystery of faith" which we proclaim every time we celebrate the Mass. "This is the substantial transformation which was accomplished at the Last Supper and was destined to set in motion a series of transformations leading ultimately to the transformation of the world" (Benedict XVI, WYD 2005).

When we receive the Eucharist we become one with Christ and we are transformed into him. And now we are sent forth to transform others. That is the transforming dynamism of the Eucharist aimed to transform the world so "God will be all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

There are two expressions of our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist: the Liturgy and Adoration. Both transform us. Let's work to foster our relationship with the Eucharistic Lord. If we do so, our participation in the Sunday Mass will be like that transforming experience for John and Andrew. From Disciples we will be transformed into Apostles.

January 27 Morning of Recollection

All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection on Saturday, January 27 in the church and in Hannan Hall.

Rule of Life Devotion for the Month of January

Eucharist - Strengthened by Christ

Rediscover the Mass.

Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary
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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:30-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, January 15:

Adoration Chapel Closed

Parish Office Closed

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, January 16:

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, January 17:

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

Thursday, January 18:

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

Friday, January 19:

March for Life

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's
Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:00-10:00 pm Set-up and Serve
Dinner for March for Life Pilgrims

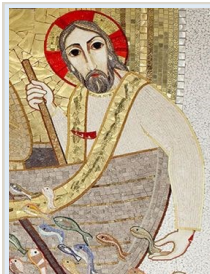
Saturday, January 20:

Hannan Hall 5:00-9:00 am Breakfast for March for
Life Pilgrims
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

Please Note: The Adoration Chapel and Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **Jan. 15** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Capital Improvement Collection Next Sunday Thank you for your generosity to the annual parish Capital Improvement fund, which is the beneficiary of next Sunday's (**Jan. 21**) second collection. Proceeds from this collection have enabled us to take action on facilities projects small and large to create a safer, more hospitable environment for parishioners and guests of the parish. Last year's collection was \$10,735 and this year our goal is \$11,000. Thank you for helping us meet our goal.

It's not too late to join the Banica Youth Mission: Register today while there is still room! We are looking for several teens (16 or older) to join us for the mission on **Jun. 23 to Jul. 3**. If you feel that God is calling you to serve on mission, please contact Mother Maria (mgonzalezpssj@aol.com) or Jo Balsamo (jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com) ASAP. There will be a mission meeting on Sunday, **Feb. 4** in Hannan Hall during the Sunday Social after the 10:30 am Mass for all registered participants.



Vocations

"Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to be a shepherd for the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time That all Catholics will recognize their responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and follow Him, especially those chosen for the special calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

FIAT Day of Recollection Are you a high school girl who's thought about being a religious sister? Attend the FIAT Day of Recollection on **Feb. 17** and grow in your knowledge of Christ, yourself, religious life and St. John Paul II. Led by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. There will be Mass, talks, Holy Hour, opportunities for confession, Q&A with Sisters, as well as a self-portrait workshop. Space is limited! Registration and payment are due **Feb. 9**. To learn more and register visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT>; email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org, or call (703) 841-2514.

Pray the Rosary to end Abortion on January 20

Please join us every third Saturday after the 8 am Mass to pray the Rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street. We pray for all unborn children in danger of being aborted and for all parents contemplating abortion, that they may say yes to the gift and sanctity of life.



Adorers Needed Adorer needed for Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 7:00 pm each week. If you are able to attend on a regular basis, please contact Nenita De Guzman in the parish office at n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org, or at (703) 354-8711.

Adorer needed on a temporary basis, January through March, on Friday morning 4:00 to 5:00 am. If you are able to support this need, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart." - St. Therese of Lisieux



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Queen of Apostles Catholic School welcomes you to join us for our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, **Jan. 28**, from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Join us for coffee and doughnuts as you tour the school. We will also be holding an Open House from Monday, **Jan. 29**-Friday, **Feb. 2**, from 9:00 am-11:00 am.

Please join us every Friday at 9 am
for the School Mass.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



"We find ourselves in this earth as in a tempestuous sea, in a desert, in a vale of tears. Now then, Mary is the Star of the Sea, the solace of our desert, the light that guides us towards heaven."

St. John Bosco

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jan. 21** bulletin is Monday, **Jan. 15** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Knights of Columbus, Council 4522 Membership

Drive on Jan. 13/14 Are you a Catholic man who wants to better serve the Queen of Apostles Parish? Would you like the assistance of a 1.9 million worldwide brotherhood to help you become a more devout Catholic? Then the Knights of Columbus is calling you, the Lord is calling you to this group to be the best Catholic man you can be. Please visit our membership table in the vestibule before/after each Mass. You may also contact our Membership Director, Patrick Okoronkwo at pokor22@gmail.com, (734) 431-1275, or Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com, (703) 629-3239.

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place my trust in You.*

2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins! This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2018 BLA is **"Living in Faith~Giving in Gratitude"**. 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. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to the Lord's work in our diocese.

Mass to celebrate World Marriage Sunday All married couples are invited to attend the World Marriage Sunday Mass offered at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Sunday, **Feb. 11** at 12:00 pm. 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. Please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/wms18.

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics Join Vicar General, Fr. Tom Ferguson as he leads quarterly mornings of recollection for divorced Catholics. Mass, confession, reflection, prayer and discussion all included. The next Morning of Mercy is at St. Luke Catholic Church at 9 am on **Feb. 17**. To sign up visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy>.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14:

7:30 am +Eduardo Cascarro
9:00 am +Jennifer Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Judith Ann White

Monday, January 15:

9:00 am +Pat Larkins

Tuesday, January 16:

6:30 am +Don Czaja
9:00 am +Genevieve Salm

Saint Anthony - Wednesday, January 17:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy
9:00 am +Angela Chapman

Thursday, January 18:

6:30 am +Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am +Loren Beach

Friday, January 19:

6:30 am +Fidel and Irene Mercado
9:00 am +Michael Del Bene

Saint Fabian; Saint Sebastian - Saturday, January 20:

8:00 am (L) David and Victoria Sanborn
5:00 pm +Donald and Cathy Czaja
7:00 pm +Carmen Solis

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21:

7:30 am For People Who Have No One to Pray for Them
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Teresa Warren



March for Life
Washington D.C.

March for Life Make plans now to join us for the March for Life on Friday, **Jan. 19**. Let us respect all life. Please contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or email LarryVote@gmail.com.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Leonor Cabrestane, Patricia Severin, Debbie DuBrul, Petrona Reyes, Roger Trozado, Michael McSherry, Rosa A. Valderrama, 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 Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith