



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
(703) 354-0714
www.queenofapostlesschool.org



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.

Breakfast Fundraiser for Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage, Feb. 5

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 on Sunday, **Feb. 5** in Hannan Hall. Led by Fr. Juan, the young men pilgrims will take your prayer intentions with them and pray for you at the various holy sites. Thank you for your generous support of this pilgrimage.



Sacraments of Initiation - Meeting with Fr. Juan on Jan. 22 at 9 am Fr. Juan will meet with parents and godparents of students who desire and are preparing for the three Sacraments of Initiation. This mandatory meeting will be held in the school. The registration form and fee are also due on **Jan. 22**.

Nazareth - 4th - 8th grade The first Nazareth meeting for students in grades 4-8 is on Friday, **Feb. 3**. Fr. Juan and Nazareth leaders have organizational/planning meetings on **Jan. 13** and **Jan. 20** at 4 pm in Hannan Hall.

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. Please call for an appointment several weeks before the Certificate is due.

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 is due on **Jan. 22, 2017**.

For the three Sacraments of Initiation for students and adults, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate is due on **Jan. 29, 2017**.

Religious Education 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.

For the new year, please strive to arrive by 8:45 am to sign in for Religious Education. Classes begin promptly at 9 am.

Sacraments packets for students desiring and preparing for Confirmation, First Penance/First Holy Communion or the Three Sacraments of Initiation are posted to the parish website, <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. Please check for upcoming deadlines!

Registration and sacramental fee for First Penance/First Holy Communion were due **Dec. 11**. Please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) with the completed form and fee. QofA School students may drop their form and fee with the front office.

Are you Missing Sacraments? Are You Interested in Learning More about the Catholic Church?

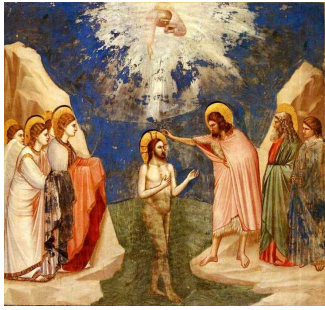
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Queen of Apostles is offering RCIA classes in English and Spanish. The RCIA class in English meets on Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish meets on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes are held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street).

RCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Adults who are not baptized.
2. Adults who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith, have not completed their initiation and have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Please pray for our students and adults who desire and are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. The Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing and Blessing will be held on **Jan. 28** during the 7 pm Mass (RCIA-Spanish) and **Jan. 29** during the 10:30 am Mass (RE students and RCIA-English).



Pastor's Letter

The Best Dream

This coming Monday we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr's day. Everybody knows about his most famous speech "I have a dream." Nobody can deny the impact this and other dreams have had in American life.

Indeed dreams are important. They are the source of change in the lives of individuals, families and societies. So many immigrants have dreamt a better life and crossed the seas and continue to do so in order to attain the "American dream."

What are our dreams? This is a fundamental question because our dreams will set the course of our navigation. And if the horizon becomes dark or we go through storms, hope will keep us firm at the helm.

We know, however, that even being powerful to change things, dreams are not the reality. Even more, sometimes the boundaries between a dream and a nightmare are blurry. Thus it is good that we question our dreams.

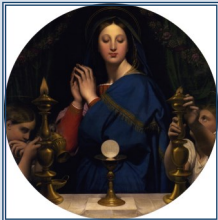
Success, wealth, promotion... These are common dreams in our culture. Are these our dreams? They can easily become a nightmare for us and our families.

Family, friendship, the joy of spending time with our most beloved... These dreams will usher us into a different life-style. However, we can still question these dreams. Many times reality is very challenging and we cannot accomplish these beautiful dreams.

Then, which is the dream we should follow?

God also had a dream. To be one with us; to have us as part of his family life. And as we separated from him because of the fall and our sins, the Son of God himself became man to unite humanity and divinity forever. In his Baptism, John saw "the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him" (Jn 1:32). Since then, the Spirit remains in our human flesh enriched forever with the gift of the Spirit. Filled with the Spirit, Jesus' flesh is now the wellspring pouring unceasingly the Spirit: "he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit" (Jn 1:33).

God had a dream and accomplished it in Jesus Christ, our brother. In Baptism we became part of God's dream, "to be holy and without blemish before him" (Eph 1:4). Will we let the Holy Spirit bring to fruition in us God's dream?



January 21 Morning of Recollection

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

Rule of Life Devotion for the Month of January: Adoration

ADORATION is man's first attitude before his Creator. In humility and silence we are embraced by God the Father's love. Eucharistic Adoration is a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty toward Christ our Savior.

Step 1: Visit the Adoration Chapel once a week and pray for the intentions of the Parish.

Step 2: Join the Parish Holy Hour weekly.

Step 3: Commit as a substitute adorers.

- Holy Hour every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with evening prayer and confessions
- Other Resources:
Benedict XVI, *Homily on Corpus Christi*, 7 June 2012

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

"I believe that You, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament. I love You and desire You. Come into my heart. I embrace You. Oh, never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of Your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech You, absorb my mind that I may die through love of Your love, Who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love."

St. Francis

This Week In Our Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15:

Towards a family Fully Alive

KofC Membership Drive

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

Monday, January 16:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, January 17:

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, January 18:

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

Saint Hilary - Thursday, January 19:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
School 5:30-7:00 pm KofC Annual Free Throw Contest (ages 9-14)
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, January 20:

Inauguration Day

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Notre Dame Graduate School 6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym

Saturday, January 21:

Parish Morning of Recollection; see page 3 for details

Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Cupertino Room 4:00-7:00 pm Matrimony Class
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22:

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



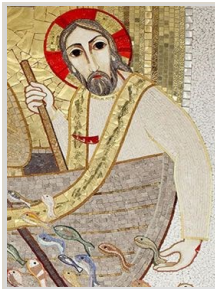
March for Life
Washington D.C.

March for Life Make plans now to join us for the March for Life on Friday, Jan.

27, 2017. Let us respect all life. Please contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or email LarryVote@gmail.com.

Parish and Diocesan Activities Our parish and Diocese have a number of activities planned for the March. Visit queenofapostles.org/prolife for details and sign-up opportunities.

9 Days for Life Novena The U.S. Bishops' annual novena, "9 Days for Life" takes place Saturday, Jan. 21–Sunday, Jan. 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!



Vocations

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life?

contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully.

St. Therese Vocation Society Morning of Reflection

All are invited to join the St. Therese Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 am-12 noon at St. Leo Church in Fairfax. The day will include Mass, continental breakfast, spiritual conference and Holy Hour. There is no cost, but RSVP to the Office of Vocations by Jan. 30 at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23



Is 2017 your year to deepen your faith and relationship with Christ through lectio divina?

Enroll now in the parish Bible Study program, "Walking Toward Eternity," featuring inspirational speaker Jeff Cavins on video. Sessions will be offered in Hannan Hall on Tuesdays at 10-11:30 am, and again at 6:00-7:30 pm.

Part One, Daring to Walk the Walk (Jan. 17-Mar 7), introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life. **Part Two, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart (Mar. 14-May 2)**, focuses on obstacles to Christian life and proposes practical steps to overcome them. For more information, video previews, and to register online, visit www.QofAbiblestudy.com, or register in person at the Parish Office.

"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are."

St. John Bosco



Open House and Pancake Breakfast

Queen of Apostles will hold Open Houses on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm and Monday, Jan. 30 from 9 am to 1 pm. The school is accepting applications for students entering kindergarten through 8th grade. Financial assistance is available, but it is recommended that families apply prior to Mar. 17 for the best chance to receive financial assistance. A PTO sponsored Pancake Breakfast will be after the 7:30, 9 am and 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Jan. 29. All are welcome to join us in celebrating Catholic schools.

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, pastor@queenofapostles.org o en la oficina parroquial.

Scott Hahn and Ralph Martin to Speak at the 2017 Men's Conference All men of the Diocese are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on **Mar. 4**. This year's conference is titled "Girding for Battle." It will feature Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. James Searby. Continental breakfast and lunch will be included. Bishop Michael Burbidge will celebrate Mass. Confessions will be offered from 7:30-8:45 am. No Registration at the door. Parking is limited. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details or to register.

Join us for the 2017 Women's Conference with Immaculee Ilibagiza All women of the Diocese are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph in Herndon on **Mar. 11** with Immaculee Ilibagiza, author and survivor of the Rwandan Holocaust. The conference title is "Breaking Free through Forgiveness." It will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. No registration at the door. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details or to register.

KofC Council 4522 Annual Free Throw Contest Since 1980, the Council has participated in the annual KofC basketball free throw contest. In past years, the contest was open to boys and girls, age 11 to 14. This year it will be open to boys & girls, age 9 to 14, on Thursday, **Jan. 19**, starting at 5:30 pm in the school gym. There is no charge to enter the contest. Winners at each age group will automatically advance to the next round at the District level.

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? He records homilies posted weekly on our YouTube page. Go and take a look at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

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 @ 888-456-HOPE or email info@helpafterabortion.org.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, January 16:

9:00 am +Avelino Agripina Mercado

Saint Anthony - Tuesday, January 17:

6:30 am +John Isabel Saunders

9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

Wednesday, January 18:

6:30 am +H. Andrew Hurley

9:00 am +Larina G. Zialcita

Thursday, January 19:

6:30 am (L) Juliana Rubino

9:00 am +Paula Joan Strobel

Saint Fabian; St. Sebastian - Friday, January 20:

6:30 am +Samuel Rabino

9:00 am +Ralph Malcolm

Saint Agnes - Saturday, January 21:

8:00 am +Mildred MAttone

5:00 pm +Oscar F. Cuin

7:00 pm +John Oddinino

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22:

7:30 am +Donald Ferrer

9:00 am +Dolores Perez

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 noon +José and María Reyes

Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed on **Jan. 16** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and on **Jan. 20**, Inauguration Day.

Next Week's Second Collection will be for the Church in Latin America.

Thank You

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**.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

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 and Patricia 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 Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith