

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-8711 [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org)

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 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

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am



## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY*

4409 Sano Street  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
[www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://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.*

*Est. 1966*



## 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. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next 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-mailing [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org)

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, Pray for us!*

**Religious Education** Students in grade 8-high school who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation have these upcoming deadlines. **Jan 19:** Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility signed and sealed by the priest; **Feb 2:** Service hours and 2 page typed report; **Feb 22:** Retreat (snow makeup date is Mar 21).

Parents and godparents of unbaptized students have a meeting with the priest on **Sun., Jan 19**, at 9am in the School Library. Also, the registration form and fee are due Jan 19. The Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing, and Blessing is **Jan 26** during the 10:30 am Mass. Unbaptized students and godparents are to attend.

Asked to serve as a Baptismal godparent/Confirmation sponsor? Please see the Parish website or visit the Parish office for a detailed list and explanation of requirements according to the Code of Canon law.

For Queen of Apostles parishioners who have been asked to serve as a godparent/sponsor, please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with the priest to obtain signed and sealed Certificate of Eligibility.

All Religious Education students in grade 8 and high school, no matter the sacramental status, are to attend the **Feb 22** retreat (snow makeup date is **Mar 21**) at Queen of Apostles.

Religious Education follows Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for closings due to snow. If FCPS activities are cancelled at any time during the course of the day, our RE classes will be cancelled as well. Announcements may be heard on television and radio stations, and listed on [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

**RCIA** There will be no class on **Jan. 20** in observance of MLK day. Please ensure your baptismal certificate (dated in the last 6 months) and marriage certificate (if applicable) have been turned into the parish office.

The Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing, and Blessing is **Jan 25** during the **7pm (Spanish)** or **Jan 26** during the **10:30 am** Mass (English). Unbaptized adults/catechumens and his/her godparent/s are to attend.

RCIA students are asked to call the Parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Javier.

For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please contact office to set an appointment to meet with a priest.

**ACCA Food Collection** The food collection for ACCA is only held on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month. Please bring non-perishable items to the church on that day only. Food should be placed in the vestibule. Volunteers transport the food to the food pantry in Annandale. Please do not make the bags so heavy that they are difficult to carry. Thank You for your support of this important project.

**Adult Bible Study** What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? These are the ever-important questions answered in *Genesis to Jesus*. Join us to learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and their place in the story of salvation. The presenters are Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard. Dates are Tuesdays, **Jan 7- Mar 24, 2020**. The morning session is 10-11:30am in Hannan Hall and the evening session is 5:45-7:15pm at the Parish Family Center (4329 Sano Street). Register on-site.

**Bulletin Deadlines** The deadline for the **Jan. 26** bulletin is **Jan. 20**. Please email [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) with any announcements.

**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**.

**Parish Office and Adoration Chapel closure** The Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed on **Monday, Jan. 20** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 9am.

## Save the Date - Holy Hour with Married and Engaged Couples

In celebration of National Marriage Week, Feb 7-14, 2020, Queen of Apostles' 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** to our volunteers who decorated and removed Christmas decorations from the Church and vestibule!

## Pastor's Letter

### New Year, New Life in Christ Who Dwells Among Us

The Christmas season prepared us for a new year, meant to be lived differently. Jesus dwells among us, inviting us to a communion with him. He has come to save us from all those things that draw life from us. As he begins his public ministry, he will be looking for collaborators to carry out the plan of the Father, to establish his kingdom among us. This new year entails for us a new conversion, to leave the old behind and be renewed by God's love, grace, and mercy. So that there may be life abundant in us, let us continually allow Jesus to dwell in our hearts, meaning all our relationships, affections, desires. What would my marriage be like if I allowed Jesus to dwell more in it? What can I do to collaborate with Jesus to establish his Kingdom at home, at school, at work? All of this requires a personal relationship with Jesus. We must start this new year setting aside time for prayer and asking the Holy Spirit to help us approach prayer with greater fervor.

### Parish Family Updates

An hour prior to the incredible Epiphany Concert (so beautifully done!) held earlier this month, we held a brief meeting of Heads of Ministries. I was able to say thank you to our leaders for their wonderful work. It was an opportunity to touch base and offer some direction for the remainder of the year so that we are all working and heading in the same direction. As I had asked the staff a few months ago, I also asked the ministry heads to focus their efforts around three objectives: supporting the school (i.e., promoting the school, offering prayers for our teachers); improving communication (i.e., raising awareness of their ministries, recruiting actively); and continuing to be good stewards of the resources and the use of our parish space. I have noticed new readers at the Masses as well as new members in other ministries. I'm hoping to see additional new ushers, too!

Queen of Apostles School has been off to a great start. It's been intense as, on top of all other obligations, the teachers are preparing the documentation necessary for the Design For Excellence (DFE). Of course, you are welcome to visit our school anytime. If you cannot, you can keep up with us by reading updates in the bulletin, the parish email, as well as through Facebook and Instagram. With the help of several parishioners we are coming up with a plan to make sure people know that we have a school - a GREAT SCHOOL! Pass the word to your neighbors. Children and families will benefit from a solid, Catholic formation. Bishop Burbidge is going to visit our school on Tuesday, January 28. He wants to know what all the hype is about. He will celebrate a Mass for the school that day at 9 AM. You are all invited. Come support our school.

For the first half of the year, our parish office has been operating with two fewer staff members - the Director of Operations and Stewardship and an administrative assistant. This has resulted in a tougher workload for the rest of us. I am very proud of and grateful for our hard-working staff. If you see them around, please say thank you. After taking time to consider the strengths of our team and our needs and with the advice of our Finance Council, I am pleased to announce that we have just posted a job opening for a Business and Development Director position. We trust that the Lord will help us find the right person to join our parish team to continue to serve and lead our parish family.

Thank you for your prayers!

In Christ,  
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM

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**Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours of need!** Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day, Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:



- **Tues., 4-5am, Wed. 12 midnight-1 am, 7-8 am**  
**\*Critical need for permanent adorers\***  
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or [moleski47@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rosalieam@msn.com) for these hours of need

### Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

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? Would you like to be counted among those loving God and intending to outwardly show support for his word throughout our local community? 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, Joseph King at [jeking58@verizon.net](mailto:jeking58@verizon.net), (703) 599-4389 or Grand Knight, Patrick Okoronkwo at [pokor22@gmail.com](mailto:pokor22@gmail.com) or (734) 431-1275 any time. Why are you not already a Knight?





## This Week In Our Parish

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time– January 19:

Hannan Hall 12:00-4:00pm 10 Year Anniversary of  
Adoration Chapel Celebration

### Monday, January 20:

Parish Office Closed for MLK Day

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

### Tuesday, January 21:

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, January 22:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00pm Ghana Prayer Group

### Thursday, January 23:

Parish Center 6:30-8:00pm Legion of Mary

Church 6:00-7:00pm Mass for NC Prolife Group

Church 7:30-8:30pm Holy Hour

### Friday, January 24:

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

Hannan Hall 7:00pm-12am Ghana Prayer Meeting

### Saturday, January 25:

Church 8:00am-12pm Morning of Recollection

Hannan Hall 1:00-4:00pm Couples for Christ

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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 8:23- 9:3

1 COR 1: 10-13, 17

PS 27: 1, 4, 13-14

MT 4: 12-23



### 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? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

**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, we pray to the Lord.

**March for Life** Join our Parish Family in marching to protect the respect of the dignity of life and the lives of the unborn on **Friday, Jan. 24!** Queen of Apostles will be hosting students and families from North Carolina. They are scheduled to attend the parish's Jan 23 Holy Hour. Please extend a warm welcome! Emmaus and RE youth are attending the Jan 23 Life is Very Good Evening of Prayer at George Mason University.

**End of Year Mailer** The End of Year Tax Statements have been mailed.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OFFERTORY

	Jul 19 - Dec 19	Jul 19 - Dec 19	Jul 18 - Dec 18
Offertory	\$ 504,389.31	\$ 521,799.06	\$ 534,420.63

We are grateful for your continued generosity. For your information, we are sharing the actual offertory collection so far for this fiscal year. We are under what was budgeted. Compared to the previous fiscal year, we are down 5.6%. Part of this is explained by the fact that there was one less Sunday in this previous calendar. We are hopeful that our figures for the second half will go up, so that we can face the natural increases in operating costs for that come from one year to another.

If you are not signed up in Faith Direct, we encourage you to do so, as it saves on envelopes, mailing and processing costs. You can sign up online by visiting our website.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

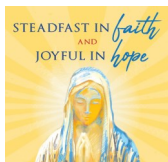
We are happy to report that we are only two percent short of our \$2.5 million Family of Families Capital Campaign goal. This was possible thanks to about 380 of our 1600 families registered. Thank you! It is not too late to be a part of this if you have not been able to submit your pledge.

Already, we have collected approximately \$440,000. These funds will be used to pay off the consulting firm fees (approximately \$135,000), the cost of the new HVAC units (approximately \$175,000), the temporary upgrades to the vestibule restrooms (approximately \$5,500) and the cost of the organ (approximately \$210,000). Since the money for the organ was anticipated using money from the savings account, those funds will be returned to the savings account. The first \$525,500 that come in will be committed to cover the costs of all these projects. We will not begin a new project until we have the necessary funds to take on the costs.

Again, we are very grateful to all of you who have given sacrificially to make these changes possible for the good of our entire parish family. We will keep you updated. Shortly, letters will go out to follow up on people's pledges.

## 2020 Bishop Lenten's Appeal Begins!

In January, the mailing for the 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) was sent to all registered diocesan households. The theme for the 2020 BLA is "Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope." After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serves thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.



## Bishop Burbidge Celebrates Catholic Schools Week at QofA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge will celebrate the 9am Mass on **Tues, Jan 28** at Queen of Apostles as part of Catholic Schools Week. School students, parents, grandparents, godparents, alumni, friends, and all parishioners are cordially invited to attend the Mass. The Bishop will then visit Queen of Apostles Schools and meet with teachers, staff, and students. National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

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FAITH EXCELLENCE JOY

# Teacher Spotlight

Miss Gabrielle Donlon

Favorite book and reason: "Though it's incredibly difficult to pick just one book as my favorite, if I had to narrow it down, I would say *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens. Few other books have moved me to laugh and cry so often as this one has. Not only an engrossing story, *David Copperfield* also prompts one to reflect on one's own life choices and inspires one to orient these choices towards the good, true, and beautiful."

Favorite saint and reason: "My favorite saint is Saint Philomena because I love her courage. Even though she was only a thirteen-year-old girl, she remained faithful to God in spite of a brutal martyrdom. Her story shows that with faith, no obstacle is too great, even if we are not big or strong ourselves."

Reason I love Q of A: "I love Queen of Apostles School because from the very moment I arrived here, everyone has been extremely welcoming, kind, and supportive. I am so blessed to be a part of the staff here!"

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 19:

7:30 am +Dolores Perez  
9:00 am +Mercedes Angeles Abaya  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm Living and Deceased Eucharistic Adorers

### St. Fabian- Monday, January 20:

No 6:30am Mass

9:00 am +Marilyn Jean Cole

### St. Agnes- Tuesday, January 21:

6:30 am (L) Stuhldreher Family

9:00 am +Mercedes Henning

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children- Wednesday, January 22:

6:30 am (L) Dave Cook

9:00 am +Martha A. Wetson

### Thursday, January 23:

6:30 am +Tammy Fantz

9:00 am Special Intention

### St. Francis de Sales- Friday, January 24:

6:30 am +Marilyn Cole

9:00 am +Martha A. Wetson

### The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle- Saturday, January 25:

8:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

5:00 pm (L) Fr. Ignacio de Ribera

7:00 pm +Maria Luisa Machuca

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26:

7:30 am +Christina Lynem

9:00 am +Maria Hoi Ha and Peter Nguyen

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm (L) Fr. Ignacio de Ribera

St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!



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

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, George and 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