



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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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.



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 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.

During the breakfast, there will be a gift basket raffle featuring a variety of themed gift baskets.

Thank you for your generous support of this pilgrimage.

Emmaus - High School/Young College Students - March for Life Activities, Bible Study

1) Students in high school/college are invited to volunteer to support the March for Life groups QofA is hosting, **Jan. 26-28**. Help is needed for setting up and tearing down on Friday, **Jan. 27** (late afternoon/evening) and Saturday, **Jan. 28** (early) in Hannan Hall. A parent must accompany students under 18 years old.

Sign-up to volunteer: <https://queenofapostles.org/march-for-life-2017/>

2) If interested in participating in the Life is Very Good Rally, **Jan. 26** evening, please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org immediately. Few tickets remain for our group.

3) Students interested in participating in a Bible study, please contact the parish office by emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org or calling (703) 354-8711. We are gauging interest to determine the day and time to hold a Bible study.

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 chose a week during February - June to host the Crucifix: goo.gl/ArPVBt

Sacraments of Initiation - Meeting with Fr. Juan on Jan. 22 at 9 am

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**.

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).

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.

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

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 is 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

Awareness, Resolution, Action

This weekend before the anniversary of Roe v. Wade starts the Nine Days for Life campaign. Twice a year, led by our Bishops, we celebrate the beauty of life and are made aware of how this precious gift is increasingly threatened in our country. Unfortunately, life is not respected in our country and with it other fundamental rights are inevitably abused as well. Let these days help us to raise our awareness, help our resolution and move us to action.

Awareness. We often pray for respect and protection of life "from conception to natural death." With this simple formula we remember the main threats against human life. First, at its beginning: abortion, In Vitro Fertilization, manipulation and destruction of human persons in early embryonic stages. Then when because of disease or age life is frail and in need of care: euthanasia and assisted suicide. In the last elections the question about assisted suicide was asked in many of our states.

Resolution. Our Bishops are asking us to give some time to prayer and reflection to how human life is being destroyed and disregarded. I would dare to talk about a conversion. We can always take more seriously and to heart the value of human life. I remember a powerful text of Bishop Loverde in his series *Forming our Consciences* before the last presidential election: "Every society will be judged on the basis of how it treats those who are most vulnerable, and as we seek to form our consciences in anticipation of the 2016 presidential election, we need to consider as a first principle the right to life and how we protect the gift of life at every stage of its development."

Let me share with you that this is weighing more and more in my heart as Pastor. There is an abortion clinic within the boundaries of our Parish. Abortion is a calamity for the child who is sacrificed. For the mother who goes down that path in desperation because no other option seems possible to her. For the family which being by vocation the "sanctuary of life" is hurt in the deepest way. For the entire society that fails to protect the most vulnerable. And this tragedy is played day after day within the boundaries entrusted to our care. Let's resolve to change this.

Action. How will we make effective our resolutions? What will be that new life as the fruit of our conversion? Let me propose you some few and simple actions. We have a powerful means to change things: prayer. Let's make that abortion clinic shut down with our prayer. Let's also foster an active culture of life in our Parish family. We have great resources like the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. Our bishops are making available other resources for us during these Nine Days for Life.

May Mary, Mother of Life, inspire and strengthen us to promote and defend the Creator's most beautiful gift: human life.



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 adorer.

Step 4: Commit as a scheduled adorer (weekly).

- Holy Hour every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with evening prayer and confessions
- Other Resources:
Benedict XVI, *Homily on Corpus Christi*, 6/7/2002

"My Lord Jesus Christ, who, for the love You bear to mankind, do remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of pity and love, awaiting, calling, and receiving all who come to visit You; I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the Altar; I adore You from the depths of my own nothingness; I thank You for the many graces You have given me, and especially for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament..."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22:

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

Monday, January 23:

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 24:

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 25:

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

Thursday, January 26:

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, January 27:

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
Notre Dame Graduate School 6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus

Saturday, January 28:

Hannan Hall 5:00-9:00 am Breakfast for March for Life Pilgrims
Hannan Hall 12:00-2:00 pm Set-up for Pancake Breakfast
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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29:

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-1:30 pm PTO Pancake Breakfast
School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
School 10:30 am-1:30 pm School Open House
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group



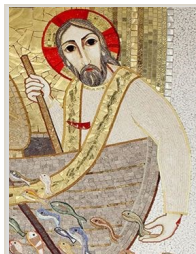
March for Life
Washington D.C.

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

"Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

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

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:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12A



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.

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Open House and Pancake Breakfast Queen of Apostles School 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 (Guanajuato), 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.

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.

A Word from the Pastoral Council

Father Leopoldo and the Pastoral Council met on **Jan. 11** to review the status of the Parish. During the meeting, we discussed the following topics:

Parish Life Our Toward a Family Fully Alive (TFFA) program is off and running. Our next topic is Brothers and Sisters. The Rule of Life is taking hold in the Parish. Thus far we covered the Rosary, Holy Mass, and Prayer. January's devotion is Eucharistic Adoration. Like the Wise Men, let us come and adore Christ (Venite Adoremus). Make sure you pick up your Rule of Life card in the back of the Church. Next month's devotion is Confession.

Volunteers The great news is that our parish is growing, including our vibrant Ghana Community. The challenge is that our wonderful, dedicated parish staff is being stretched beyond its current capacity. We are at the point of either adding staff or soliciting volunteers from the parish. There are many ways that we can volunteer. Some ways are long term and other ways are one-time events, such as helping with the hosting of out-of-town groups for the March for Life. Can you make some chili, cornbread, or other items or help at Hannon Hall for a few hours on **January 27th** or **28th**? Please go to <https://queenofapostles.org/march-for-life-2017/> and volunteer. Other volunteer opportunities, such as assisting with the Mornings of Reflections, performing office work at the parish, etc. will also be coming available. My mother always taught me that many hands make light work. We can pull together as a parish family while meeting the needs of our fellow parishioners. We will begin broadcasting volunteer opportunities in the Friday email and the bulletin.

Please continue to pray for our priests, parish staff, parish ministries, and the Pastoral Council. Have a blessed and holy 2017.

Chip Souser, Chair

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - Monday, January 23:

6:30 am (L) Michael Nolan
9:00 am (L) Liam A. Nyo

St. Francis de Sales - Tuesday, January 24:

6:30 am (L) Samuel Nolan
9:00 am +Niceta Salontoy

The Conversion of St. Paul - Wednesday, January 25:

6:30 am (L) Anna Surine
9:00 am +Erlinda G. Tecala

Sts. Timothy and Titus - Thursday, January 26:

6:30 am (L) Axel Von Staufenburg
9:00 am +Rogelio Olivares

St. Angela Merici - Friday, January 27:

6:30 am (L) Eliza Lee
9:00 am (L) Nancy Ault

St. Thomas Aquinas - Saturday, January 28:

8:00 am (L) Jim Bailey, Birthday
5:00 pm +Esther Contreras
7:00 pm +Rene Edgardo Naranjo

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29:

7:30 am +William Patrick Dolan
9:00 am +Jim Bigelow
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Ilia Colón

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jan. 29** bulletin is Monday, **Jan. 23**, by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Thank You

Today's Second Collection will be for the Church in Latin America.
Next weeks' Second Collection will be for the School Fund.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

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