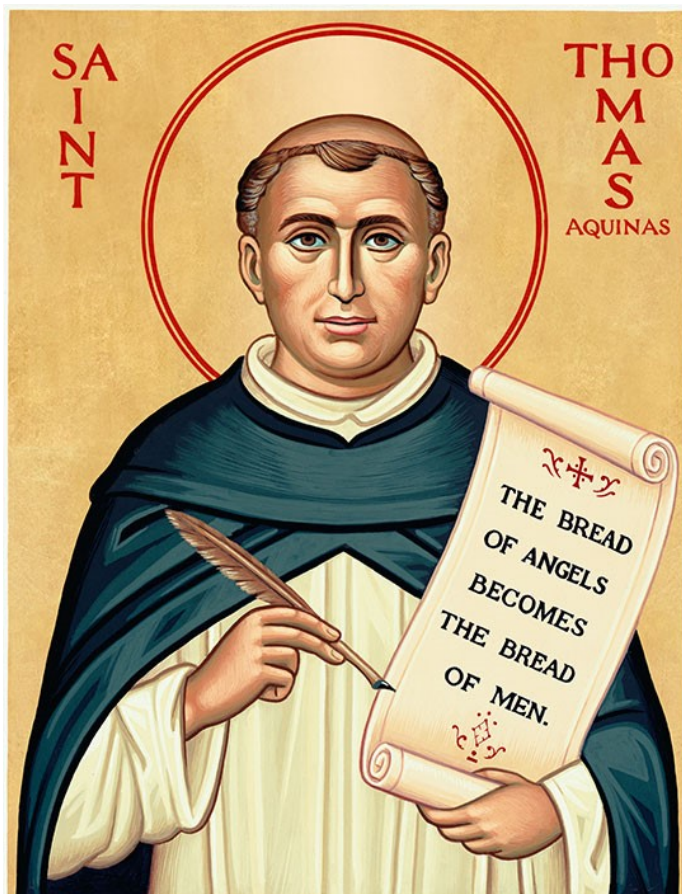


QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-8711 www.queenofapostles.org

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 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.

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

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. **Feb 2:** Service hours and 2 page typed report; **Feb 22:** Retreat (snow makeup date is **Mar 21**).

The Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing, and Blessing is **Jan 26** during the 10:30am Mass (or on Jan 25 during the 7pm Mass in Spanish). Unbaptized students and godparents are to attend. Please sit in the front pews nearest the Presider's Chair.

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 QoA 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 QoA.

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.

High school students attending Queen of Apostles Religious Education submitted posters for the 21st annual Youth Apostles Pro-Life Poster Contest. Out of 338 entries, M. Rojas received an honorable mention designation!

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Feb. 2** bulletin is **Jan. 27**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

Annual Car Raffle All Saints Church has invited our parishioners to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2020 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so.

RCIA 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.

New Job Posting After much prayerful consideration, Queen of Apostles is happy to announce that we have posted a job opening for a Business and Development Director position. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide us with the right person to serve and lead our Parish family. Please visit catholicjobs.com for more information.

Adult Bible Study 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 of *Genesis to Jesus* 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.

Weather delays and Closures Please note: QoA School follows Fairfax County Public Schools for delays and closures. The Parish Office follows the federal government.

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

Pastor's Letter

This past Tuesday our parish office staff gathered for lunch for a much-awaited moment. Three years ago, Fr. Javier introduced us to what has now become an awesome tradition at the office. We choose a saint, or rather, a saint chooses us as a patron for the year. Fr. Javier provides a plethora of cards with basic facts about a saint or a prayer to the saint. All cards are faced down, and we take turns reaching out to take a card. Once everyone has a card, we go around and read our card. Many are well-known saints. A few are less well-known. The goal is to learn more about a particular saint throughout the year, to remember our own call to holiness, and to invoke this particular saint's intercession throughout the year. We do this at the beginning of the year, but any day is a good day to adopt a saint. This weekend, we will have a table with many saint cards. Please come take one for yourself or for your family.

For those of you who were unable to attend our 10th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for our Adoration Chapel last Sunday, it was a beautiful celebration. We are very grateful to the adoration coordinators who were involved in the planning and the organization. The Mass was well attended by many adorers – current and past – giving thanks to the Lord for dwelling among us here at Queen of Apostles. Our hearts are filled with awe at this great mystery. Jesus is truly present among us – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – and he desires to listen to us, transform our hearts and our relationships. Forgotten so many times, he waits patiently for us. Following the homily, the adorers received a blessing so that they may continue to remain faithful to Christ. At the end of the Mass, we heard the testimony of two current adorers, which ended with an invitation to visit our adoration chapel. Finally, we all went for refreshments down at Hannan Hall. There was lots of joy, the likes of which comes only from the Lord. One of the highlights of the treats in Hannan Hall was an amazing tres leches cake. We are grateful to Cinthia's bakery on Columbia Pike for donating the 8-tier cake. Trust me when I say that I was not the only one who had thirds! Thank you again to all the adorers.

This Sunday begins Catholic Schools Week. Come visit our great school, established in 1966. Many describe it as a family, and it is just that. We are a vibrantly Catholic school with a truly active chaplain and a pastoral team comprised of teachers who organize our major school-wide events. We are a small, intimate school with an average classroom size of 18 students. This ensures greater attention from our teachers, whom you can read about in our Teacher spotlights. Our school is as diverse as our parish. But witness it for yourself. Our Open House will take place this coming Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 9am to 12pm and then again from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. You can also call for an appointment. Share this good news with your family and friends.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the March for Life. Several of our parish staff were able to participate in the March. QoA youth joined many others during the Life is VERY Good Evening of Prayer this past Thursday. Thankfully, we were also able to host a group of Marchers who came from St. Aloysius Parish in the Diocese of Charlotte. We continue to pray for the fruits of the March for Life.

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM



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OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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Carta del Pastor

Como ya es costumbre, este pasado martes el P. Javier O'Connor nos convocó en las oficinas de la parroquia a todos los empleados. Después de comer, puso sobre la mesa una serie de tarjetas de santos. Se trataba de que cada uno eligiera una estampa de un santo. Este santo, que en realidad nos elige a nosotros, sería el santo que nos va a acompañar este año. Se trata de conocer a este santo, sus escritos, de invocarlo durante el año para que interceda por nosotros en nuestras necesidades y en nuestras luchas. Animamos a todos que hagan esto con sus familias. Después de misa este fin de semana, se les invita a que elijan también ustedes un santo para ustedes o para sus familias.

Muchas gracias a todos los que asistieron a la misa de acción de gracias con ocasión del 10 Aniversario de la Capilla de la Adoración. Los adoradores recibieron una bendición especial, pidiendo que se mantengan fieles a su compromiso de adorador. Después de la misa tuvimos un rato celebrativo en Hannan Hall donde se respiraba mucha alegría y gratitud. Además, pudimos disfrutar de un maravilloso cake de tres leches, regalo de Cinthia's bakery. Creanme que no fui el único en repetir 3 veces!! Necesitamos gente que se comprometa a acompañar a Nuestro Señor en la Capilla de la adoración. Tantas veces olvidado, el espera pacientemente para escucharnos, para dárse nos. Ojalà que fruto de estos 10 años surjan nuevos adoradores.

Aprovecho brevemente para agradecer a tantos de ustedes que de tantas formas han estado ayudando con sus talentos a nuestra parroquia. Seguimos teniendo proyectos de pintura en los distintos edificios. Espero que durante el verano podamos pintar todas las aulas de la parroquia. Un agradecimiento especial a la familia que ha estado ayudando a resolver un problema de estancamiento de agua. Dios sabrá premiar generosamente estos trabajos. Si alguno tiene interés en ayudar por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo o con Gilmer Paredes.

Termino agradeciendo a todos aquellos que participaron en la Marcha por la Vida. Pedimos que estos eventos den grandes frutos. Una cultura de familia, de acogida del don de un niño en un embarazo, de cuidado de los enfermos, y de respeto y cuidado de los ancianos, es la luz que el mundo actual necesita. Al contemplar la vida humana, Dios dijo que era muy bueno! Unamos nuestra mirada y nuestra voz a la de Dios para poder defender y promover la dignidad de la vida humana.

En Cristo,

P. Juan

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time– January 26:

Hannan Hall 8:00am-2:00pm PTO Pancake Break
fast

Monday, January 27:

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

Tuesday, January 28:

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 29:

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

Thursday, January 30:

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

Friday, January 31:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 7:00pm-12am Ghana Prayer Meeting

Saturday, February 1:

Church/Hannan Hall 8:00-12:00pm Serra Club
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

The Presentation of the Lord

MAL 3:1-4

HEB 2: 14-18

PS 24: 7, 8, 9-10

LK 2: 22-40

To Progress in Love: Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Spanish

Join us for a weekend of Spiritual Exercises led by Fr. Javier O'Connor that seeks to foster spiritual growth and an intimate encounter with God through reflections and contemplation in the silence of prayer. It is a 3 day retreat held in Spanish at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center from **Feb 14 - Feb 16**. Register by calling the Parish office.

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., 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 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





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BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

2020 DINNER AND AUCTION EVENT

28 MARCH 2020 - 6PM-10PM
QOA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 4409 SANO ST.
[QUEENOFAPOSTLES.ORG/AUCTION](https://queenofapostles.org/auktion/)
\$40PP (IF PURCHASED BY MARCH 1, 2020)

enjoy food, music, live and silent auctions, games, and more

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

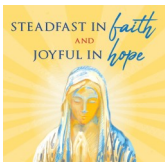
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

PRINCIPAL ARIAS, FATHER JUAN, THE QUEEN OF APOSTLES STAFF AND FACULTY, AND THE PTO BOARD INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF COCKTAILS & CHARITY TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL. JOIN US FOR COCKTAILS, HORS D'OEUVRES, MUSIC, EXCITING RAFFLES, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN SOME AMAZING PRIZES.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS EVENT, PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://QUEENOFAPOSTLES.ORG/AUKTION/](https://queenofapostles.org/auktion/)
OR CONTACT AUCTION@QUEENOFAPOSTLESSCHOOL.ORG

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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Teacher Spotlight

Miss Margaret Walker

Favorite book and reason: "A Severe Mercy by Sheldon Vanauken. This is the conversion story of a young couple who find God while pursuing a higher love for each other in marriage. There are beautiful insights into the Eucharist, suffering, and God's mercy."

Life Goal: "My life goal is to strive towards following God's will for my life as a hopeful saint!"

Favorite saint and reason: "My favorite saint is Mother Teresa because she was an incredible example of service. She lovingly ministered to the basic needs of those around her with a selflessness that I hope to strive towards always."

Reason I love Q of A: "I love how Q of A fosters an environment that furthers the academic and spiritual growth of not only the students, but of each member of our community."

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

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. Angela Merici- Monday, January 27:

6:30 am +Victor and Brad Machiano
9:00 am +Marilyn Jean Cole

St. Thomas Aquinas- Tuesday, January 28:

6:30 am +Stephen Tokar
9:00 am +Hedwig and Stephen Tokar

Wednesday, January 29:

6:30 am +Dominick and Clara Pirrotta
9:00 am +Julie Barreto

Thursday, January 30:

6:30 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach
9:00 am +Elizabeth Caballero

St. John Bosco- Friday, January 31:

6:30 am +Elizabeth Caballero
9:00 am +Leonor Barrera

Saturday, February 1:

8:00 am +Thomas Moynahan
5:00 pm +Beverly Long Spagnoli
7:00 pm (L) Liam A. Yoo

The Presentation of the Lord - February 2:

7:30 am +Dolores Perez
9:00 am +Arturo Rovero
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Joseph Barnoski

Guard your eyes since they are the windows through which sin enters the soul. -St. John Bosco



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