



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.

Emmaus - High School/Young College Students

Emmaus meets on Fridays, 6-8 pm at Queen of Apostles. On the first Friday of the month, Open Gym is held at the School Gym. On other Fridays, meet Fr. Juan at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for a faith discussion, adoration, prayers and other activities. Please note that Emmaus does not on the last Friday of the month.

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

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and in parishes on the weekend of February 4-5, 2017. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Feb. 5** bulletin is Monday, **Jan. 30** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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 at (888) 456-HOPE or email info@helpafterabortion.org.

Green Tips from the Sustainability Committee *Energy Savings* When you lower the temperature on your hot water heater to 120 degrees from 130 degrees, you'll save 5% on your energy bill. One of the most cost-effective ways to save energy is to use caulking, weather stripping, and storm doors and windows to reduce the transfer of heat energy. Combined with proper insulation levels, you can reduce your heating and cooling costs by 20%.

Religious Education Generally, Religious Education students will making their First Confession on Saturday, **Feb. 11**, at 9:30 am in the church. Please pray for these students as they experience the first time this Sacrament of Healing.

On **Feb. 11**, we invite families of RE students to go to Confession, too.

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 parish website, <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>.

Please check for upcoming meetings and deadlines!

Sacraments of Initiation 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).

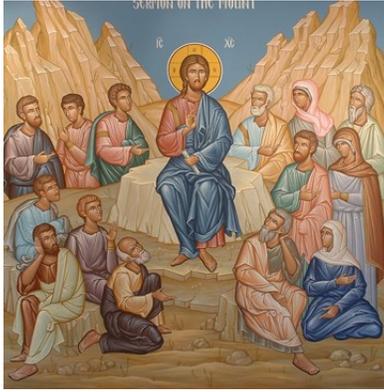
Confirmation Sponsor/Baptismal Godparent Certificate of Eligibility Sponsor Certificates are statements to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. If you have been asked to serve as a sponsor/godparent, please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with 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 was 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

What Does A Disciple Look Like?

In these first Sundays of Ordinary Time the Gospel of Matthew describes the beginnings of Christ's ministry. After calling his first disciples, Jesus gives the Sermon of the Mount, the first and most fundamental instruction of what it means to be his disciple: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..." (Mt 5:3).

The beatitudes outline the profile of the disciple because "they are a sort of self-portrait of Christ, and for this very reason are invitations to discipleship and to communion of life with Christ" (St. John Paul II, *Veritatis Splendor* n. 16).

Today, with the crowds, we go up the mountain to hear Jesus' teaching. With the disciples we come to him to learn from him. We want to take seriously this endeavor of becoming Jesus' disciples.

Maybe the first step would be to recast our expectations. Will Jesus be a powerful Messiah, a great warrior breaking the Roman yoke and re-establishing David's kingdom? The beatitudes cannot be clearer: the principles of the teacher are poverty, mourning, meekness, peace, humility... Jesus himself leads us on this paradoxical journey that moves towards the passion and the cross.

Jesus invites us to convert, to change course, to embrace a startling set of values. This is why "The Sermon on the Mount (...) demands discipleship and can be understood and lived out only by following Jesus and accompanying him on his journey (*Jesus of Nazareth: from the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*, p. 69).

Thus, in this journey of discipleship, the first step is to embrace Jesus himself, to believe in him, to trust in his redemptive love. Then we will learn how to imitate the one who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mc 10:45).

It is not easy, but let me suggest to you a first step. As we read the Sermon of the Mount in the Sundays to come, take St. John Paul II's encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (*The Splendor of Truth*) and read Chapter 1. Likewise, take Joseph Ratzinger's *Jesus of Nazareth* and read Chapter 4 on the Sermon of the Mount.

Guided by these popes, in communion with the Church, let's become more intentional disciples.

Towards a Family Fully Alive

Blessing of the Month

HEAVENLY FATHER,

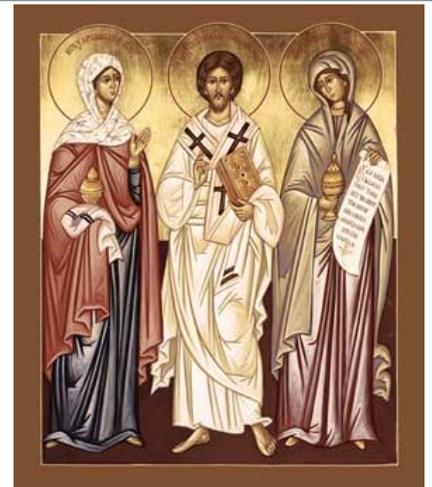
You gather us as family, as brothers and sisters in your name, and you gift some of us with siblings with whom we share life's journey.

Help us to grow in our love and care for our brothers and sisters.

Inspire us to encourage them and build them up, standing beside them in times of joy and times of suffering.

Give us the grace to forgive and reconcile if past hurts have wounded our relationships.

Strengthen our resolve to reach out to help our brothers and sisters in our wider family of faith and the world, bringing God's love and mercy to all. Amen.



Brothers and Sisters January 2017

This Week In Our Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29:

Catholic Schools Week

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

Monday, January 30:

School	9:00 am-1:00 pm School Open House
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 31:

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, February 1:

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

Thursday, February 2:

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, February 3:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
Notre Dame Graduate School	6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus
School	6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym

Saturday, February 4:

Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall	5:00-10:00 pm Set-up for Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Pancake Breakfast
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5:

Towards a Family Fully Alive Program

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Fatima/Rome Pilgrimage Pancake Breakfast
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group



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 next 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.

Vocations



“God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.” God

doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. Could He be calling you?

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese by proclaiming the kingdom of heaven among us, 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.

A Blessing of Married Couples will take place during Masses, **Feb. 11-12**. The Sacrament of Marriage is a vocation to love and is a gift of self to your spouse.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16



All Saints Car Raffle Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. You should receive them soon. We are participating with All Saints; a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own. Each \$5 raffle ticket gives the purchaser the chance to win all five vehicles and \$20,000 in cash prizes. This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity- just show them the ticket- it will sell itself!"



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 (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.

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.

Salvar la semilla La semilla humilde de un grano de trigo puede germinar fecundamente en un fruto deseado, verdadera parábola de lo que debe ser la pastoral de la esperanza: es decir de la familia. Por qué la familia es un lugar de esperanza? Cómo debemos hacerla fecunda? El sacramento del matrimonio es un camino de crecimiento de los esposos. Reunión de matrimonios: sábado, **4 de febrero** a las 8:30 pm en la biblioteca de la escuela.

Bishops Invite People of All Faiths to Pray for Virginia's Needs at Second Virginia Vespers In the wake of a contentious 2016, Bishops Francis X. DiLorenzo and Michael F. Burbidge and their public policy agency, the Virginia Catholic Conference, are inviting government officials and people of all parties and faiths to come together to pray for the needs of the Commonwealth at the second annual Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth. The hour-long service, which draws on an ancient Christian liturgy, will be held at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 pm on Thursday, **Feb. 9**. A wine and appetizer reception follows. Register at www.vacatholic.org.

New John Paul II, Council #4522 Website Released! After months of development, Council #4522 is proud to unveil its' completely revamped website, which can be found at www.kc4522.com. All members and guests are strongly encouraged to visit the site and peruse the new and updated information—presented in a much clearer and usable format—including a “living” calendar that will be updated continuously as new events are planned or existing events are rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. The calendar, if not the entire website, should be visited daily to ensure you have the most recent information on the Council and its activities each day. Please use the “Contact Us” segment on the website to offer suggestions or comments and be sure to check the website often!

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, January 30:

6:30 am +Alberto Monillas
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach

Saint John Bosco - Tuesday, January 31:

6:30 am (L) Stacia Marrocco
9:00 am +Reneé Tanoh

Wednesday, February 1:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Jason Burchell, Birthday
9:00 am +Cara Farr

The Presentation of the Lord - Thursday, February 2:

6:30 am +Ernestine Whitehead
9:00 am (L) Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Saint Blaise - Friday, February 3:

6:30 am +Oscar E. Cuin
9:00 am (L) Ann Reid

Saturday, February 4:

8:00 am +Richard Fadus
5:00 pm +Wilson Farr
7:00 pm (L) Diana Galeas and Jazlenn Blanco Galeas

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5:

7:30 am +Thomas Benson
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Roger Trozado and Ron San Luis

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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 the Parish Charity.

Second Collection Today's Second Collection will be for the School Fund. Next Week's Second Collection will be for the Arlington Catholic Herald.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Christopher Said 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 Peczyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith