



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 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)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8:00 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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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.

Vocations Crucifix Altar server and parish families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others. If you are interested in hosting the crucifix, please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen> or contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Nazareth Girls & boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the bi-weekly Monday meetings in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from QofA School, public school, and homeschoolers are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends. Our first meeting of the new year will be Monday, **Jan. 14**.

Emmaus High school and 8th grade students are invited to join Emmaus on Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Young Adults Do you want to continue growing in your faith with your peers? Are you looking for fellowship with other young Catholics? We will be offering continuing faith formation and social events beginning in the New Year. Text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Answer Your Call God has assigned each of us a unique role to bring the Gospel to the World. It's up to us to hear His call and act! Catholic Charities Director of Volunteers, Sally O'Dwyer, and Margot Chavez will discuss what exactly a "call" is, and speak practically about what a call might feel or look like in our daily lives, and how we can respond. Understanding our call to serve gives us the courage and fortitude to persevere even when times are tough, when we are not thanked and when cannot see the fruits of our work. Join us on Thursday, **Jan. 17**, at Nativity Parish from 7 to 8:30 pm. RSVP at volunteer@ccda.net.



Religious Education Classes resume on Sunday, **Jan. 6**.

The Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation packet is posted to: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. The registration form and fee are due **Jan. 20**. Also, parents and godparents of unbaptized children have a meeting with the priest on **Jan. 20** at 9 am in the school library.

Grade 8 and high schools students who desire Confirmation have upcoming projects and deadlines: Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility, signed and sealed by the priest, is due **Jan. 20**. Service hours and typed report is due **Feb. 3**. The packet is posted to: http://queenofapostles.org/wp-content/uploads/Confirmation-Packet_2019.pdf.

RCIA Classes In English and Spanish will resume on **Jan. 7** and **9**.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Needs**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**.

English and Citizenship Classes The Diocese of Arlington is offering English and Citizenship classes at Queen of Apostles School. Classes are **Jan. 9-Mar. 20**, from 7-9 pm. Please register on Monday, **Jan. 7** from 7-9 pm. For questions or if you are interested in being a volunteer, please call (571) 208-1572.

Monthly Intercessory Prayer Holy Hour Local Musicians Lead Praise & Worship to Pray for Conversion and Healing. Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting in this month at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. The holy hours will feature popular musical artists: Valerie Repetski on **Jan. 8**; The Miller Daughters on **Feb. 12**; and Kenny Kohlhaas on **Mar. 12**. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. All are welcome. Bring a friend. To learn more please contact the Office of Family, Marriage and Respect Life by calling (703) 841-2550, emailing info@helpafterabortion.org or visiting www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion.

Pastor's Letter

The Star We Follow

"Respice Stella, Voca Mariam." Look to the star, call on Mary. These words of St. Bernard remind us that if we want to find Jesus, we need to look for Mary. The wise men "were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Mt 2:10-11).

Today we celebrate the Epiphany –revelation– of the Lord. The Magi, following the Star, find Jesus Christ, and the glory of the Lord was revealed to them. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled: "Nations shall walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Is 60:3).

Let's note that the star was seen by so many. Nonetheless, only those three wise men followed it. What about the others? I guess they were busy with other stars and they didn't get interested in this one unique star.

Herod was following the star of power. He wanted power above all. And following this star he slaughtered the Holy Innocents.

The scholars of the law followed the star of honor and comfort. They were able to point to Bethlehem as the place the star was guiding the Magi, but they let the star pass by... Others were busy bodies following their own stars: money, success, fame...

Which is the star we follow?

When all the anxiety of the world Christmas seems to calm down, we can take a breath and see where we are. It is like a canoe in troubled waters. When we reach the bank, we need to rest, let the dizziness go and try to find where we are.

We are still in the Christmas Season. We celebrated the Nativity of the Lord 13 days ago; the Holy Family a week ago; Mary Mother of God, 6 days ago, and next Sunday we will close the Christmas season with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

With these celebrations, the Liturgy invites us to meditate on the riches of the mystery of the incarnation. He is the Son of God, the Word made Flesh, the Light of the World. He lived a human life and was part of a family and a neighborhood. To the Magi, He reveals God's universal plan of salvation, calling all the nations to come to him. The Baptism "is the manifestation (Epiphany) of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God", filled with the Holy Spirit (Catechism of the Catholic Church #535).

When these days I walk early in the morning to the Church, I see the beautiful Morning Star, so bright, in the first light of the dawn. Mary is the Morning Star, the one who leads us to Jesus. Let's follow this star, the star the Magi followed, the star the Saints followed, the star the Lord has given us to make our way to him: Mary.

Family Prayer for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Father: *Christ has appeared among us.*

All: *Come, let us adore Him.*

Mother: *The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By gold the power of the King is signified, by frankincense His great priesthood, by myrrh the burial of the Lord.*

All: *The Magi worshipped the Author of our salvation in the crib, and of their treasures they brought to Him gifts of mystic nature.*

Youngest Child: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

All: *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Father: *Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star Thou didst manifest Thine only begotten Son to the Gentiles on this day; mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son.*

All: *Alleluia.*



This Week In Our Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, January 6:

Vestibule	ACCA Food Collection
Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Parish Office	9:00-11:00 am Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School	9:00-11:00 am Hogares de Santa Maria
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, January 7:

Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, January 8:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office	5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 9:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, January 10:

Hannan Hall	3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School	9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

Friday, January 11:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, January 12:

Hannan Hall	10 am-1:00 pm GCC Prayer Group
Parish Office	1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School	8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

Sign Up for the Diocesan E-Newsletter! Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>.

"It is no magic formula He brings because He knows that the salvation He offers must pass through human hearts. What does He first do? He laughs and cries and sleeps defenseless, as a baby, though He is God incarnate. And He does this, so that we may fall in love with Him, so that we may learn to take Him in our arms..." - St. Josemaria Escriva

Give a Gift for Life Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One retreatant wrote: "The day [retreat] made me realize how far I have stuffed this experience and how much healing I need. I am glad I took this step - thank you for making the start of healing possible." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

Vocations



"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord That, just as the Magi were inspired by the Holy Spirit, young men and women will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

St. Therese Vocation Society Morning of Reflection All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, **Feb. 2** from 8:30 am-12 noon at St. Rita Catholic Church in Alexandria with Fr. Dort Bigg. The day will include continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by **Jan. 25** at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. The St. Thérèse Vocation Society was formed to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

*We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*



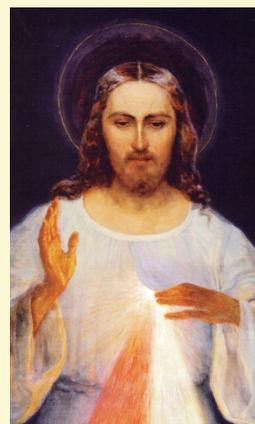
Scheduled Adorers Needed

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time each week to support these urgent needs: Tuesday morning, 1 am to 2 am, Friday morning, 4 am to 5 am, and Saturday morning, 2 am to 3 am. Please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night, 11 pm to 12 am. Please contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org.

Please also prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Monday afternoon, 3 pm to 4 pm. Please contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or rosalieam@msn.com.

Divine Mercy



"My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to Me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary 1485)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Annual March for Life is Friday, Jan.

18 Make plans now to join us for the March for Life on Friday, **Jan. 18**. Let us respect all life. Please contact Larry Cirignano at (202) 306-6863 or email LarryVote@gmail.com.

The parish will be hosting out of town groups for the March for Life. If you would like to assist with providing food and helping with other needs related to their overnight stay, please email stewardship@queenofapostles.org.

Online sign-up forms to attend the March and to volunteer for hosting needs will be available soon.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

"Catholicism" Bible Study Program Starting January 8

Join us as we journey around the world and deep into the Catholic Faith in all its richness, history, beauty, goodness, and truth in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography. Travel with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. The study will be offered Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 am and from 5:45 to 7:15 pm at Queen of Apostles. Classes begin this Tuesday, **Jan. 8** and will conclude **Mar. 12** (10 weeks). The cost for the booklet is \$20. Register on the first day of class or with Elizabeth Said at elizabethsaid2@gmail.com.

Women's Group The Women's Group meeting will be this Wednesday **Jan. 9** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The speaker for this meeting will be Mother Maria from the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph. The topic will be the history of the Order and their Ministries. All parishioners are cordially invited.

Saint Raymond of Peñafort, pray for us.

ACCA Volunteers Needed ACCA needs volunteers to help with the Meals on Wheels delivery program which serves elderly and disabled individuals. Queen of Apostles has two weeks that are not covered. Please consider this activity and call Jessica Meyer at (412) 537-1383.

Sick and Homebound Ministry In the spirit of family of families in our parish, please consider joining Queen of Apostles' new Sick and Homebound Ministry in assisting others who have special needs, or are sick at home or in a medical or residential facility. The new ministry follows the Parish Mission Statement: *"to encourage the faithful to the faithful to use their time, talent and treasure for the glory of God..."* We especially need you to share your faith by signing up to spend time in prayer with others who are in need. For more information, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495.

The Epiphany of the Lord Masses this Week

The Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, January 6:

7:30 am +Joseph Barnoski
9:00 am +Constantino Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Saint Raymond of Peñafort - Monday, January 7:

6:30 am +Thomas Francis McGovern
9:00 am (L) Sunday Social Volunteers

Tuesday, January 8:

6:30 am +Paul Landraff
9:00 am +Michael Del Bene

Wednesday, January 9:

6:30 am +Conchita Villanueva
9:00 am +Mary Orians Del Bene

Thursday, January 10:

6:30 am (L) Naomi Tokar
9:00 am +Marguerite O'Neill

Friday, January 11:

6:30 am +Alberto Monillas
9:00 am (L) Doreen Ahaknelo

Saturday, January 12:

8:00 am +Michael McGuire
5:00 pm (L) Victor Machiano
7:00 pm Fr. James P. Cournee

The Baptism of the Lord - Sunday, January 13:

7:30 am +Jennie Perez
9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Joan Lippa

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Daisy Atiyeh, Kevin Bonko, Beverly Spagnoli, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Gabriel Carreon, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James 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, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo