



QUEEN_{OF} APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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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Alexandria, VA 22312
Kathy Littlefield, Principal
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.

Nazareth - 4th - 8th grade Students in grades 4-8 are invited to join Fr. Juan and other leaders for the first Nazareth meeting of the new year on **Feb 3**. Meet in Hannan Hall no earlier than 3:45 pm to sign in. Parent pick-up time is 5:30 pm. More parents are needed to help support Nazareth activities. Please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Starting in February, Nazareth will meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Emmaus - for High School/Young College Students Emmaus resumes on Friday, **Jan. 20** at 6 pm. Please meet Fr. Juan at Notre Dame Graduate School, 4407 Sano Street. Thank you to all students and families for helping to create the Nativity scene in the church vestibule.

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. Please call for an appointment several weeks before the Certificate is due.

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, 2017**.

For the three Sacraments of Initiation for students and adults, the signed and sealed Sponsor Certificate is due on **Jan. 29, 2017**.

Vocations Crucifix Confirmation 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 choose a week during **February-June** to host the Crucifix: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-vocations>

Religious Education Religious Education classes resume on **Jan. 8, 2017**. Doors open at 8:30 am with classes starting at 9 am.

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!

Registration and sacramental fee for First Penance/First Holy Communion were due **Dec. 11**. Please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) with the completed form and fee. QofA School students may drop their form and fee with the front office.

Are you Missing Sacraments? Are You Interested in Learning More about the Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Queen of Apostles is offering RCIA classes in English and Spanish. The RCIA class in English meets on Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish meets on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes are held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street).

RCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Adults who are not baptized.
2. Adults who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith, have not completed their initiation and have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

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).



Pastor's Letter

Epiphany: We saw his star and have come

The Liturgical Season of Christmas is a constant invitation to come to the stable, contemplate Jesus and adore him. In fact, we open every year the Christmas liturgical celebration singing "Oh come let us adore him." Adoration which is a significant expression of prayer is placed in the center stage. The Angels sang "Glory to God"; the Shepherds returned glorifying and praising God. Mary and Joseph contemplated in awe the true God made true Man and adored him. And the Magi have come to adore him.

To approach the manger and adore the Child Jesus calls for a transformation in our lives. We say "New Year, New You." How will this transformation become real? How will the New Year be a fresh start for us?

Benedict XVI, talking to the youth in Cologne, made a beautiful point about this renewal. "The new King, to whom they now paid homage, was quite unlike what they were expecting. In this way they had to learn that God is not as we usually imagine him to be... at this point a new journey began for them, an inner pilgrimage which changed their whole lives... God is different - this is what they now come to realize. And it means that they themselves must now become different, they must learn God's ways... They had to change their ideas... they also had to change themselves" (Cologne August 20, 2005).

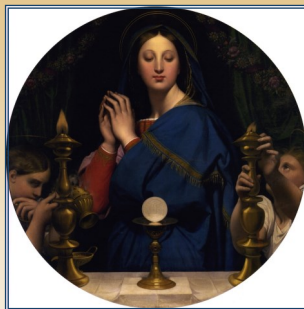
If we want to do something different, to make a difference this year, we need to be intentional and have effective resolutions. As a goal we would like to invite you to go to the adoration chapel as another pilgrim in the long line of saints who transformed their lives through Eucharistic adoration.

"In contemplating these figures [the saints] we learn what it means 'to adore' and what it means to live according to the measure of the Child of Bethlehem, by the measure of Jesus Christ and of God himself... He is present now as he was then in Bethlehem. He invites us to that inner pilgrimage which is called adoration. Let us set off on this pilgrimage of the spirit and let us ask him to be our guide" (Benedict XVI, Cologne August 20, 2005).

January 21 Morning of Recollection

All are invited to join us for our Morning of Recollection in the church and in Hannan Hall.

Rule of Life
Devotion for the
Month of January
Adoration



Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary at 101 S. Whiting St.
9:30 am	Talk 1
10:15 am	Break - Coffee and Pastries
10:30 am	Talk 2
11:00 am	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11:50 am	Blessing and Reposition

"O Mary! teach us the life of adoration! Teach us to see, as thou didst, all the mysteries and all the graces in the Eucharist; to live over again the Gospel story and to read it in the light of the Eucharistic Life of Jesus. Remember, O our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, that thou art the Mother of all adorers of the Holy Eucharist."

St. Peter Julian Eymard

This Week In Our Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 8:

The Rule of Life

Hannan Hall	8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 Prayer Group

The Baptism of the Lord - Monday, January 9:

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 10:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
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Wednesday, January 11:

Hannan Hall	9:30 am-12 noon 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

Saint Hilary - Thursday, January 12:

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's Men Group

Friday, January 13:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, January 14:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.
Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Hannan Hall	8:00-10:00 pm Hispanic Meeting for Families

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15:

Towards a family Fully Alive

KofC Membership Drive

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



Prayer works! In 2014 there were 1613 abortions at 101 S. Whiting St. in Alexandria. We held 40 Days for Life vigils and Bishop Loverde came and we had the flag display at a number of local parishes. In 2015 the latest report is that abortions were down to 1518! Planned Parenthood in Falls Church closed last year on Dec. 18 but not before they had done 917 abortions. The abortion center on 900 S. Washington St. went up from 1800 abortions to 2063 in 2015.



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.

Vocations



"God chose us before the world began to be holy."

God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ, we pray to the Lord

Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Matching Gift Campaign Support our seminarians through the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF). SEEF's income provides funding for expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance, and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously. Make checks payable to Foundation for the CDA - SEEF. Mail to The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. For questions please contact Bob Mueller at r.mueller@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2545.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34



Grupo de Matrimonios En este nuevo año, el Señor nos invita a profundizar en nuestra vida matrimonial y familiar y por eso después de un largo deseo llega la oportunidad de crear un grupo de matrimonios que caminen juntos en el descubrimiento de su vocación matrimonial y misión en el mundo.

Día y Hora: Sábado, 14 de enero, de 8:00 pm a 10:00 pm

Lugar: Hannan Hall

Sacerdote que acompañará: P. Javier, DCJM

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.

*"The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself,
but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters,
cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin,
might have the power of Baptism."*

Saint Ambrose of Milan

Join us for the 2017 Women's Conference with Immaculee Ilibagiza

All women of the Diocese are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph in Herndon on **Mar. 11** with Immaculee Ilibagiza, author and survivor of the Rwandan Holocaust. The conference title is "Breaking Free through Forgiveness." It will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Online registration is now open. No registration at the door. For more details please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women.

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 @ 888-456-HOPE or email info@helpafterabortion.org.

Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor come to the parish to provide counseling services. Carly Rouston, our new Catholic Charities counselor, has a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of St Mary's in San Antonio. She works with children, adults, and couples – providing therapy in both English and Spanish. Carly will be available for appointments at the parish office on Thursdays between 2 pm and 8 pm. Catholic Charities is able to offer sessions on a sliding scale fee, in order to provide services to all those seeking assistance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call our intake coordinator Hannah Navarro at (703) 224-1630.

Stephen Ministry Does life's struggles pull you down? Do you feel so alone? Are you hurting? A Stephen Minister could be there for you, to walk with you in your journey through life's difficulties by sharing the joy and hope which the ultimate healer, Christ and the Love of God brings. To inquire about Stephen Ministry, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495 or stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.

Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound The Diocese of Arlington, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Washington, produces a weekly Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Viewers can watch the TV Mass every Sunday from 10:30–11 am on the DCW50 network. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. For more information, visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/tv-mass.

The Epiphany of the Lord Masses this Week

The Baptism of the Lord - Monday, January 9:

6:30 am (L) Monks of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel
9:00 am +Mrs. Pat Collette

Tuesday, January 10:

6:30 am +José and Maria Reyes
9:00 am +Annelle Thach

Wednesday, January 11:

6:30 am (L) Richard Wilkinson
9:00 am +Reneé Tanoh

Saint Hilary - Thursday, January 12:

6:30 am (L) Maria C. Cuin
9:00 am +Harold Baker

Friday, January 13:

6:30 am +Oscar E. Cuin
9:00 am +Clarissa Trono De Guzman

Saturday, January 14:

8:00 am (L) Grace and Charlie Battaglia
5:00 pm (L) Christopher Alvarez
7:00 pm (L) Mercedes Camargo

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15:

7:30 am (L) Charles Crotty
9:00 am +Jennie Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Sandra Jairrel Rios

Please Note

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jan. 15** bulletin is Jan. 9 by 9 am.

Thank You

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

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Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

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 and Patricia 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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith