# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 11, 2021



#### **CLERGY**

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio Deacon Vincent Kapral

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm 1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm Thursday 8 pm to Saturday 5 pm in the Chapel

#### **OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS**

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



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#### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon - Fri, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm by appointment

#### **STAFF**

Kristie Meyers, Principal Maria Fox, Secretary Fr. Joseph Rampino, Chaplain

Phone: (703) 354-0714



With Mary, "the first disciple of her son" (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

#### **PASTOR'S LETTER**

#### Dear parishioners,

I hope you enjoyed our Independence Day celebrations with your family and friends; it has been a wonderful occasion to gather again and share with those we love. We are advancing in our faith journey, and this Sunday, we celebrate the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today, Jesus sends the twelve, two by two, to preach. The time has come to spread the gospel and carry out the mission that will be the heart and life of the church in the future. This news is for everyone, and no one should be left out of this liberating teaching; no one can be excluded from the infinite love of God. It is necessary to reach the last corner of the world. Equipped only with faith and trust in Him, He sends them without any material burden because the effectiveness of the mission does not come from human or material influences but the divine power of God and the sincerity of faith and the testimony of the life of every apostle. More than two thousand years later, it is up to us, as new disciples, to follow the church's missionary work. May we awaken the desire to preach the gospel of Jesus with our testimony of life.

In this missionary spirit, I share my joy for the positive response to the formation meetings on the Holy Mass that Alfredo Tuesta is holding weekly. There are almost 70 who participate, and I am pleased, and that encourages me to continue creating these formation courses. Many have asked me if we will continue with other topics, and the answer is yes. I intend to continue this evangelization process in the coming months. Congratulations to all those participating, and I encourage you to invite others to be part of this catechesis.

Also, I invite all the altar boys to participate in the picnic that we are preparing for you on July 17th. I encourage parents to bring their children to participate, we still have not met all the altar boys, and it will be an excellent opportunity to share with them, play, share lunch, and spend some time with them. Please, call the parish office to register them, so we have an approximate number of participants to prepare for the picnic.

As many of you know, last week we reopened the Adoration Chapel, only two days. Thank God the response was positive, and we managed to have the adorers for the two days and the nighttime. My idea is to have the Lord exposed for more time; by August, I wish that we can begin worship on Thursday morning. We will have sign-up sheets in the vestibule, and you can register for the time you would like to be with the Lord. Then, if we manage to have all the adorers for 24 hours, we will start on Thursdays after Mass at 6:30 am.

As I announced to you last week, we have started preparing for the parish family festival scheduled for August 21st in the afternoon. We are creating teams to help throughout the festival. These teams require volunteers, and I ask you to please help me by participating in these teams; your contribution as a volunteer is essential to me as a pastor and as a spiritual father of this parish. My wish is that this festival is like a new beginning and to create an atmosphere of a parish community. Therefore, I invite you to work together for our parish. I am very excited about this festival, we have a lot to enjoy that day, and I will inform you in the coming weeks about the activities we will have. I also remind you that next week you will receive the envelope with the tickets to participate in the raffle of \$ 5000, \$3000, and \$1000 dollars, each family will receive ten tickets, each ticket has the value of \$5.00, please bring the sold or unsold tickets to the parish office as soon as possible for us to begin preparing the prizes for the raffle. The more tickets we sell, the greater the profit for the parish.

I hope you have a blessed week. I have you in my prayers.

Fr. Alex

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PARISH FESTIVAL - AUGUST 21, 2021

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



#### **FAITH FORMATION**



#### **Religious Education Information**

We wish our Religious Education families a restful and blessed summer. Classes will resume on **September 12**, **2021**.

We are excited to welcome Clarisa Meza, our new Director of Religious education, to this new experience of Faith! She will be the new point of contact for all parents and catechists.

Register today for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year! Current Religious Education families are asked to register for the next school year by Aug 1. Stop by the parish office (4329 Sano St), M-F, 9:30am-5pm. or complete the registration form: https://queenofapostles.org/religiouseducation/. The Religious Education Program at Oueen of Apostles is available to parish youth in grades kindergarten (age 5) - high school. In-person classes will be held on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:45am beginning on Sept 12, 2021. Queen of Apostles parishioners and returning students are given priority for Religious Education enrollment. Class size is limited as we balance safety protocols with student learning and faith formation. Non-parishioners will be placed on a wait list until Aug 1, 2021. The registration form and tuition are to be submitted together. Birth and baptismal certificates for new students are to be provided at the time of registration. Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least two consecutive years of Religious Education before a grade/age-appropriate Sacrament is administered, have no more than three absences during the school year, and score at least 70% on tests. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/ First Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. A student is to show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are to contact the parish office, 703-354-8711 or general@queenofapostles.org. In concert with parents, Religious Education is an opportunity for your child to live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture, and preparing for and living the Sacraments.

If your child received a sacrament in 2020-2021, please stop by the parish office to pick up the certificate.

#### **RCIA**

Fr. Rampino will host 2 interest sessions: July 13 in English and July 20 in Spanish, 7-8:30pm. If interested in attending or to register for RCIA classes, please contact the parish office. RCIA classes in English will be held on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm starting on Sept 21. RCIA classes in Spanish will be held on Mondays, 7-8:30pm starting on Sept 20.

#### **Altar Servers**

The July-Aug schedule has been sent to families. Thank you for your generous response in serving our Lord in the Eucharist. If your son (grade 4 and above) is willing to serve at Holy Mass please contact the Parish Office or Fr, Rampino. He will host another training/refresher class. Date to be determined. St. John Berchmans and St. St. Tarcisius, pray for us.

#### Catechist, Aides, and Volunteers for RE

For the 2021-2022 RE school year, we seek practicing Catholics who love the Catholic faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth. As sowers of the Gospel, catechists ,aides, substitutes, and volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings for in-person classes. Class time is 75 mins and planning time is about 1-2 hours/week. All are welcome to apply to serve this ministry. We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan and parish workshops and obtain certification. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. On **Aug 28**, Fr. Rampino will lead a workshop for catechists that will review the Pope's recent "motu proprio" and the establishment of the lay ministry of catechist.

#### **Summer Faith Adventure**

Although QofA will not be hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer, your children might enjoy this FREE VBS available through Holy Heroes, an engaging and excellent resource for Catholic kids. SUMMER FAITH ADVENTURE is a FREE weeklong program of daily emails that include videos, games, activities, coloring pages, and fun recipes! Scan here to sign up today!



#### 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 or on our website <u>queenofapostles.org</u>. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or <a href="mailto:general@queenofapostles.org">general@queenofapostles.org</a>

### † PARISH LIFE †

#### **Masses This Week**

#### Sunday, July 11:

8:00 am +George S. Davis

10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +Annemarie Lang

1:30 pm (L) Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez

Monday, July 12:

6:30 am (L) Christina Kulp 9:00 am +John Battaglia

St. Henry - Tuesday, July 13:

6:30 am (L) Mary Petrino 9:00 am +Monserrat Munoz

St. Kateri Tekawitha - Wednesday, July 14:

6:30 am (L) Jeffrey Petrino 9:00 am +Buenaventura Sian

St. Bonaventure - Thursday, July 15:

6:30 am (L) Macrina Han 9:00 am (L) Genevieve Stangel

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Friday, July 16:

6:30 am (L) Jerry Crowley 9:00 am +Marilyn Cole

Saturday, July 17:

8:00 am +Paul Walker 5:00 pm +Helen Cullinan

7:00 pm +Florencio Ferrufino Zurita

#### **IMPORTANT** announcement regarding

**Baptism classes** Pre-Baptismal Classes used to be held on two Wednesdays during the month at 7:30 pm in Hannan Hall. *They will now take place on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office Conference Room*. You must register in order to attend the class. Families who are not baptizing their children here must pay a \$10 fee.

NEW Dates for 2021 Classes in English: August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7.

#### THE MASS Workshop with Seminarian

Alfredo Seminarian Alfredo is leading a 6-part workshop on The Meaning of the Mass on Mondays in Spanish and Wednesdays in English, from 7-9PM in Hannan Hall. The workshop this week in Spanish will be moved to Tuesday, July 6th, at the same time and place, 7PM in Hannan Hall due to the holiday on Monday. There are still 3 weeks left—join now!

**VIRTUS Training** Queen of Apostles will be holding a VIRTUS training on **September 25, 2021 at 9:30 am** in Hannan Hall in Spanish. Please visit virtusonline.org to register and for more information.

Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct? To join Faith Direct, start by simply focusing your phone camera on this QR code! You can also visit faithdirect.net and enroll

online using our Parish code: VA234 FAITH DIRECT\*

Thank you for your support!





Parish Secretary Position We are currently seeking a full-time Secretary for our Parish Office. The Parish Secretary is responsible for providing administrative support to the priests and staff. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic and have excellent organizational and communications skills. Please email <a href="mailto:general@queenofapostles.org">general@queenofapostles.org</a> for more information.

**Legion of Mary** *Praises of Mary:* The Virgin Mary is the "path" that God Himself has prepared to come into the world. Let us entrust to Her the expectation of salvation and peace for all men and women of our time. –Pope Francis

Meetings on Thursdays, 6:30 pm (New time!) Parish Center

Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Conversion and Healing in Families Join us for a

Holy Hour on **Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 pm** at St. Leo the Great in Fairfax with homilist Fr. Joseph Farrell and our very own Michelle Jacobeen and Joseph Jacobeen as our musicians as we pray for the intention of healing and conversion in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. We hope to see you there!



DE AN ACTIVE PART OF THIS YEAR'S GREAT ADVENTURE AT QUEEN OF APOSTLES. THE MINISTRY LIFE OFFERS A SPACE WHERE YOU ARE ENCOURAGED FIRST AND FOREMOST TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH CHRIST.

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### Gospel Commentary for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Work is God's

#### By Fr. Joseph Rampino

In recent years, the Holy See has discussed, on several occasions, extending the amount of time required in seminary before a man is ordained a priest. Only twenty years ago, there were still men who received only four or five years of formation before the new Church policy requiring at least six years. Often, local churches will add a mandatory spiritual year to allow a candidate to break their connection with the mad pace and values of the secular world, or a pastoral year to train a candidate in the realities of parish life. Now, the Church as a whole is considering additional years to the six spent in formation, all to ensure that candidates are as ready as possible before they are sent to work in the Lord's vineyard.

Yet in the Gospel today, we see Christ send His Apostles out into the world to preach in His name well before their time. About half of the Apostles have only known Jesus for a year or so at this point, and yet they are given the task of preaching repentance. Not only this, but Christ sends them without any of the normal provisions we would consider necessary for a long journey. They are not to carry anything by which they might support themselves, but are to rely purely on what they receive from God through the kindness of others. The Lord has taken His brand-new disciples, who still do not understand His teachings or His ultimate mission very well, and sent them off entirely un-prepared to face their own natural needs, much less the many supernatural needs of the crowds.

And still, what happens on their journey? The Apostles do actually drive out demons and cure sick people. Despite the fact that they have nothing and understand little, divine power works through them, and they successfully extend the reach of the Kingdom of Heaven. They become capable of acts clearly beyond their natural capacities.

This is the key to what might seem like a recklessly assigned mission from the Lord. The Apostles, and we through them, are to learn that the saving work Christ does is not the sort of work that relies on human strength and ability. The Lord in this case does not train His disciples in the details of casting out demons or healing the sick, because no amount of training will confer on them the miraculous power. No amount of readiness will give them the ability to command both natural and spiritual things with God's own authority. Later on, Christ will give them further instructions. He will tell them to go about well prepared, and after He has ascended, He will send the Holy Spirit to illumine their minds and guide them into all truth. For this moment though, they must understand that the work is God's, and so long as they remain faithful and obedient to the Lord, He will be able to enter the world in power through their trusting hearts.

This same lesson applies to us. We are to participate, as baptized Christians, in the same saving work of Jesus, driving evil out of our own lives and seeing others free from its grasp, healing wounds and depravations both physical and spiritual, and this work is not something that we can simply accomplish through our own power. No amount of seminary formation or training gives a man the ability to forgive sins in confession. No amount of training in charitable works, no extent of organized relief service or altruistic action can heal the wounds of the soul or break the chains of the devil. But in a heart that trusts God, a single prayer, a kind word, or simple obedience to the Church's Sacraments, can accomplish these and much more besides. We do not have to figure everything out. The work was the Lord's to begin with.



## Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make

it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. Those who are registered at Queen of Apostles who have not yet pledged will be receiving phone calls from our Continuation Committee to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



## Please Pray for All of The Sick Members of Our Parish:

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, 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, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spraht, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon, Ian Roddick, Ben Robles

#### CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

#### Queridos parroquianos:

Espero que hayan disfrutado de las celebraciones de nuestra independencia junto a sus familiares y amigos, ha sido una ocasión muy bonita para reencontrarnos y para compartir. Estamos avanzando en nuestro caminar de fe y este domingo celebramos el décimo quinto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Hoy Jesús envía a los doce de dos en dos a predicar, ha llegado la hora de difundir el evangelio y poner por obra la misión que en el futuro será el corazón y la vida de la iglesia. Esta noticia es para todos y nadie debe quedar al margen de esta enseñanza liberadora, nadie puede quedar excluido del amor infinito de Dios. Es necesario llegar hasta la última esquina del mundo. Equipados solo con la fe y la confianza en Él, les envía sin ninguna carga material, porque la eficacia de la misión no viene por influencias humanas o materiales sino del poder divino de Dios y de la sinceridad de la Fe y del testimonio de vida de cada apóstol. Más de dos mil años después nos toca a nosotros como nuevos discípulos seguir la obra misionera de la iglesia. Que ojala se despierte en nosotros el deseo de predicar con nuestro testimonio de vida el evangelio de Jesús.

En este ámbito misionero, les comparto mi alegría por la respuesta positiva a las reuniones de formación sobre la santa misa que Alfredo Tuesta está desarrollando semanalmente, son casi 70 los que participan, me alegra mucho, eso me anima a seguir creando estos encuentros de formación. Muchos me han preguntado si continuaremos con otros temas y la respuestas es sí. Tengo la intención de continuar este proceso de evangelización en los próximos meses, felicitaciones a todos los que están participando y ánimo a invitar a otros a ser parte de estas categuesis.

También, invito a todos los monaguillos a que participen del Picnic que estamos preparando para ellos el próximo 17 de julio, animo a los padres de familia a que traigan a los niños y jóvenes a participar, aun no conocemos a todos los monaguillos y será una bonita oportunidad para compartir con ellos, jugar, compartir un almuerzo y pasar una mañana con ellos. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para inscribirlos y así tener un número aproximado para preparar los alimentos.

Como muchos saben la semana pasada reabrimos la capilla de adoración, solamente dos días, gracias a Dios la respuesta fue positiva y logramos tener los adoradores para los dos días y la noche, mi idea es tener al Señor expuesto más tiempo, para agosto deseo que podamos comenzar la adoración el jueves por la mañana, para ello dispondremos de hojas de inscripción en el vestíbulo y ustedes pueden inscribirse a qué hora les gustaría estar con El Señor, si logramos tener todos los adoradores para las 24 horas entonces iniciaremos los jueves después de la misa de 6:30am.

Como les anuncie la semana pasada que hemos comenzado a preparar el festival familiar de la parroquia programados para el 21 de agosto por la tarde. Estamos creando comisiones de trabajo, estas comisiones requieren de voluntarios, les pido por favor me ayuden participando en estos grupos de trabajo, su aporte como voluntario es importante para mí como párroco y como padre espiritual de esta parroquia. Mi deseo es que este festival sea como un nuevo comienzo, y que podamos crear un ambiente de comunidad parroquial. Les invito a que juntos trabajemos por nuestra parroquia. Estoy muy emocionado con este festival, tenemos mucho para disfrutar ese día, ya les comunicare en las próximas semanas las actividades que tendremos. También les recuerdo que la próxima semana recibirán el sobre con los boletos para participar en la rifa de \$5000, \$3000, y \$1000, dólares, cada familia recibirá 10 boletos, cada boleto tiene el valor de \$5.00, en cuanto sea posible por favor traiga las colias de los boletos vendidos o no vendidos a la oficina parroquial los más pronto posible para nosotros comenzar a preparar los premios y el desarrollo de la rifa. Entre más boletos vendamos la ganancia para la parroquia será más grande.

Espero que tengan una semana bendecida. Les tengo en mis oraciones.

P. Alex



FIESTA PARROQUIAL - 21 DE AGOSTO DE 2021

MÁS DETALLES A SEGUIR

#### Misas de Esta Semana

#### Domingo 11 de julio:

8:00 am +George S. Davis

10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +Annemarie Lang

1:30 pm (L) Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez

Lunes 12 de julio:

(L) Christina Kulp 6:30 am +John Battaglia 9:00 am

Martes 13 de julio:

6:30 am (L) Mary Petrino 9:00 am +Monserrat Munoz

Miércoles 14 de julio:

6:30 am (L) Jeffrey Petrino 9:00 am +Buenaventura Sian

Jueves 15 de julio:

6:30 am (L) Macrina Han 9:00 am (L) Genevieve Stangel

Viernes 16 de julio:

6:30 am (L) Jerry Crowley 9:00 am +Marilyn Cole

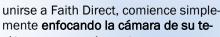
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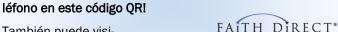
8:00 am +Paul Walker 5:00 pm +Helen Cullinan

7:00 pm +Florencio Ferrufino Zurita



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#### LA MISA Taller con seminarista Alfredo

El seminarista Alfredo está dirigiendo un taller de 6 partes sobre el significado de la misa los lunes en español y los miércoles en inglés, de 7-9PM en Hannan Hall. El taller de esta semana en español se trasladará al martes 6 de julio, a la misma hora y lugar, a las 7PM en Hannan Hall debido al feriado del lunes. Todavía quedan 3 semanas, ¡únase ahora!

#### Importante anuncio con respecto a las

clases de bautismo Las clases pre-bautismales solían celebrarse dos miércoles durante el mes a las 7:30 pm en Hannan Hall. Ahora tendrán lugar el primer y tercer martes a las 7:30 pm en la Sala de Conferencias de la Oficina Parroquial a partir del 1 de junio de 2021. Debe registrarse para asistir a la clase. Las familias que no están bautizando a sus hijos en Queen of Apostles deben pagar una cuota de \$10.

Nuevas fechas para las clases de español de 2021: 20 de julio, 17 de Agosto, 14 de septiembre, 19 de octubre, 16 de noviembre, y 14 de diciembre.

#### Hora Santa para la Sanación en las Famil-

128 Únase a nosotros para una Hora Santa el martes 13 de julio a las 7:30 pm en St. Leo the Great en Fairfax con el homilista P. Joseph Farrell y nuestra propia Michelle Jacobeen y Joseph Jacobeen como nuestros músicos mientras oramos por la intención de sanación y conversión en familias. El Sacramento de la Reconciliación estará disponible.

Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios Reina de apóstoles llevará a cabo un entrenamiento VIRTUS el 25 de septiembre de 2021 a las 9:30 am en Hannan Hall en español. Por favor visite virtusonline.org para registrarse y para obtener más información.

#### Registrate para una hora de adoración!

Con la reapertura de nuestra capilla de adoración, estamos en necesidad de adoradores los viernes y sábados. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial para inscribirse.