# QUEEN OF A POSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 18, 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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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

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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:

Today, the Gospel invites us to discover the importance of resting in the Lord. In last week's Gospel, we heard about the moment when Jesus sends His disciples to evangelize. Today they return from the mission that Jesus gave them. They had cast out demons, cured the sick, and preached the Gospel. But, they were tired, and Jesus told them: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31).

One of the temptations to which any Christian can succumb is to want to do many things while neglecting to deal with the Lord. The Catechism recalls that, when it comes to praying, one of the greatest threats is to think that there are other more urgent things and, in this way, the relationship with God ends up being neglected. That is why Jesus tells His Apostles that they have worked hard, that they are exhausted and euphoric because everything has gone well for them, He asks them to rest. And, the Gospel points out, "they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place" (Mk 6:32). To pray well, at least two things are needed: the first is to be with Jesus because He is the person we will talk to. To make sure that we are with Him. That is why every prayer time begins, generally, and is the most difficult, with an act of God's presence. Be conscious that we are with Him. And the second is the necessary solitude. If we want to talk to someone, have an intimate and deep conversation, we choose privacy.

For this reason, it is advisable to rest in Jesus after receiving Communion. After receiving the Body of Christ, it is best to be in silence for a while to regain strength by letting Jesus speak to us in the silence of our hearts. Sometimes, rather than explaining our projects to Him, it is convenient for Jesus to instruct and encourage us. So let's find time to be with the Lord.

On a different topic, I announce that we have installed a new telephone system for the parish office That was the reason why last week there was no phone service for at least a day and a half, and many were not able to communicate with the office. We have changed the company, and the new plan offers better service for you and a more effective way to communicate with all the staff of the parish and myself. I apologize for the inconvenience caused.

A few days ago, someone approached me to ask when we could return the missals and the hymnals to the pews since the restrictions have already ended, and they are right. We should already have them, but unfortunately, last year in Advent, we did not order missals, and ordering them today would be the exact cost, and we would only use them for four months; therefore, to save a little money, we will put them back at the end of November when the new liturgical year begins in Advent. So I ask for your understanding.

Finally, I thank all those who are already working so that the festival starts to take shape, to some members of the staff who are working overtime finalizing the details so that everything goes well, thank you. God bless you for that; at the same time, I do not get tired of encouraging you to participate as volunteers and to collaborate in the raffle, which I imagine you have already received the tickets to participate. Thank you very much for your effort and help.

I hope you have a blessed week, and don't forget to give God your best.

Fr. Alex





### **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 Queen 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 1 more interest session in Spanish on July 20, 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 18:

8:00 am +Maria Hoi Ha

10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +Roy Kasenge 1:30 pm (L) Dwight Collins

Monday, July 19:

6:30 am +Florencio Ferrufino Zurita 9:00 am +Constance Seymour

St. Henry - Tuesday, July 20:

6:30 am +Charles Carrol Carter, KHD 9:00 am (L) Mike and Eugenia Quintos St. Kateri Tekawitha - Wednesday, July 21:

6:30 am (L) Nenita De Guzman 9:00 am +Magdalena Catain

St. Bonaventure - Thursday, July 22:

6:30 am +Julia Hermelinda Jara Vilchez

9:00 am +Donald James Quinn

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Friday, July 23:

6:30 am +Mateo Rios y David 9:00 am (L) Michael William Leite

Saturday, July 24:

8:00 am (L) Fr. Kevin De Sousa 5:00 pm +Joseph Barnoski

7:00 pm +Julia Hermelinda Jara Vilchez

### Important announcement regarding Bap-

**tism 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.

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

**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.

**Text, Email and Phone Scams** Please be vigilant about fraudulent solicitation texts and emails appearing to come from our priests and staff. Authentic requests for donations from the parish will always direct parishioners to FaithDirect, PayPal, or other legitimate websites with secure online forms. Never will the parish ask for gift cards or for money to be transferred directly to an account. Phone calls from the Office will also only ever come from **703-354-8711**.

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

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.

Festival Raffle Tickets Raffle tickets have been mailed to Parish families! We invite you to be an active part of our first Family Festival by buying or distributing the tickets among family and friends. All the profit is to support our Parish and to continue the important work of evangelizing. The raffle consists of three prizes: \$5000, \$3000, and \$1000. Each ticket costs \$5. Regardless of whether or not you participate in the raffle, it is essential that you return the tickets (whether you buy them or not) to the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can count the number of tickets sold and those not sold. Please fill in your information on the small ticket and keep the large stub to claim your prize (if you win). Tickets can be paid in cash, check (payable to Queen of Apostles Church), or credit card (with a 3% charge) at the Parish Office. We sincerely appreciate your support to make this fundraising effort a success!



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# Gospel Commentary for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The True Shepherd

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

The Gospel this week tells us that as Christ, exhausted and longing for rest, looks at the massive crowd, which chases after Him even when they knowing He is hiding in order to rest, He sees them as "sheep without a shepherd." His heart is moved with pity, and how goes down with His equally tired and weary Apostles to hear the needs and complaints of the people, and to teach them. Why is it, though, that these sheep had no shepherd?

In the first place, we know that the crowd did have those who were considered shepherds. They had leaders in their synagogues, the Pharisees and early Rabbis, the teachers of the law, the Temple priests, and others among the leadership of the Jewish people. These would teach the people, provide them with interpretation of the Scriptures, accompany them through their lives, and celebrated the Jewish rituals for their sake. We know too that not all of these leaders were wicked or self-absorbed: some of them, like Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, followed Jesus and later became saints. If Jesus sees that the people were without a shepherd, it is because they and their leaders lacked something that He Himself possessed.

So what does Christ have and do that the scribes, Pharisees, and priests of the Temple do not? Our responses might be that Christ has credibility, the power to drive out demons and heal, or the ability to teach what others cannot. These are all true, but the shepherds before Christ could in fact provide each of these things in some measure, so there may be a better answer. What is it that Christ alone can provide?

What Christ alone, as the Good Shepherd, can give, which no prophet, judge, teacher, or ruler before Him could ever have given as shepherd, is the way through the gates of heaven into God's own pasture. This is what makes Jesus unique. Other shepherds could have given, and did give, practical advice about how to live well. Other shepherds could have driven out demons and healed illnesses, and did sometimes, as the Gospel tells us. Other shepherds could have, and did sometimes, accompany the people through the difficulties of their lives. There will always be people, good and bad, who can fulfill those earthly needs we mistake for spiritual needs, and people will always follow them for a time. But only Christ can unite a soul with God, and bring it into heaven. The people were like sheep without a shepherd because they had no one to take them into pastures that would really satisfy, and that would not come to an end.

Because the same Christ stands at the heart of our Christian faith today, alive in our Church through her Sacraments, we know that this is where He wants to lead us as well. Christ did not call us into the Church just to give us practical advice for living moral lives. He did not come simply to heal our physical troubles so we could live comfortably here. He did not come to drive out evil, simply so we could live at peace with ourselves. He does all of these things out of love for us, but above all, He wants to raise our eyes above the day-to-day concerns of this life, and prepare us to live with Him in eternal union with God forever. This is also the mission of His Church: not merely to form pleasant social groups and communities, not simply to teach people how to live well, not simply to give strength for meeting and enduring our daily challenges, not to drag God down out of heaven and make Him live at our earthly level, but rather to bring people into union with Christ here below, so that they can follow Him above, into the glory of the Father.



# 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, 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:

Hoy, el Evangelio nos invita a descubrir la importancia de descansar en el Señor. En el evangelio de la semana pasada se nos narró el momento en que Jesús envía a sus discípulos a evangelizar, hoy ellos regresan de la misión que Jesús les dio. Habían expulsado demonios, curado enfermos y predicado el Evangelio. Estaban cansados y Jesús les dice "Vengan con migo, a un lugar solitario, para que descansen un poco" (Mc 6,31).

Una de las tentaciones a las que puede sucumbir cualquier cristiano es la de querer hacer muchas cosas descuidando el trato con el Señor. El Catecismo recuerda que, a la hora de hacer oración, uno de los peligros más grandes es pensar que hay otras cosas más urgentes y, de esa forma, se acaba descuidando el trato con Dios. Por eso, Jesús, le dice a sus Apóstoles, que han trabajado mucho, que están agotados y eufóricos porque todo les ha ido bien, les pide que descansen. Y, señala el Evangelio "se fueron en la barca, aparte, a un lugar solitario" (Mc 6,32). Para poder orar bien se necesitan, al menos dos cosas: la primera es estar con Jesús, porque es la persona con la que vamos a hablar. Asegurarnos de que estamos con Él. Por eso todo rato de oración empieza, generalmente, y es lo más difícil, con un acto de presencia de Dios. Tomar conciencia de que estamos con Él. Y la segunda es la necesaria soledad. Si queremos hablar con alguien, tener una conversación íntima y profunda, escogemos la soledad. Por esta razón es recomendable descansar en Jesús después de comulgar. Después de recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo, lo mejor es estar un rato en silencio, para reponer fuerzas dejando que Jesús nos hable en el silencio de nuestro corazón. A veces, mejor que explicarle a Él nuestros proyectos es conveniente que Jesús nos instruya y anime. Busquemos tiempo para estar con el Señor.

Les anuncio que hemos instalado un nuevo sistema de teléfonos para la oficina parroquial, esa fue la razón por la que la semana pasada uno o dos días no hubo servicio telefónico y no pudieron comunicarse, hemos cambiado la compañía, y el nuevo plan ofrece mejor atención para ustedes y una forma más efectiva para comunicarse con migo y todo el staff de la parroquia. Les pido una disculpa por las inconveniencias causadas.

Hace unos días algunos se me acercaron para preguntarme cuando podríamos de regreso los misalitos y los cantorales en las bancas si ya han terminado las restricciones; y tienen razón ya tendríamos que tenerlos, pero desafortunadamente el año pasado en el adviento no ordenamos misales, y ordenarlos hoy sería el mismo costo y solo los utilizaríamos por cuatro meses, por ello, para ahorrar un poco de dinero, los pondremos nuevamente a finales de noviembre cuando inicie el nuevo año litúrgico en adviento. Les pido su comprensión.

Finalmente, agradezco a todos aquellos que ya están trabajando para que el festival vaya tomando forma, a algunos miembros del Staff que están trabajando extra tiempo ultimando los detalles para que todo salga bien. Dios les bendiga por eso, al mismo tiempo no me canso de animarles a participar como voluntarios y a colaborar en la rifa, que me imagino que ya habrán recibido los boletos para participar. Muchas gracias por su esfuerzo y su ayuda.

Espero que tengan una semana bendecida y no se olviden de dar a Dios lo mejor.

P. Alex



### Misas de Esta Semana

### Domingo 18 de julio:

8:00 am +Maria Hoi Ha

10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +Roy Kasenge 1:30 pm (L) Dwight Collins

Lunes 19 de julio:

6:30 am +Florencio Ferrufino Zurita 9:00 am +Constance Seymour

Martes 20 de julio:

6:30 am +Charles Carrol Carter, KHD 9:00 am (L) Mike and Eugenia Quintos

Miércoles 21 de julio:

6:30 am (L) Nenita De Guzman 9:00 am +Magdalena Catain

Jueves 22 de julio:

6:30 am +Julia Hermelinda Jara Vilchez 9:00 am +Donald James Quinn

Viernes 23 de julio:

6:30 am +Mateo Rios y David 9:00 am (L) Michael William Leite

Sabado 24 de julio:

8:00 am (L) Fr. Kevin De Sousa 5:00 pm +Joseph Barnoski

7:00 pm +Julia Hermelinda Jara Vilchez

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### 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.

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

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.

Rifa del festival ¡Los tickets de la rifa han sido enviados por correo a las familias de la Parroquia! Te invitamos a ser parte activa de nuestro primer Festival Familiar comprando o distribuyendo las entradas entre familiares y amigos. Todo el beneficio es apoyar a nuestra Parroquia y continuar la importante labor de evangelización. La rifa consta de tres premios: \$5000, \$3000 y \$1000. Cada boleto cuesta \$5. Independientemente de si participas o no en el sorteo, es fundamental que devuelvas las entradas (las compres o no) a la Oficina Parroquial lo antes posible para que podamos contar el número de entradas vendidas y las no vendidas. Por favor, rellene su información en el billete pequeño y mantener el talón grande para reclamar su premio (si gana). Los boletos se pueden pagar en efectivo, cheque (pagadero a la Iglesia Reina de los Apóstoles) o tarjeta de crédito (con un cargo del 3%) en la Oficina Parroquial.