

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 4, 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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4409 Sano Street
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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

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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.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus and Mary:

This Sunday's Gospel is quite curious and interesting because it tells us about the people of Jesus' native place, those who, by their lack of faith, are blind to recognize His divinity. As a result, Jesus feels "despised," they do not accept Him as the bearer of salvation. They have a different perception of their neighbor, Jesus, and they refuse to open up to the mystery that is enclosed in His person. Mark does not narrate this episode to satisfy the curiosity of his readers but to warn us that Jesus can be rejected precisely by those who think they know Him best: those who shut themselves up in their ideas without opening themselves to the novelty of His message or the mystery of His person. The modern world is not far from acting like Jesus' neighbors, claiming many times to know and follow Him, but the reality is that when the message is announced firmly to them, it is rejected and seen as something too outside of itself and ends up being discarded. Hopefully, today's gospel helps us to accept the gospel as it is without any alteration and not fall into the temptation of ignoring Jesus and rejecting his message as His neighbors did.

Changing the subject, I inform you that on July 1st, Clarisa Meza became our new Director of Religious Education. She will be in charge of giving continuity to all the catechizing work that the parish carries out. Thank God the diocese approved the hiring of her almost immediately. Clarisa has about five years of experience working in Religious Education, and I am confident that she will do a magnificent job with the families of our parish and all the catechists. So again, I welcome Clarisa to this new experience of faith.

In the last letter, I mentioned that on August 21st, we would hold a Family Festival that will be a big celebration, where everyone as a parish will enjoy different food, games, and entertainment for adults and children; for this, I have created a committee, and we are already working on the organization. As part of the festival, we will hold a raffle with three prizes of \$ 5,000, \$ 3,000, and \$ 1,000. The raffle seeks to have a profit for the parish. The cost of the ticket is \$ 5.00. In the next few days, you will receive a letter explaining the raffle details and ten tickets per family. I ask you to please participate and buy the tickets. The more we sell, the more profit we will have for our parish. If you want to volunteer on the day of the event, please call the parish office and put your name on the volunteer list.

Finally, this weekend we celebrate our Independence Day. I consider it a good day to pray for our nation, our leaders, and the needs that we as a country suffer. At the same time, give thanks to God for all that is great and beautiful in our country. As your pastor and on behalf of all the parish staff, I wish you all a happy Fourth of July! Enjoy it as a family, rest, and celebrate.

May God bless you all!

Fr. Alex

Save the Dates!

PARISH FESTIVAL - AUGUST 21
MINISTRY FAIR - SEPTEMBER 18-19

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education Information

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

We thank Susan Gray, our (former) DRE, for her many years of dedicated service to Queen of Apostles Church and School and we wish her the best in her new endeavors.

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/religious-education/>. 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 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 queenofapostles.org. 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 general@queenofapostles.org

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

Masses This Week

Independence Day - Sunday, July 4:

8:00 am +Anita John and Juane Catilo
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Grace Okemo
1:30 pm +Jazlynn Blanco Galeas

St. Anthony Zaccaria - Monday, July 5:

No 6:30 am Mass

9:00 am +John Martin

St. Maria Goretti - Tuesday, July 6:

6:30 am (L) Fatima Solis
9:00 am (L) Sophia Van Horn

Wednesday, July 7:

6:30 am +Francisco Marin Pantigoso
9:00 am (L) Alexandra Leite

Thursday, July 8:

6:30 am +Miguel Antonio Alvarez
9:00 am +Maria de Costa

St. Augustine Zhao Rong - Friday, July 9:

6:30 am +Rev. Clarence W. Watkins
9:00 am +Montserrat Munoz

Saturday, July 10:

8:00 am +Ernest Deeds
5:00 pm +Christina Lynem
7:00 pm +Conchita Fernandez and Thomas Bernard

Independence Day The Parish Office and Gift Shop will be closed on **Monday, July 5th**, in observance Independence Day. There will also be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am.



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: July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7.

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 contact Karla at k.aleman@queenofapostles.org 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**



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Rosary Rally for America We need to pray for America now more than ever for the grave sins of abortion, homosexuality and also pray for the restoration of order and morality and decency in our society. Join us on **July 10 at 12 pm** at 5999 Stevenson Ave, Alexandria, VA for a Rosary Rally for America. With the Grace of God and Our Lady, we can turn America around.

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 4 weeks left—join now!

Legion of Mary *Praises of Mary:* When Mary became the Mother of Jesus, true God and true Man, she also became our Mother. In His great mercy, Jesus wished to call us His brothers and sisters, and by this name He constituted us adopted children of Mary. -St. John Bosco

Meetings on **Thursdays, 6:00 pm**, Parish Center

Gospel Commentary for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: His Own Received Him Not

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

The very beginning of John's Gospel, in describing the origin and mission of Jesus, tells us that "He came to those who were His own in the world, and His own received Him not. This week, we see that sad fact in action as Christ returns to His home town of Nazareth during His preaching tour.

How could this scene do anything but break our hearts? The people of Nazareth are people that God love in a very particular way. He could have lived among any people on the face of the Earth, but the almighty and eternal God decided to spend His childhood and young adult years among them. God lived for three years among the people of all Galilee and Judea, but He gave decades to Nazareth. These people should have been the ones to recognize Him first. They should have been the ones to rally to His teaching before all others. They are the ones who should have had His back during all of His trials throughout His public ministry. Yet, precisely because they know Him, precisely because they are familiar with Him, they do not recognize who He really is, and they reject Him.

It would be easy for us to judge the inhabitants of Nazareth for the hardness of their hearts towards the God who chose to be their neighbor for so many years, but if we understand this Gospel clearly, and honestly evaluate our own lives, we can find the finger of accusation pointed back towards ourselves. We as Catholic are very much like the people of Nazareth. We live constantly in the company of God. He dwells in the tabernacles of every Catholic Church—fifteen of them inside the Beltway on the Virginia side alone!—and we have access to His Eucharistic Presence not only once in awhile, but very frequently, at times that are selected to be convenient for us. Each week, we have about twenty Masses here at Queen of Apostles, without counting weddings, funerals, or other special occasions! In these days, we now broadcast the arrival of God among us over the internet for all to see whenever they please! And yet, how many Catholics, precisely because they are familiar with our faith, either take Christ for granted, give up their belief even while practicing, or leave the practice of the faith all together? When the Lord Jesus comes to His own people at Mass, when He opens His heart to them in confession, when He calls to them through the Scriptures, how many of His own people today do not receive Him?

Of course, Christ did not end up alone because of His rejection at Nazareth. His Apostles, who came to Him from elsewhere, remained with Him far longer, and even though they fell to cowardice during the Lord's Passion, they returned to Him after the Resurrection, and stayed faithful from that time on. Christ is always calling souls to Himself, souls who will recognize Him, understand His great love, prepare their hearts to receive His love, and spread word of Him to further communities. Even today, as so many in the West leave the faith and the love of God behind, new peoples are continually coming to Him across the world.

It remains for us to ask ourselves in which crowd we wish to find ourselves. Do we want to be among the Nazoreans who miss the value of Jesus simply because they've been around Him long enough to take Him for granted, or do we wish to renew our souls and our love for Christ, taking opportunities to see Him and His Body the Church through new eyes, so as to join the crowd of those who are still in awe of the God whose glory and goodness we may have begun to forget? No matter what we choose, the Lord's love for us remains the same, and the moment we turn towards Him with a real desire for renewal, He will surely provide all the help we need to see Him for who He really is.



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 Sprahnt, 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 hermanos y hermanas en Jesús y María:

El evangelio de este domingo es bastante curioso e interesante porque nos habla de los conciudadanos de Jesús, que se cierran a reconocer Su divinidad. Jesús se siente “despreciado”, no le aceptan como portador de la salvación. Se han hecho una idea de su vecino, Jesús, y se resisten a abrirse al misterio que se encierra en Su persona. Marcos no narra este episodio para satisfacer la curiosidad de sus lectores, sino para advertirnos que Jesús puede ser rechazado precisamente por quienes creen conocerlo mejor: los que se encierran en sus ideas sin abrirse ni a la novedad de Su mensaje ni al misterio de Su persona. El mundo moderno no está lejos de actuar como los vecinos de Jesús, muchas veces afirma conocerle y seguirle, pero la realidad es que cuando el mensaje se le anuncia con fuerza, es rechazado y visto como algo demasiado fuera de sí y se termina desechando. Ojala que el evangelio de hoy nos ayude a aceptar el evangelio como es sin ninguna alteración y no caer en la tentación de desconocer a Jesús y rechazar Su mensaje como lo hicieron sus vecinos.

Cambiando de tema, les comunico que desde el 1 de julio, Clarisa Meza es nuestra nueva Directora de Educación Religiosa. Ella se encargará de dar continuidad a todo el trabajo catequizador que la parroquia lleva, gracias a Dios la diócesis aprobó su contratación casi de inmediato. Clarisa tiene alrededor de cinco años de experiencia trabajando en Educación Religiosa y tengo la confianza que realizara un magnífico trabajo con las familias de nuestra parroquia y con todos los catequistas. Le doy la bienvenida a esta nueva experiencia de fe.

En la carta pasada les mencione que el 21 de agosto realizaremos un Festival Familiar que será una fiesta grande, donde todos como parroquia disfrutaremos de diferentes atracciones, comida juegos y entretenimiento para adultos y niños; para ello he creado un comité para llevarlo a cabo y ya estamos trabajando en la organización. Como parte del festival realizaremos una rifa con tres premios \$5,000, \$3,000 y \$1,000, la rifa busca tener una ganancia para la parroquia, el valor del ticket es de \$5.00; en los próximos días recibirán una carta donde les explico los detalles de la rifa y 10 tickets por familia, les pido por favor participen y compren los boletos, entre más vendamos más ganancia tendremos para nuestra parroquia. Si desea ser voluntario el día del evento no dude en llamar a la oficina parroquial y poner su nombre en la lista de voluntarios.

Finalmente, este fin de semana celebramos el día de nuestra independencia, considero que es un día propicio para orar por nuestra nación, por nuestros gobernantes y por las necesidades que como país sufrimos. Al mismo tiempo dar gracias a Dios por todo lo grande y bello que poseemos. Como su párroco y en nombre de todo el personal de la parroquia les deseo a todos un feliz cuatro de julio, que lo disfruten en familia y que ojala descansen y celebren.

Que Dios les bendiga a todos.

P. Alex

¡Reserva las fechas!

FIESTA PARROQUIAL - 21 DE AGOSTO
FERIA DEL MINISTERIO - 18 Y 19 DE SEPTIEMBRE

¡MÁS DETALLES POR VENIR!

Misas de Esta Semana

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Sabado 10 de julio:

8:00 am +Ernest Deeds
5:00 pm +Christina Lynem
7:00 pm +Conchita Fernandez and Thomas Bernard

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Día de la Independencia La Oficina Parroquial y la Librería Religiosa permanecerán cerradas el **lunes 5 de julio**, en observancia del Día de la Independencia. También habrá una sola misa que se celebrará a las 9 de la mañana.



Rally del Rosario por América Necesitamos orar por Estados Unidos ahora más que nunca por los graves pecados del aborto, la homosexualidad y también orar por la restauración del orden, la moralidad y la decencia en nuestra sociedad. Únase a nosotros el 10 de julio a las 12 pm en 5999 Stevenson Ave, Alexandria, VA para un Rally del Rosario para América. Con la Gracia de Dios y Nuestra Señora, podemos darle la vuelta a Estados Unidos.

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.

Librería Religiosa ¡Ven a visitar la librería religiosa de la Reina de los Apóstoles! Estamos abiertos de lunes a viernes, de 9:30 am a 5 pm. ¡Aceptamos dinero en efectivo, tarjeta o cheques!

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 4 semanas, ¡únase ahora!

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"Tén Fe" en el Señor Jesús y te salvarás tú y tu casa.
HECHOS 16.31

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