

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses on Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (in Spanish) Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon, 2:00 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00-7:30 am Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm Sunday: 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary (703) 354-0714 www.queenofapostlesschool.org



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. 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.

Altar Servers Thank you for your service to the parish! We know families may be traveling over the summer, so servers are asked to find a substitute/swap weeks, if you are unable to serve. Servers who are not scheduled for a Sunday are asked to offer to serve and ensure 3-4 man teams.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Emmaus High school and 8th grade students are invited to join Emmaus on Monday evenings, 6-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org, or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Parish Charity**.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Jun. 30** and **Jul. 7** bulletin is Monday, **Jun. 24** by 9 am (note early bulletin deadline due to Independence Day). Please email announcements to general@queenofapostles.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

Is God calling you to a weekly Hour with Him?

Queen of Apostles is blessed to offer Perpetual Adoration 24 hours a day every week, from Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am. Please prayerfully consider serving our current needs:

- Tuesday, 1-2 am; Friday, 4-5 am; Saturday, 2-3 am Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, 11 pm to 12 am
 Contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 or
 n.deguzman[a@queenofapostles.org for these hours of need
- Monday, 3-4 pm
 Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or rosalieam[at]msn.com for this hours of need

Religious Education Do not delay in registering your children for Religious Education - some classes are nearing capacity! Religious Education classes are for public school and homeschool students in kindergarten (age 5) - high school. Parents of current students can pick up the registration form on-site during RE class time. Tuition for parish members is \$70 for 1 child; \$120 for 2 children and \$150 for 3 children in the same family. The tuition payment by cash or check is expected at the time of registration.

Religious Education classes meet on Sundays, 9-10:15 am at QofA School. The first day of class is **Sep. 8**. Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least 2 consecutive years of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered and have no more than three absences during the school year. 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. New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates to register. Parents of unbaptized children under the age of 5 are asked to contact the parish office.

Called to be a Catechist, Aide, Volunteer? For the 2019-2020 Religious Education school year, we are seeking practicing Catholics who have a love of the Catholic faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth. Catechists are to have a basic understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture, and Tradition and a commitment to the Church's liturgical and sacramental life, and moral teachings Catechists (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc) are needed on Sunday mornings for the Sep. 8, 2019 - Jun. 7, 2020 program. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus and serve as a disciple by helping teach the faith. We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan workshops. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. If interested, please contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

RCIA If you are an adult and do not have the Sacraments, please send a message to <u>s.gray@queenofapostles.org</u>. RCIA classes will begin in **September**.

Pastor's Letter

Eucharist and Marriage

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. And we will do so with a procession in our neighborhood bringing to them Jesus' presence and blessings.

The Eucharist is at the very core of Christian life, "the fount and apex of the whole Christian life" (Lumen Gentium 11). We are living branches in the vine as much as we live the Eucharist through Holy Communion, adoration, prayer...

As St. John Paul II beautifully says, "the Eucharist is the very source of Christian marriage... In this sacrifice of the New and Eternal Covenant, Christian spouses encounter the source from which their own marriage covenant flows, is interiorly structured and continuously renewed" (Familiaris Consortio, 11). Following this statement, I would like to look at our Eucharistic life under the template of marriage.

What are those attitudes which make a difference in marriage and protect conjugal love from routine, lukewarmness, indifference or unfair claims?

Marriage is about "us", not you and I. And it is also about extended family and in-laws. Likewise, the Eucharist is always about the "us" of the Church. Jesus gives his Body and Blood to us to build the Church. Receiving the Eucharist introduces us into the dynamics of Christ's gift of self so that we will give ourselves to others as our Lord did.

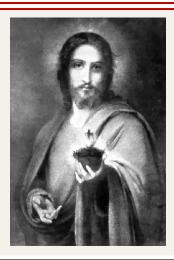
Forgiveness. In marriage you need to forgive and to ask forgiveness. Jesus asks us to "leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:24).

Marriage is not about rights, but love. You never have the "right" to the other person. Your spouse's love is free and undeserved. In a similar way, approach Holy Communion with respect and reverence. "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof."

Sacrifice. The Eucharist is Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Marriage is also the sacrifice of self for the one you love. And children come with much joy but also much sacrifice. In the Eucharist we become one with Christ, who is the victim and the priest, equipping us to sacrifice ourselves after Jesus.

Last, but not least, *Gratitude*: if you want your marriage to thrive, never take it for granted. Rejoice every day for the great gift of your spouse's love. And the Greek word, *Eukharistia*, actually means giving thanks. Every time you approach Jesus in the Eucharist, do it with awe and gratitude.

Marriage has helped to align our attitudes towards our Lord in the Eucharist. We can also turn to Mary, our mother, and the woman of the Eucharist. May she teach us how to receive Jesus and give him our love.



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Blessed John Henry Newman

Most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus,
You are concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and You beat for us still.
Now, as then, You say: "With desire I have desired."
I worship You with all my best love and awe,
With fervent affection, with my most subdued, most resolved will.
For a while You take up Your abode within me.
O make my heart beat with Your Heart!
Purify it of all that is earthly, all that is proud and sensual, all that is hard and cruel,
Of all perversity, of all disorder, of all deadness.
So fill it with You, that neither the events of the day,
Nor the circumstances of the time, may have the power to ruffle it;
But that in Your love and Your fear, it may have peace. Amen.

This Week In Our Parish

The Most Holy Trinity - June 23:

Fortnight for Freedom

Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am

Hogares de Santa Maria

Corpus Christi Procession after 12 noon Mass

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group **Adoration Chapel** 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, June 24:

Fortnight for Freedom

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study Notre Dame Graduate School 6:00-10:00 pm Emmaus

Tuesday, June 25:

Fortnight for Freedom

6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice Hannan Hall

Wednesday, June 26:

Fortnight for Freedom

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, June 27: Fortnight for Freedom

Parish Office

6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus

7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour Church

9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group School

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Friday, June 28:

Fortnight for Freedom

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's

Adoration Hour

Hannan Hall 12:30-4:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Hannan Hall 6:00-7:00 Choir Practice

7:00 pm-12:00 am GCC Prayer Mtg. Hannan Hall

Saturday, June 29:

Fortnight for Freedom

Hannan Hall 1:00-6:00 pm Couples for Christ Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir School

GMU CCM Thursday Night Gatherings! Every

Thursday in Jun. and Jul. (except Jul. 4!) college students on summer break and graduating high school seniors are invited to the George Mason University Catholic Campus Ministry in Fairfax (4515 Roberts Road) for Summer Gatherings beginning at 6:30 pm. Enjoy food, games, meet other students, discuss how to "keep the faith" in college, and make new friends. Questions? Please contact Kristen Juda at kjuda@gmu.edu or visit our Facebook page: College Summers with GMU CCM.

Pro-Life Baby Bottles Please return the bottles (with the change or make checks payable to Queen of Apostles and put Baby Bottle in the memo section). Your donations will help us fund pro-life activities in the parish. Thank you for your generosity!



Vocations

"They all ate and were satisfied."

Are you called to feed his flock as a priest? Please contact general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ That the Body and Blood of Christ will strengthen those being called to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life to persevere in their vocations and respond with confidence and joy, we pray to the Lord.

Queen of Apostles School Principal

Oueen of Apostles learned on June 10 that our principal of two years, Mrs. Jodi Reagan, would be stepping down to pursue a career opportunity that would bring her closer to family out-of-state. We thank Mrs. Reagan for her service to our school community and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. She leaves Queen of Apostles in high regards and with fond memories.

Responding promptly to this news and with great care for the school, I have asked Mrs. Arias, Head of the Middle School, to assist in the transition, with support from David Cook, the Parish Director of Operations and Stewardship. During this last school year both have worked with Mrs. Reagan and myself in the vision and strategic planning of the school. We built a strong team that will be able to offer robust support for a gentle transition into new leadership both in the Parish and the School.

We are working with the assistance of the Office of Catholic Schools in setting up the process of hiring a new principal. I have full trust in Anne Arias and Dave Cook to lead successfully with the Pastor this process and to transform it into an opportunity to continue improving and growing our school.

As we look forward, we entrust our efforts, as we do always, to Mary, Queen of Apostles, our Patroness.

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary." St. Gertrude the Great



Divine Mercy

"My daughter, My pleasure and delight, nothing will stop Me from granting you graces. Your misery does not hinder My mercy. My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls-no one have I excluded!"

(Jesus to Saint Faustina, Diary 1182)

Honoring

Fr. Leopoldo Vives

4:00 PM

Sunday St. Joseph June 30th Hall (School Gymnasium)

Open house style reception | No RSVP required

30-minute programs at 4:30 and 6:30 PM each featuring:

Remarks from Fr. Leopoldo Flamenco dance by Furia Flamenca Performances by our Parish Music Ministry

Music and audio provided by the Ghana Catholic Community

Please bring food to share

Visit www.queenofapostles.org/frleopoldofarewell to sign up for a dish or to volunteer for the event

No gifts, please | Greeting cards welcome

Questions? Call 703-354-8711 or email stewardship@queen of a postles.org

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16B, 19-21 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Gal 5:1, 13-18 LK 9:51-62



Corpus Christi Mass and Procession

Parishioners and especially those who received the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter are invited to participate in the Corpus Christi 12 noon Mass and Procession this Sunday, Jun. 23. The Procession that follows the 12 noon Mass is a parish witness

to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

"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

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.



Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Please join us this Friday, Jun. 28 to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus which is central to the spirituality of our priests, the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. There will be a bilingual, High Mass at 7 pm. All are invited to

join us in this special celebration!

Please Slow Down! Parishioners are reminded to drive cautiously through the neighborhood as they come to and leave from the church, particularly now that summer is here and children are more present outside. We can set a good example for others in our Christian charity and in our driving! Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of our neighbors & fellow parishioners.

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Flatlining: Conscience Rights Under Attack Calling all Medical Professionals in Virginia! Do you know about proposed regulations that could subject health care professionals to misconduct sanctions simply for acting consistently with their religious beliefs? Learn about the latest threats to your conscience rights and how to safeguard your livelihood as a health care provider! Join us on Saturday, Jun. 29 from 8-10 am, in Hannan Hall at Queen of Apostles Church, for Flatlining: Conscience Rights under Attack. The event is free. Registration is required. Please register at: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/flatlining/. Email respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org to learn more.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Masses this Week

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 23:

7:30 am Father's Day Novena

9:00 am +Demetria and Gavino Monzon 10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +Rosemary Magsalin

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Monday, June 24:

6:30 am Father's Day Novena 9:00 am (L) Jay Behuncik

Tuesday, June 25:

6:30 am +John Steve Catilo

9:00 am +Marilyn Cole, Emily Peckman, and Clarisa Trono

Wednesday, June 26:

6:30 am +Luis Nachon

9:00 am (L) Vacation Bible School

Mother of Perpetual Help - Thursday, June 27:

6:30 am (L) Miles P. Yoo 9:00 am +Patricia Severin

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Friday, June 28:

6:30 am (L) Reynaldo León Lor and Andrea León

9:00 am +Barbara McBride 7:00 pm DCJM Mass

Saints Peter and Paul - Saturday, June 29:

8:00 am (L) Miguel Antonio Saunders 5:00 pm +Germain and Jeannette Grisez 8:00 pm +Cristina and Rogelio Saqueira

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 30:

7:30 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.

9:00 am +Christina Lynem

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners12:00 pm +Rodrigo Cestti and Salome Cestti



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill Claire Reilly, Jin C. Navarro, Kevin Bonko, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, George Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blan-

sett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spraht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo