

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 27, 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

OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS

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



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
www.queenofapostlesschool.org

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, 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,

We are celebrating the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today, Saint Mark presents us with the despair of the sick looking for comfort and health. Even that day, a man named Jairus, the head of the synagogue, made his way through the crowd to implore for his daughter's health.

Who knows if that man knew Jesus, but finding himself so desperate, he decided to invoke his help. Jesus sees the faith of that afflicted father and performs that unexpected miracle, which undoubtedly changed the life of the father and the daughter forever; the only thing that Jesus asked of that father was a greater faith, capable of going beyond doubts and fear.

We too should have more faith, that faith that does not doubt in the face of life's difficulties and trials, and that knows how to mature in pain through our union with Christ, as Pope Benedict XVI suggests in his encyclical *Spe Salvi* (Saved in Hope): "What heals man is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love." (*Spe Salvi* # 37).

As previously advised, this weekend the dispensation to attend Mass on Sunday's ends due to pandemic restrictions changes. The region's bishops have decided that it is time for us to participate in person in the Sunday Eucharist, although the dispensation will continue to be valid only for those who are sick or have a delicate medical condition will continue with this dispensation. For everyone else, the dispensation will no longer be valid; this means that if you do not attend Mass, you incur a serious sin, as stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church number 2181. Therefore, starting next Sunday, July 4th, it will only be transmitted via Facebook the 10:00 am Mass in English, the 1:30 pm mass in Spanish, and the 6:30 am daily Mass. The other Masses will no longer be transmitted.

I also inform you that on July 2nd, we will reopen the Adoration Chapel. We will only do it for two days: Friday and Saturday. I know that the past was all different, but it is tough for me to guess how to do things, as I expressed in the previous letter. Thank God we have most of the hours covered; some spaces are still available, but I have faith that we will soon fill all of them. I ask you to register; there are sign-up sheets in the vestibule, and you choose the time you would like to participate. It is an hour with the Lord, and it is a worship service to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He always calls us to follow Him, and if there is devotion and love, there must be humility and docility to serve Him.

Finally, I inform you more than a month in advance that on August 21st, we will celebrate our Patroness Feast in honor of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, and in honor of this feast, we will have a family festival in the parking lot of our parish. The idea is to have games for the children, entertainment for everyone, live music, performances and food from different cultures. We will also have a raffle that we will inform you soon what it will be. Mark it on your calendar, and at the same time, I ask you to help me in the organization or as a volunteer on the day of the event. The festival has a double objective, to have fun and unite us more, and have an economic profit for the parish.

I look forward to your support and your presence that day.

May you all have a happy week, and may Jesus and Mary always bless you.

Fr. Alex

Save the Dates!

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

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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. 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

Sunday, June 27:

8:00 am Father's Day Novena
10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +William Stafford Quinn
1:30 pm +Antolin and Olga Rojas

St. Irenaeus - Monday, June 28:

6:30 am (L) Kendall Peterson
9:00 am +Barbara McBride

Sts. Peter and Paul - Tuesday, June 29:

6:30 am +Frederick Smith
9:00 am +Patricia Severin

Wednesday, June 30:

6:30 am +Josephine Smith
9:00 am +Maria Hoi Ha

St. Junipero Serra - Thursday, July 1:

6:30 am (L) Edith Thornton
9:00 am +Montserrat Munoz

Friday, July 2:

6:30 am +Theresa Smith
9:00 am +Helen Cullinan

St. Thomas - Saturday, July 3:

8:00 am +Helen Cullinan
5:00 pm +Matthew West
7:00 pm +Karli Torres Hinojosa

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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Thank you for your support!

Adoration Chapel We are finally slowly reopening our Adoration Chapel! However, in order to keep it open, we need parishioners to commit to at least an hour on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday beginning **July 1**.

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.

Spanish Baptisms for July We have reached the maximum amount of registrants for the Baptisms in Spanish for the month of July (July 3). Our next available Baptism date is July 17 in English.

THE MASS Workshop with Seminarian Alfredo Seminarian Alfredo will lead a 6-part workshop on The Meaning of the Mass **starting Monday, June 21 in Spanish and Wednesday, June 23 in English, from 7-9PM in Hannan Hall.** The courses will follow Bishop Robert Barron's program called THE MASS. Each session will include a video lecture and a PowerPoint presentation. Please bring a Bible, a Catechism of the Catholic Church, and a notebook.

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.

Legion of Mary Praises of Mary: The Church is indebted to Mary because it is Mary who gave the Church her King, Jesus Christ. After the Blessed Virgin, it is St. Joseph to whom the Church owes the most gratitude and veneration. -St. Bernadine of Siena



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



Gospel Commentary for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: True Faith

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

“Do not be afraid, just have faith.” This Sunday’s Gospel centers on this command and encouragement of Jesus Christ. We find in this passage two women in need of miraculous help. The first, a woman who had suffered with a twelve year flow of blood, and the second, a young girl of twelve years, dead before her time. In the first case, the woman’s ailment places her in ritual impurity according to the old Jewish law, not only for a few days each month, but year after year, exiled from the life of God’s people. In the second case, the young girl is placed not only outside of the ritual life of God’s people, but all life, consigned to Sheol, the land of the dead. Both situations seem beyond help, and in both, Christ calls for faith, but what a difference in the belief He encounters!

The family of the young girl seeks help with imperfect faith. Jairus, the girl’s father, believes that Christ can bring health back to his daughter, but still thinks that physical presence is required, as though the healing were magic. In fact, when he finds that his daughter has actually died, Christ must call him back, urging him to keep faith in the possibility of a healing. Further, the entire house, upon Jesus’ assurance that He will wake the child, who is only sleeping to Him, laughs scornfully, with what we can only imagine is great bitterness. This bitterness tells us that they are still tied up in worldly ways of thinking, perhaps wrestling with disappointed plans for the future, expectations which this daughter, sister, and friend of theirs will no longer fulfill. They have not yet learned faith, but had set their hopes on the world and its joys. Yet Christ, out of compassion for their pain, still works the miracle, restores life, and brings the whole house into a new world. The presence of God has broken into their lives in an undeniable way, and now they will have to decide whether they wish to re-found everything on friendship with God or not.

How different is the woman who seek to cure her flow of blood! She has already suffered something close to death for an ancient Jewish person during all those twelve years of the young girl’s life. She has learned courage through her suffering, as well as discernment and humility. Her physical pain, the poverty to which her many treatments have reduced her, and the isolation that her particular ailment causes have taught her not to hope in anything the world offers. Her heart has, in a way, been purified of reliance on any present or future prosperity. All of this has freed her soul for faith, and when she reaches out with trust in Christ’s power, she is immediately healed. Christ calls her out of her humble hiddenness into His presence, and we can well imagine, smiles at her as a friend. It is on account of this woman’s deep but humble and faith, learned through the purification of suffering, reliant only on God, that the Church has always identified herself in her.

We too ought to ask ourselves: which am I? In whom do I believe? Do I set my hopes on what the world can provide, in what I can get for myself with my own abilities? Or do I truly hope in Christ, knowing that only He can provide the relief and joy that I seek? May the Lord strengthen our hearts to choose wisely, and so receive the great gifts He has set apart for us!



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 Sprah, 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,

Estamos celebrando el décimo tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario. Hoy, san Marcos nos presenta la desesperación de los enfermos buscando consuelo y salud. Incluso, aquel día se abrió paso entre la multitud un hombre llamado Jairo, el jefe de la sinagoga, para implorar la salud de su hija. Quién sabe si aquel hombre conocía de vista a Jesús, pero al encontrarse tan desesperado, decidió invocar su ayuda. Jesús viendo la fe de aquel padre afligido realiza aquel inesperado milagro, que cambió por seguro la vida del padre y la hija para siempre; lo único que Jesús le pidió a aquel padre fue una fe más grande, capaz de ir más allá de las dudas y del miedo.

También nosotros debíamos tener más fe, aquella fe que no duda ante las dificultades y pruebas de la vida, y que sabe madurar en el dolor a través de nuestra unión con Cristo, tal como nos sugiere el papa Benedicto XVI en su encíclica *Spe Salvi* (Salvados por la Esperanza): “Lo que cura al hombre no es esquivar el sufrimiento y huir ante el dolor, sino la capacidad de aceptar la tribulación, madurar en ella y encontrar en ella un sentido mediante la unión con Cristo, que ha sufrido con amor infinito” (*Spe Salvi* #37).

Como se avisó anteriormente este fin de semana termina la dispensa de asistir a la misa los domingos por restricciones de la pandemia, los obispos de la región han decidido que ya es tiempo de que participemos de manera presencial en la eucaristía dominical, aunque la dispensa continuara vigente solamente para aquellos que están enfermos o tienen condición médica delicada, ellos seguirán con esta dispensa. Para todos los demás la dispensa ya no será válida, esto quiere decir que si no se asiste a misa se incurre en pecado grave expresado en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica numeral 2181. Por ello desde el próximo domingo 4 de julio, solamente se transmitirá vía Facebook la misa de 10:00am en inglés y la misa de 1:30pm en español y la misa de 6:30am las demás misas ya no serán transmitidas.

También les informo que el dos de julio reabriremos la capilla de adoración, solamente lo haremos dos días viernes y sábado, sé que el pasado era todo diferente, pero como les exprese en la carta anterior es bien difícil para mí adivinar como fue en el pasado. Gracias a Dios tenemos la mayor parte de horas cubiertas, faltan algunos espacios que tengo fe que pronto vamos a llenar, les pido que se inscriban, en el vestíbulo están las hojas para registrarse a la hora que le gustaría participar. Es una hora con el Señor, y es un servicio de adoración a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Él nos llama siempre a seguirle y si hay devoción y amor, debe haber humildad y docilidad para servirle.

Finalmente, les informo con más de un mes de anticipación que el próximo 21 de agosto celebraremos nuestra fiesta patronal en honor a la Reina de los Apóstoles, y en honor a esta fiesta tendremos un festival familiar en el parqueo de nuestra parroquia, la idea es tener juegos para los niños, entretenimiento para todos, música en vivo, bailes y comida de diferentes culturas, también tendremos una rifa que pronto les informaremos como será. Póngalo en su calendario y al mismo tiempo les pido que me ayuden en la organización o como voluntarios el día del evento, el festival tiene doble objetivo, divertirnos y unirnos más y tener una ganancia económica para la parroquia. Espero su apoyo y su presencia ese día.

Que tengan todos una feliz semana, y que Jesús y María les bendigan siempre.

Padre 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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1:30 pm +Antolin and Olga Rojas

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6:30 am (L) Kendall Peterson
9:00 am +Barbara McBride

Martes 29 de junio:

6:30 am +Frederick Smith
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Miércoles 30 de junio:

6:30 am +Josephine Smith
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Jueves 1 de julio:

6:30 am (L) Edith Thornton
9:00 am +Montserrat Munoz

Viernes 2 de julio:

6:30 am +Theresa Smith
9:00 am +Helen Cullinan

Sábado 3 de julio:

8:00 am +Helen Cullinan
5:00 pm +Matthew West
7:00 pm +Karli Torres Hinojosa

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Capilla de adoración ¡Estamos reabriendo lentamente nuestra capilla de adoración! Sin embargo, para mantenerlo abierto, necesitamos que los feligreses se comprometan a al menos una hora el jueves, viernes o sábado a partir del **1 de julio**.

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!

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.

Bautizos Tenga en cuenta que la fecha de bautismo en español del 3 de julio ya está cerrada. Los bautismos en español se celebran el **primer sábado del mes** a las 10:30 am. La próxima fecha es el **7 de agosto**. Por favor entregue toda la documentación necesaria antes del lunes, 2 de agosto.

LA MISA Taller con seminarista Alfredo

El seminarista Alfredo dirigirá una serie de 6 cursos intensivos sobre El Significado de la Misa empezando el lunes, 21 de junio el español y el miércoles, 23 de junio en inglés, desde 7-9PM en el Hannan Hall. Los cursos seguirán el programa del Monseñor Robert Barron sobre LA MISA. En cada curso veremos un video del Monseñor Robert Barron y una presentación del seminarista Alfredo. Por favor, traigan su biblia, su catecismo de la Iglesia católica, y un cuaderno para apuntar y responder preguntas.

CENACULO DE ORACIÓN MDJ

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

HECHOS 16.31

**Todos los Sábados
5:00pm**

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EN EL HANNAN HALL DE LA PARROQUIA
REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

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VÍCTOR POSADA (703) 585 3876**

Te invitamos:



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