



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*O God, who willed that your Word
should take on the reality of human flesh
in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
grant, we pray, that we, who confess
our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit
to become partakers even in his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

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CLERGY

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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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. Registration will also be needed to receive a certificate of eligibility to be a Godparent for Baptism; to be a Sponsor for Confirmation; to enroll your child in Religious Education; to begin Baptismal preparation for your child (unless permission is received from your parish); and to prepare for Marriage. 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 Schedule for Lent, Easter Altar servers are asked to sign-up to serve Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm and for Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Thank you for your service to the parish! Saints John Berchmans and Tarcisius, pray for us.

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 Saturday evenings, 8:15-10 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.

Young Adults Please join us in Hannan Hall on Monday, **Mar. 25** from 7-9 pm for fellowship to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation. A potluck dinner will be provided; feel free to bring a drink or side to share. To RSVP and for more information, text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list.

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**.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Run or Walk for a Great Cause Join the Bishop O'Connell High School community in Arlington for the "Better Together" 5K and Family Fun Run on Saturday, **Apr. 13** at 9 am. This professionally-timed race begins and ends in the stadium and passes through the neighborhood streets. Proceeds benefit Expanded Services for students with cognitive and intellectual disabilities at the school. Visit www.bishopoconnell.org/5K for more information and to register.

Abstinence During Lent Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe abstinence (no meat). Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent.

Religious Education RE families are invited to a potluck breakfast this Sunday, **Mar. 24** after classes in All Saints Hall. Please bring food/drink to share.

RE students are invited to join the Ghanaian Catholic Community students on Sunday, **Mar. 31** at 12:30 pm in Hannan Hall for a presentation on Sierra Leone as part of the CRS Lenten Rice Bowl program. Students will learn about Sierra Leone and cook a native dish, Ground Nut Stew. If your child is attending, please email s.gray@queenofapostles.org by **Mar. 25**. Please, no children under 6 years old.

Religious Education will not meet on **Apr. 14** and **21**.

Sacraments of Initiation students: The Elect and their godparents are to attend the Scrutinies on **Mar. 24, 31,** and **Apr. 7** during the 7 pm vigil (Spanish) or 10:30 am (English) Masses at QofA.

Penance/First Holy Communion students: Parents of grade 2-high school Religious Education students who desire First Holy Communion have a meeting with the priest on Sunday, **Mar. 31** at 9 am in All Saints Hall.



We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

RCIA The Elect, along with their godparents/sponsors, are to attend Scrutinies on **Mar. 24, 31,** and **Apr. 7** during the 7 pm vigil (Spanish) or 10:30 am (English) Masses at QofA.

Early Bulletin Deadlines Please make a note of the upcoming bulletin deadlines, and email your bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 31** and **Apr. 7** bulletins is Monday, **Mar. 25** by 9 am.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 14** bulletins is Monday, **Apr. 1** by 9 am.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 21** bulletins is Monday, **Apr. 8** by 9 am.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Apr. 28** bulletins is Monday, **Apr. 15** by 9 am.

Pastor's Letter

The Question About The Fruit

Lent is an imperious call to repentance. This call is explicit in today's Gospel: "If you do not repent, you will all perish" (Lk 13:5). Today's Gospel connects repentance with the fruit: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it ... found none" (Lk 13:6).

The question about the fruit. That's the real dilemma. Indeed, "I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea [...] Yet God was not pleased with most of them" (1 Cor 10:1.5).

This is my sixth year at Queen of Apostles. What is the fruit? Has our Parish family grown? One way to answer this question, at least as far as the ministry life of our parish is concerned, is to look at our facilities calendar. There are several new ministries in the past few years, and our calendar is pretty full. We are short on space. Praised be God!

You have heard me speak on this for some time now, but to remind parishioners: To answer these needs of growth, and to make routine upgrades especially in the Church, a great team of architect, engineers, the Chancery, parish staff and parishioners has been working for a long time on several projects. All together would go over \$2.5 million requiring a Capital Campaign which we will launch after this summer.

After several months of work, we are about to see the first fruits. We will have installed our new organ before Holy Week. It will be an addition to our excellent Liturgy, expressing our commitment for a beautiful and noble Liturgy. Our old organ, after many years of faithful service, lately in poor conditions, will have a great successor.

Also, the renovation work in the new priests' residence is moving forward satisfactorily, so there is the expectation that the upper floor of our Rectory will be fully functional for office and ministry space for the next fiscal year. Our team is working to optimize the Rectory for our needs and exploring the many opportunities opening up for us.

We don't forget the lighting of the Church. Boy, that's a big project! It is our main and driving project, and around it the Church interior will see more changes. We still need more work and more patience. At this point there is no doubt that the outcome will pay for all the efforts.

Certainly the capital projects are not the main fruit. It is our family life. It is our spiritual growth. Is the celebration of the sacraments. But certainly, they give us a translation into the Parish assets of our growth as a family. May the Lord find Queen of Apostles to be a fruitful tree, yielding abundant and excellent fruit.

Towards a Family Friendly Parish - Celebrating Lent

How do we celebrate Lent as a family?

Stations of the Cross The Stations of the Cross is a popular and traditional Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

You can pray the Stations of the Cross at home or join the Parish Family on Lenten Fridays at 7 pm in the Church.

Lenten resolutions It is very popular to make one or more resolutions for Lent as a way to make more practical the invitation to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Think, for example, to abstain as a family from TV and set this time apart for prayer or just family time.

You can also try board games. They are a lot of fun and time of real connections with beloved ones.

Family Night Prayer It is a most beautiful devotion to pray together as a family before going to bed.

Go to your Prayer Corner. Light a candle and read a text from the Gospel or a meditation about Jesus' passion and suffering.

Lent is also a most fitting time to practice the daily examination of conscience.

Have it as part of your bedtime prayer: ask forgiveness, give thanks and finish with a prayer or kissing a Cross.

Then, the parents give the good night hug or kiss and make the sign of the cross on the children's forehead. †

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday of Lent, March 24:

Parish Vestibule Bethlehem Olive wood Carving Display
School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Parish Office 9:00-11:00 am Stephen Ministry
Notre Dame Graduate School 9:00-11:00 am

Hogares de Santa Maria

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, March 25:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, March 26:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study

Parish Office 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study

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

Wednesday, March 27:

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

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, March 28:

Parish Office Closed 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Hannan Hall 3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

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

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

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

Friday, March 29:

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

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

Hannan Hall 6:00-7:00 pm KofC Fish Fry

Church 7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30:

Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus

KofC Fish Fry Join the Knights of Columbus this Friday evening for their Lenten Fish Fry at 6 pm in Hannan Hall. Meals are \$5 per person or \$20 per family.



Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 pm in the church.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Apr. 6**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Vocations



"I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

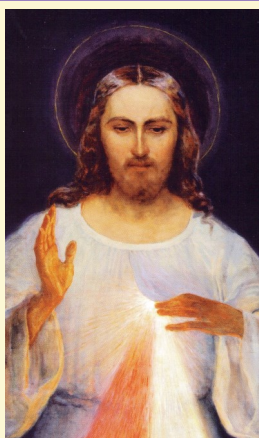
Third Sunday of Lent That like Moses, young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Holy Week Discernment Retreat A vocational discernment retreat for young women 18-33 years old, will be held **Apr. 17-22** at the Daughters of St. Paul Motherhouse in Boston, MA. Includes conferences, Triduum celebrations, silent retreat day, recreation, and more. For more information, contact Sr. Emily Beata at vocations@paulinmedia.com or (703) 549-3806.

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

Mass for Life - Monday, March 25 The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 invites all parishioners to join Knights around the world for a Mass for Life, this Monday, **Mar. 25** at 7 pm at Queen of Apostles with Fr. Leopoldo Vives as celebrant.

All Saints Car Raffle The tickets for the annual 5 Car Raffle have been mailed. This is the same raffle that we have participated in for the last number of years. You will notice one change, the ticket returns are being processed at All Saints again this year. This is a new requirement by the Department of Charitable Gaming. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets!



Divine Mercy

"Write, My daughter, that I am mercy itself for the contrite soul. A soul's greatest wretchedness does not enkindle Me with wrath; but rather, My Heart is moved towards it with great mercy."

"For you, I am mercy itself; therefore I ask you to offer Me your misery and this very helplessness of yours and, in this way, you will delight My Heart."

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1739, 1775)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9A, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.



Eucharistic Adoration

Another opportunity to sacrifice for Lent. Please prayerfully consider spending time with Our Lord.

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.deguzmanja@queenofapostles.org for these hours of need
- Monday, 3-4 pm
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or [rosalieam\[at\]msn.com](mailto:rosalieam[at]msn.com) for these hours of need

"He is The Bread sown in the Virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulcher, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful." - St. Peter Chrysologus

The Light is On for You Are you having difficulty forgiving an acquaintance or a loved one? Have you considered seeking God's healing first in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? To help you do that, every Catholic parish across the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. This year you can view all the confession times across the region by using the Confession Finder map online at theLightison.org and look for additional Lenten resources in the back of church.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal, Together in the Light of Christ

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge can be found on our YouTube page. Please visit youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

Third Sunday of Lent Masses this Week

Third Sunday of Lent - March 24:

7:30 am +Conor Jerome Gardner
9:00 am +Matthias Lang
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Jaime Garcia, Sr.

The Annunciation of the Lord - Monday, March 25:

6:30 am (L) James and Miguel Saunders
9:00 am +Virginia Villanueva
7:00 pm KofC Mass for Life

Tuesday, March 26:

6:30 am +Liz O'Brien
9:00 am +Krist and Adeline Milin

Wednesday, March 27:

6:30 am +Graham Stilwell
9:00 am +Jorge Grossman

Thursday, March 28:

6:30 am +Graham Stilwell
9:00 am +Rose Marie Boyle

Friday, March 29:

6:30 am +Graham Stilwell
9:00 am +Kathy Ann York Walther

Saturday, March 30:

8:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.
5:00 pm +John Bartholme
7:00 pm +Ramon Vélez and Gloria Trujillo

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 31:

7:30 am +Graham Stilwell
9:00 am +Joseph Paiva
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Efren Policarpio

The Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us; and we saw his glory.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Marilyn Cole, Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Leo Monterroso, Anna Anderson, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, 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 Blansett, Dick Owens, 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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo