



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Prompt our actions with your inspiration, we pray,
O Lord, and further them with your constant help,
that all we do may always begin from you
and by you be brought to completion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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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Alexandria, VA 22312
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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.

Vocations Crucifix Parish families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week during the school year. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others. If interested in hosting the crucifix, sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen> or contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

VBS is Coming! Mark your calendar - Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, **Jun. 24** through Friday, **Jun. 28** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. Our theme this year is to "Win the World for Jesus!" by increasing our Zeal for Souls. Preparation meetings for current 5th graders through adult volunteers will be held on the afternoons of Saturday, **Jun. 15** and **22**. Email vbs@queenofapostles.org to volunteer or for more information.

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.

Nazareth Girls & boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the bi-weekly Monday meetings in Hannan Hall. Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from QofA School, public school, and homeschoolers are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends.

Young Adults Please join us in Hannan Hall on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm for fellowship and our study of the DVD Program: *Priest, Prophet, and King*. For more information on this and other young adult activities, text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Mar. 10** bulletin is Monday, **Mar. 4** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education Each Sunday, students are to bring their textbook and a pencil/pen to class along with completed homework. Students may be asked to bring a bible and rosary. Class begins promptly at 9 am with doors opening at 8:30 am.

Parents/sponsors of grade 8 and high school Religious Education students who desire Confirmation have a meeting with the priest this Sunday, **Mar. 3** at 9 am in All Saints Hall.

Sacraments of Initiation students: Unbaptized students and godparents are to attend the Rite of Election on Sun, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Arrive no later than 1:30 pm. Due to limited seating, only the student, godparent/s, and 1 guest may attend. This is not a Mass. Scrutinies are **Mar. 24, 31,** and **Apr. 7** during the 7 pm vigil (Spanish) or 10:30 am (English) Masses at QofA.

First Penance/First Holy Communion students: The date for First Penance for RE students is on Saturday, **Mar. 9**, beginning at 9:30 am. Also, families are invited to go to Confession during this time. The example of parents and others celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in joy and with meaning teaches the child to appreciate this opportunity to seek God's forgiveness and to deepen his or her relationship with Him.

Congratulations to the grade 2 QofA School students who made their First Confession. May they continue to encounter God's love and mercy by regularly receiving this beautiful Sacrament!

RCIA The Rite of Election (catechumens) and the Rite of Continuing Conversion (candidates) is on Sunday, **Mar. 10** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington). This is not a Mass. Due to limited seating only RCIA, godparent/sponsor, and 1 guest may attend. Please plan to arrive to the Cathedral by 1:30 pm. QofA will have reserved seating.

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

Banica Youth Mission 2019 All teens 16 and older are invited to participate in the Summer Youth Mission from **Jun. 22** to **Jul. 3** to serve our brothers and sisters in the Arlington Diocesan Mission of Banica, Dominican Republic. Teens interested in applying to take part in this year's mission should contact Mother Maria at mgonzalezpssj@aol.com or (703) 354-0395, or Jo Balsamo at jkbalsamo2003@yahoo.com or (703) 623-5607 ASAP.

Pastor's Letter

Grave Church Matters

After warning us to “Stop judging and you will not be judged” (Lk 6:37), in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to be humble and accept fraternal correction: “How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye” (Lk 6:42).

Sometimes as Pastor I would like to say something to the Parish family, but I don't know how to be gentle while getting the message out. Let me share a real story. Recently I received an email from a parishioner. Gentle, nice and very respectful. His wife has asthma, and she has trouble with strong perfumes worn by others. No matter where they sit in the church, she has this problem, he wrote me. Respecting their concern and honesty, I wondered to myself, is there a way I can address this without offending?

While this may seem like a small thing, for this family it is a big deal. They love attending Mass at QofA. And for sure, there is nothing wrong with perfume. I am the first encouraging to dress up when going to Sunday Mass. Perhaps there is nothing I can do about this.

But there are other things which are a big, big deal for us all, which I do feel resolute to address. As Pastor, how can I do it in a gentle and nice way?

In today's Gospel Jesus says, “No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher” (Lk 6:40). As Pastor, I try to speak according to the Church's teachings and mind, from Her very heart. That being so, please receive as a loving correction what I will say. What follows are some examples related to Jesus in the Eucharist.

First; parishioners leaving the Church before Mass is finished... Is there a way you can stay a little longer?

Second: the proper way to receive communion. Sometimes a person receives communion in the hand, and without swallowing the host, goes back to the pew. Communion ministers are requested to have evidence that the person has received communion. Thus, the communicant has to put the host in his mouth while in front of the minister, before turning back to the pew. We take the Eucharist very seriously.

Last, about situations in which a person cannot receive communion. A Catholic cannot receive communion if he or she is not married in the Church. Neither if after a divorce the person entered into a new civil union.

Is there a way in which I can state this without hurting feelings? Nonetheless, this is the constant teaching of the Catholic Church.

Lent begins this Wednesday with the ashes. It's a time to recall our sins, ask forgiveness and be renewed. Humility is a fitting attitude. Someone is trying lovingly to remove the beam from your eye so that you can recover your full sight.



Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our Mother of Sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the Cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

*We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you.
We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you.
We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his Passion.*

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

*Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs.
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

This Week In Our Parish

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 3:

Parish Spiritual Exercises Retreat in English at San Damiano Vestibule
ACCA Food Collection
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

Monday, March 4:

Hannan Hall 3:45 -5:30 pm Nazareth
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 6:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice
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 5:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall 6:00-8:00 pm Mardi Gras

Ash Wednesday, March 6:

Hannan Hall 6:00-7:00 pm Choir Practice
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, March 7:

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 8:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Church 7:00-8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9:

Church 9:00-11:30 am First Confessions
for RE Students
Hannan Hall 10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.
Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
Hannan Hall 3:00-6:00 pm Spanish Lector Workshop
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

An Invitation from the Legion of Mary During the Season of Lent (**Mar. 6 - Apr. 21**) take the Pioneer Pledge to abstain from all alcoholic beverages and pray a short prayer twice a day to end alcoholism. If you have any questions, please see a member of our Legion of Mary.

Una Invitación de la Legión de María Desde el **6 de marzo al 21 de abril** haga un sacrificio. Absténgase de toda bebida alcohólica y rece una oración corta durante la cuaresma para acabar con el alcoholismo en las familias. Si tiene alguna pregunta, diríjase a la Legión de María de su parroquia.



Vocations

“Therefore... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord.” Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time That the Lord will bless us with vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life to serve as teachers to his flock, we pray to the Lord.

Mardi Gras Come celebrate Mardi Gras with the parish family on Tuesday, **Mar. 5** from 6 to 8 pm. Please RSVP and either volunteer to help or to donate food by 9 am, Monday, **Mar. 4**. The link is available on the parish website: queenofapostles.org/mardigras2019.

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

Fast and 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 and Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast. On these two days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal.

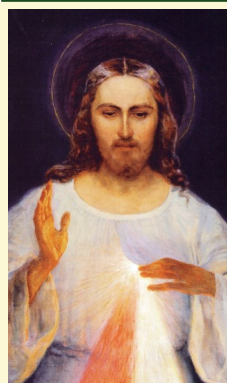
Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Mass Times 6:30 and 9:00 am, 12 noon
and 7:00 pm (bilingual)

Confession Times 7:00-7:30 am and 6:30-7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Join us for
Stations of the Cross
every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the church.



Divine Mercy

“Let souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My mercy. I Myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls. I will provide them with everything they will need to attain sanctity.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1578)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13



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 a.m. through Saturday 8 a.m. Please prayer-

fully 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](mailto: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](mailto:rosalieam[at]msn.com) for these hours of need

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

This weekend every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that furthers the Mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Your gift is very important! Every donation, regardless of amount, is vital to the success of the BLA.

Saint John of God, pray for us.

Laudato Si' In Laudato Si' Pope Francis invites us to "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess..." (222). Making the transition to eating plant-based foods lifts our spirits and protects creation. Every year, many of the 1.2 billion Catholics around the globe fast from meat on Fridays during Lent. This year, we invite you to expand that Friday practice to an additional day each week or to eat plant-based meals throughout the season.

Invitation From Our Parish Laudato Si' Committee

Come join priests and parishioners in the Diocesan Care for Creation Network to learn about Our Lady Queen of Peace's recent solar installation and contract for renewable wind energy. Please RSVP at [gogreenolqp\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:gogreenolqp[at]gmail.com) for the Saturday, **Mar. 9**, 9-11 am event at our Lady Queen of Peace (2700 19th Street, Arlington). The panel will explain how renewable energy projects can be brought into parishes and homes. Light refreshments will be served.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 3:

7:30 am +Charles Crotty
9:00 am +Dolores Perez
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Saint Casimir - Monday, March 4:

6:30 am +Joe Constantino
9:00 am +Michiko Mathews

Tuesday, March 5:

6:30 am +Joe Constantino
9:00 am +Maria Hatini Hoi and Peter Nguyen

Ash Wednesday, March 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +General John Abrams
12:00 pm +Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm +Margarita Elizabeth Denison

Saints Perpetua and Felicity - Thursday, March 7:

6:30 am +Victor Zangla
9:00 am +Alvaro Gomez Moreno

Saint John of God - Friday, March 8:

6:30 am +Avelino and Agripina Mercado
9:00 am +John Hetsko

Saint Frances of Rome - Saturday, March 9:

8:00 am +Felecitas Damuya Miralles
5:00 pm +Christina Lynem
7:00 pm +Jorge Grossmann

First Sunday of Lent - March 10:

7:30 am +Robert Townsend Parr
9:00 am +Maria Hatini Hoi and Peter Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Raymond J. Welch

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Marilyn Cole, Betty Jane Davis, Kevin Bonko, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Daisy Atiyeh, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James 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