

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am; Vigil: 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*)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 am (*except Federal Holidays*),
9:00 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

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. Jaime de Cendra, DCJM,
School Chaplain
Phone: (703) 354-0714



Please take time to visit our school! If you would like to request a tour, please contact the school office or visit our website for more information.

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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. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next 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-mailing general@queenofapostles.org

Mary, Queen of Apostles, Pray for us!

Religious Education Religious Education parents with baptized students in grade 2 and above, who have attended 2+ years of Religious Education, and made First Confession have a meeting with the priest on **Mar 8** at 9am (English) and 9:30am (Spanish) during RE class time at QofA School. We ask families to take their children to Confession monthly.

The rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation is **Mon, Apr 27** at 6:30pm in the church. Desiring students in grade 8/ high school and his/her sponsor are to attend this mandatory rehearsal. Students and sponsors are asked to go to Confession.

Unbaptized students (The Elect) and his/her godparents/ sponsors are to attend the Scrutinies on **Mar 15, 22, 29** during the 10:30am Mass.

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

The Light Is On has become a tradition in our Diocese for parishes to offer the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday evenings during Lent, **Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1**, 6:30-8pm. Queen of Apostles offers Confession every Wednesday at 6:30pm and will extend our hours as part of the The Light is On for You program. We welcome especially those who are returning to the Sacrament of Penance after a long absence. Confession resources are available at www.thelightison.org/resources



Lenten Fish Fry Knights of Columbus will host fish fry dinners on **Mar 20** and **Apr 3** in Hannan Hall. Join the parish family for dinner and then pray the Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, **Feb 28 - Apr 3, 2020**, 7-8pm in the church.

Women's Group will meet on **Wed., March 11th** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. Our speaker will be Marie Markey. Join us for informative talk titled Boost Your Immunity With Exercise. All parishioners are welcome. We hope to see you there!

RCIA Scrutinies for The Elect (unbaptized) are **Mar 15, 22, 29** during the 10:30am Mass (English) or 7pm Mass (Spanish). The Elect and godparents are to attend and sit in the first pew by the Presider's Chair.

What are scrutinies? Scrutinies are held on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent for the unbaptized children and adults who are preparing to receive the three Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter season. Scrutinies, are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of The Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver The Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of The Elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 141)

Prepared and desiring adults (candidates) who are attending RCIA classes will be Confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Thomas on **May 31, 2020**.

Annual Car Raffle Be on the look out for your All Saints 5-car Raffle Tickets. One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please return any unused tickets to All Saints as soon as possible.

Bulletin Deadlines The deadline for the **Mar. 15** bulletin is **Mar. 9**. Please email general@queenofapostles.org with any announcements.

Have you ever considered putting Queen of Apostles in your will or estate? Please contact Flora Wack (f.wack@queenofapostles.org or 703-354-8711) at the Parish Office for more information.



Pastor's Letter

"Return to me with your whole heart"

Dear Parish family,

We continue our Lenten journey with God's invitation resounding in our hearts: "Return to me with your whole heart." We continue to journey with the certainty that our Heavenly Father inclines his ear to our petitions. He is always listening to our hearts and is attentive to our needs. Let us continue to frequently turn our gaze to Christ by partaking in the century old practices of our faith, including decades-long practices of our own parish family.

Two ways that come to mind in terms of setting our gaze on Christ are the Adoration Chapel and the Stations of the Cross.

Every Friday, we are invited to accompany Christ along the *Via Crucis*, the **Stations of the Cross**. It is a beautiful way to live Lent with our family and as a parish family. It is an opportunity for the Heart of Christ to speak to our own heart, inviting us not to be afraid to lay down our lives for others, to not be afraid to detach ourselves from those things that separate us from Him and from our own families, to rediscover his strong love for us, capable of transforming us and making our life great and beautiful. **Join us every Friday at 7 PM.**

If you do not do so already, I want to invite you this Lent to make a visit to the **Adoration Chapel** maybe on your way to work or on your way back from work. Or if the Spirit so moves you, maybe you can commit to becoming an adorer for an hour a week. This month, Queen of Apostles adorers will be offering their Lenten prayers and sacrifices for our Queen of Apostles School teachers, for an increase in school enrollment, and also for protection from and a cure for the coronavirus.

Another way in which we may want to return to God with all our heart is by approaching the Sacrament of Confession. As you know, last week, both the Religious Education as well as Queen of Apostles School students experienced for the first time God's mercy in this sacrament. Let us find the time and courage to return to Our Lord in this manner. Many confession times are available for you. Please take a look again at the times published in the bulletin. Let Christ be truly a victor over our sins.

One last thought: The youth participating in Emmaus have also embarked on living Lent in a special way, offering sacrifices for different intentions. They have come up with great ideas that might serve your family to come together to ask for a special grace or simply to seek to acquire new virtues. In seeking simplicity, the youth dedicated one day to donate things you no longer use. With other intentions or goals, they have given up the snooze button on the alarm (!!), and also they decided to use the money they would have spent on coffee as a donation for a person in need.

Perhaps as a family or as a ministry we can still brainstorm some ways to return to the Lord with our whole heart.



**QUEEN OF APOSTLES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Faith, Excellence, Joy

**BLOOM
WHERE YOU
ARE PLANTED**

2020 DINNER AND AUCTION EVENT

28 MARCH 2020 - 6PM-10PM
QOA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 4409 SANO ST.
QUEENOFAPOSTLES.ORG/AUCTION

This Week In Our Parish

Second Sunday of Lent– March 8:

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

Monday, March 9:

Notre Dame/Parish Center 7:30-9:00pm RCIA

Tuesday, March 10:

Parish Center 10:00-11:30am Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 3:00-5:00pm Children's Choir Practice
Parish Center 5:45-7:15pm Adult Bible Study
Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 11:

Hannan Hall 10:00am-12:00pm Women's Group
Church 6:30-7:30pm Confessions
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, March 12:

Parish Center 6:30-8:00pm Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30pm Holy Hour with Confession

Friday, March 13:

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:30pm Emaus
Church 7:00-8:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14:

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice

In a Sacramental Marriage? For couples not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please call the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Pro-Life Group Queen of Apostles will have our Rosary at 5999 Stevenson Ave on **Sat., March 21**, immediately after 8 AM Mass at 9 AM. This is the DaVita building across the street from the old Landmark Towers location. Sign up for an hour at www.40DaysforLife.com/Alexandria

Have you signed up for Parish giving through Faith Direct? Here are some reasons to sign up today:

Simplicity: No more writing the checks! We also save the time not having to count up and deposit the money.

Cost and time effective: Faith Direct is more cost-effective than printing and mailing out envelopes, and the money we save can help us further expand our ministries.

To join Faith Direct, you can visit www.faithdirect.net and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



The Children's Hospital

**The Queen of Apostles Kindergarten
Post Office raised \$467 which they
mailed to Children's Hospital!**

Altar Servers Thank you to our altar boys and families for serving in this ministry. Holy Week and Easter requests will be sent out soon. Sts. John Berchmans and Tarcisius, pray for us.

Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles Mark your calendars for **July 13-17, 2020!** Campers are ages 4 through grade 5. Captains are in grades 6-8 and staff are grades 9-adult. Stay tuned for registration details. Questions? Send a message to vbs@queenofapostles.org

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Sat, March 21, 2020**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE or info@helpafterabortion.org

Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours of need! Our Chapel is open Mon. 7am -Sat. 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Great-est hours of need include:



- * **Tues., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, Thurs., 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 3-4 am** *Critical need for permanent adorers*
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096
or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- * **Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-5 pm; Thurs 3-4 pm;**
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

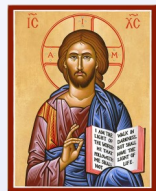
Third Sunday of Lent

EX 17:3-7

PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

JN 4:42, 15

JN 4:5-42



Vocations

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514,

or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Second Sunday of Lent For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

Hope everything from the mercy of God; it is as boundless as His power. –St. Frances of Rome

Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs 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. Thank you!



Please Consider Adding 'Searching for More' to Your Podcast List!

'Searching for More' features interviews and discussions on a range of topics affecting Catholics in today's world. Guests include clergy, local Catholics, doctors, technology experts, Catholic news anchors, and even Hollywood actors starring in epic biblical dramas. In addition to interviews, some podcasts will emanate from inspiring talks, speeches, homilies, and lectures given throughout the Diocese. The podcast is dedicated to the patronage of our diocesan saint, St. Thomas More. 'Searching for More' joins the 'Walk Humbly' and 'Catholic Herald' podcasts as diocesan audio offerings.

Praise & Worship to Pray for Conversion and Healing with Michelle Jacobeen

Tuesday, March 10 @ 7:30 pm at St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome so please bring a friend. To learn more please contact the Office for Family, Marriage and Respect Life: 703-841-2550, info@helpafterabortion.org or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion.

Second Sunday of Lent

Masses this Week

Second Sunday of Lent– March 8:

7:30 am +Dolores Perez

9:00 am +Christina Lynem

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +Maria Hoi Ha and Peter Tao Nguyen

St. Frances of Rome - Monday, March 9:

6:30 am +Cesar Domingo Chiute

9:00 am +Christina Lynem

Tuesday, March 10:

6:30 am +Yoon Chong Hoon Nicolas

9:00 am +Lily De Souza

Wednesday, March 11:

6:30 am +Paul Walker

9:00 am +Bevinda de Silva

Thursday, March 12:

6:30 am +Ma Suck Ja

9:00 am +Matthew De Souza

Friday, March 13:

6:30 am +Joseph S. Chillari

9:00 am +Joseph Barnoski

Saturday, March 14:

8:00 am (L) Mary H. Yoo

5:00 pm +Barbara Fitzgerald

7:00 pm (L) Diana Galeas

Third Sunday of Lent- March 15:

7:30 am +Michael Krescanko

9:00 am +Rita T. Cortez

10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

12:00 pm +John and Mary O'Mara

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of Endless Glory!*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monteroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, 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 Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Cervantes