



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*O God our Shepherd, you care for your flock
across every desert and through every dark place.*

*Through the intercession of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, seek out and restore
all those who have lost their way, that we may all
come together into the glory of the kingdom of
your risen Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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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. 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.

Faith: the Next Generation – Pass It On as a Catechist, Aide, Volunteer!

Over 170 children and young people, kindergarten through grade 12, attend QofA's Religious Education Program to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Boldly go and help develop the Catholic faith of our youth by becoming a catechist, aide, or volunteer on Sunday mornings for the **Sep. 2019-Jun. 2020** school year! As you nurture the faith, you will learn and grow as well! 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.

*Know that the LORD is God;
he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.*

RCIA On Congratulations to the 4 adults who made a Profession of Faith on **May 5!** RCIA will not meet on Monday, **May 13**.

Altar Servers Thank you for committing to this ministry and serving the parish and our Lord in the Eucharist. The server schedule for **May 4-Sep. 8** has been sent.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 19** bulletin is Monday, **May 13** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education The Religious Education registration for public school and homeschool students in kindergarten (age 5) - high school is now open! 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 are on Sundays, 9-10:15 am. 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 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.

Confirmation: Confirmation is on Monday, **May 13** at 7 pm with Bishop Paul Loverde. Students, wearing their white garment, are to meet in Hannan Hall by 6 pm. Sponsors are to meet at 6:15 pm in the School Library with the Master of Ceremonies. Parents and guests may find designated seats in in the church by 6:45 pm. We ask that students and sponsors go to Confession before **May 13**. Although there is no photography during the Confirmation Mass, families may take pictures during the reception in Hannan Hall.

First Holy Communion: Rehearsal for School and Religious Education students attending the **May 18** Mass in English is Tuesday, **May 14** at 6:30 pm in the church.

Rehearsal for students Religious Education students attending the **May 18** Mass in Spanish is Friday, **May 17** at 6:30 pm in the church. Students are to go to Confession before **May 18**.

Information about First Holy Communion dress, etiquette, and photography has been distributed. Photography forms and payment (checks payable to Maisi Julian Photography) are due to the parish office by 12 noon on **May 15**.

Pastor's Letter

Sacerdos Alter Christus

"The priest is Christ himself."

Maybe it is a bold translation, but it captures the depths of the mystery of the intimate relationship between Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, and his priests.

This Sunday we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Gospel reading is taken from John 10: "I am the good shepherd... My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (Jn 10:11.27-28).

In this beautiful way John's text describes the intimate relationship between Jesus and his disciples. We are his sheep, those He knows by name and who follow his voice.

The Good Shepherd wanted some of his disciples, the priests, to be in a unique place in this relationship. They witness Jesus' work in the souls; they are present when Jesus mercifully heals the broken heart. The priest stands beside the couple when their love becomes the sacrament of Christ's love to the Church. How much love and trust to have his priest there, in that unique communication between the Good Shepherd and his sheep!

Priesthood springs from the depths of Jesus' love to the Father: "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (Jn 15:9) and "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21). Jesus loves his priest so much that He wants him to be part of the mystery of his love for us.

No surprise, then, that what Jesus asks his priest in tending to his sheep is to love him more: "Peter, son of John, do you love me more than these?" (Jn 21:15). A total love to Jesus, a "love to the end" (Jn 13:1), is the only possible response of the priest. Love, trust and awe before so great a mystery.

This love to Jesus translates into the respect and reverence with which the priest approaches Jesus' sheep. He is invited to the most inner places of the human heart, that of Jesus and that of the faithful. He witnesses the secret work of the sanctification of souls. With gratitude and wonder the priest lets the master painter work with his paintbrush creating a masterpiece.

The priest will learn his ministry in prayer, contemplating the Good Shepherd and letting him fashion a priestly heart after his own heart (Jer 3:15). Prayer will engrave in the priest's heart the affections, desires and love of Jesus' Heart. In this work of crafting the priestly heart and tuning it to Jesus, Mary has a singular role. She crafted Jesus' heart in Nazareth.

May Mary, mother of the Eternal High Priest and mother of the priests help Jesus' priests to love him more and be Christ for the others, "Alter Christus".

Fatima Prayers

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit- I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.

Oh my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.



This Week In Our Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12:

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

Our Lady of Fatima - Monday, May 13:

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Church 7:00-8:30 pm Confirmation Mass
Hannan Hall 8:30-10:00 pm Confirmation Reception

Tuesday, May 14:

Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice
Church 6:30-8:00 pm First Holy Communion
Practice (English)

Wednesday, May 15:

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

Thursday, May 16:

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, May 17:

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 6:30-8:00 pm First Holy Communion
Practice (Spanish)

Saturday, May 18:

Church 10:00-11:00 am First Holy Communion
Mass (Spanish)
Church 12:30-1:30 pm First Holy Communion
Mass (English)
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

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge can be found on our YouTube page: youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

Dogfish Head Alehouse Fundraiser to Support the Youth Parish Mission to Bánica, Dominican Republic on Tuesday, May 21, from 11 am to 10 pm

Please come and have lunch or dinner or pick up some take out and learn more about the mission while supporting a great cause. Dogfish Head Alehouse will donate 15% of their proceeds that day to the Mission. There will be a huge Gift Basket Raffle with items for all! For more information call Mother Maria at (703) 354-0395. Thank you for your generous support!

Vocations



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a moment to ask ourselves what we are doing to promote, support, pray for, discern (and encourage others to discern) vocations. If you are feeling called to be a priest, brother or sister, contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday of Easter That the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into his harvest inspiring young men and women to accept vocations to the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Ordination Events The ordination of men to the priesthood and diaconate are beautiful and inspiring events for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the transitional diaconate for seminarians Peter McShurley, Joe Moschetto and Charles Pavlick is Saturday, **Jun. 1**. The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Deacons Nicholas Blank, Edouard Guilloux, Sean Koehr and Will Nyce is Saturday, **Jun. 8**. Both events are at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More starting at 11:00 am. There is also a Holy Hour Vigil with Bishop Burbidge and the seminarians on Friday **Jun. 7** at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral, followed by a light reception.

Baby Bottles Happy Mother's Day! Our annual baby bottle boomerang collection starts this weekend. All donations will go to help stop abortion and help Moms and their babies. Please take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change. Coins, currency or your generous checks are gratefully accepted and should be made out to *Queen of Apostles* with a note in the memo section for *Baby Bottles*. Empty or full please return the baby bottle by Father's Day, **Jun. 16**.

Pro-Life Rosary Please join us in praying the Rosary for the protection of all unborn children and their parents next Saturday, **May 18** after the 8 am Mass at Landmark Towers. The new location is across the street in the DaVITA building corner of South Whiting Street and Stevenson Avenue.



Divine Mercy

"I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of

Mercy for us, I trust in You."

(Jesus to Saint Faustina, Diary 186-187)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Rev 21:1-5A JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

Parish Special Needs Second Collection on May 12

This Sunday is our annual parish special needs second collection. This year, we would like to allocate the proceeds from the collection to electrical work that was required for the new church organ to be installed this past April. Thank you for your generosity and for providing for these special needs of our parish.

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

Vacation Bible School We are looking for volunteers and participants - Is God calling you to the adventure of sharing your faith?

VBS will be held Monday, **Jun. 24** through Friday, **Jun. 28** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. Registration and information is on the parish website: queenofapostles.org/vbs. The registration deadline is Monday, **Jun. 3**. Preparation meetings for current 5th graders through adult volunteers will be held on the afternoons of Saturday, **Jun. 1, 15** and **22**. To volunteer or for more information, email vbs@queenofapostles.org.



#LoveOurMothers Campaign In the month of May, during which we honor our Blessed Mother, as well as all mothers, the Diocese of Arlington will launch #LoveOurMothers, a month-long social media and website campaign celebrating all mothers in the Diocese. We will share the stories of four mothers who the Church serves through its various ministries. Watch videos of these remarkable mothers, and share who you love your own mother by using the #LoveOurMothers hashtag. Check out the special webpage: www.arlingtondiocese.org/loveourmothers.

We Have A Winner! Thank you again to all those who purchased All Saints Car Raffle tickets this year in support of our Parish School and Banica Youth Mission Trip. The drawing was last weekend, and one of our parishioners won the top cash prize of \$5,000! Congratulations! The full list of winners can be found at allsaintsvachurch.org.

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Listening Session on

Racism Join us for a Listening Session on Racism, a diocesan response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter against racism, "*Open Wide Our Hearts; the Enduring Call to Love*". Bishop Michael Burbidge and Bishop Shelton Fabre (Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux and Chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism) will host the listening session. The event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall on Tuesday, **May 21**, from 6-8 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Seating is very limited and RSVPs are required on or before Friday, **May 17**. To RSVP please email mcm@arlingtondiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Masses this Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12:

7:30 am +Katherine Krescanko
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Caroline Wack

Our Lady of Fatima - Monday, May 13:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Mary Hetsko

Saint Matthias - Tuesday, May 14:

6:30 am +Maria Rafaela Barrios
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Saint Isidore - Wednesday, May 15:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Struan Pinto

Thursday, May 16:

6:30 am +Inocencio Monillas, Jr.
9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 17:

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

Saint John I - Saturday, May 18:

8:00 am +Walter Janaro, Jr.
5:00 pm +James Kemble
8:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 19:

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Arturo Tanod

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.*



**Please pray for the members of
our parish who are ill**

Claire Reilly, George Cook, Kevin Bonko, Leo Monteroso, Betty Jane Davis, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, 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 Blansett, 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